

Application Form 2012

A New Leading Class for the South Mediterranean Countries

Rondine

Association Rondine Cittadella della Pace is a non-profit association that during the last 15 years has been active in creating a culture of dialogue. The association mainly achieved it through the foundation of an International Hall of Residence. This is an International house welcoming students from different cultures and from opposing sides of conflict areas (the Middle East, the Russian Federation, the Southern Caucasus, the Balkans, Africa, the Indian Subcontinent). During their stay at Rondine, the students experience reconciliation and they overcome tensions and divisions along the road to peaceful coexistence. This unique experience also allows them to attend undergraduate or postgraduate study courses. On completion, they return to their home countries where they will “grow the seeds” of peace. This experience has proven successful at the point that alumni-students created the so called “Lega delle Rondini d’Oro”. This association supports the Rondine project by promoting its values of peace, dialogue and mutual respect.

Therefore, Rondine can be described as a metamorphosis haven where conflicting positions and divisions generate the desire of working together to promote dialogue and stimulate peaceful resolution of conflicts. It became a laboratory where new generations work on concrete projects to be carried out in their own countries. The special alchemy generated by international students living together makes of Rondine the ideal place where to host special, short and medium-term campuses for people coming from different cultures. Here they find the right environment to know each other and work together at training programs and concrete common projects.

The South Mediterranean Project

The Project “A New Leading Class for the South Mediterranean Countries” (hereinafter, the “South Mediterranean Project”) originates from reflections on the events of the so-called Arab Spring, with whom the people of the South Mediterranean Countries, during 2011, showed – through unprecedented demonstrations – their willingness to open themselves into a new future and, consequently, to provide themselves of a new governing class.

The North Mediterranean can’t abstain from giving its own contribution so that a governing class is able to construct new relations based on trust and mutual knowledge free from ancestral prejudices after the Arabic Spring. Therefore Rondine has decided to make its original training course available for the South Mediterranean, centered on the cohabitation of different cultures and countries in conflict which for the last 15 years has been the program of the International Hall of Residence.

The program

The program consists of a **6 months training course**, parallel and integrated with that of the International Hall of Residence, aimed to young people coming from **Tunisia, Libya and Egypt**.

All candidates are asked to submit, together with the application form, the project proposal of an integrated action plan related to/aiming for local development in their specific origin region/country.

The coherence/relation of the action plan with local developing strategies/visions should clearly emerge from the proposal. The presentation must include a description of the aims of the project and the various phases necessary to its realization. The proposal should not exceed the 4.000 characters.

The action plan will be further developed during the course in Trento.

The program is divided in two phases:

Phase in the International Hall of Residence, Rondine

The first 15 students selected from Tunisia, Lybia and Egypt will arrive in Rondine at the 30th June 2012 in order to attend the Italian language and cultural course organized by the Association which will end on the 30th September 2012.

At the same time the selected youngsters from the South Meditteranean and those of the International Hall of Residence will live educational moments managed by the staff of the International Hall of Residence and trainers specialized in running groups. The training will use tools as team building, building leadership, individual coaching aimed at specific training foreseen for the project. Particularly relevant is the participation of the training team of the *alumni* Association Rondini d'Oro, which will convey to the young people of the South Mediterranean what was learnt in the dialogue and cohabitation program of Rondine.

Trento – October-December 2012

The second phase will focus on the course at the Training Centre for International Cooperation in Trento. The specific location of the course will allow participants to analyze the experience of Trentino as a study case in which the balance has been possible between local development and the implementation of policies of social cohesion and promotion, social and economic innovation, knowledge and skills reinforcement, and a significant degree of democracy in the governance system.

Alongside inclass training participants will meet local experiences, investigate visions and solutions and look into crucial dimensions of governance, knowledge and developing strategies.

Eligible candidates

Recruitment is restricted to male and female between the **ages of 23 and 30**.

Candidates must have obtained a university degree, ideally in a socioeconomic field.

A very good knowledge of the **English language (B2) is required**.

The knowledge of Italian language will be positively considered.

Work experience in the fields of public administration, economy, no profit organization will be favorably evaluated.

Candidates must have a strong motivation in improving their personal and professional skills emerging from the letter of motivation and the interview.

Candidates must be open to dialogue and reconciliation, demonstrating this in their everyday relationships with the other participants of the South Mediterranean project as well as with the students

of the International Hall of Residence and in their capacity to inter-relate with the diverse cultures and faiths represented. They must have a strong motivation in improving their personal and professional skills.

Recruitment

The recruitment process for the International Hall of Residence involves the following stages, all of which must be successfully completed in order to be eligible for admission:

- a) Application forms are sent in by the deadline along with all relevant documents (see below);
- b) A list of suitable candidates is compiled, selected from the applications received;
- c) Candidates in the list are called to attend a selection day in his/her home country;
- d) Candidates chosen for admission are **requested to arrive in Italy by the 30th of June, the program starting date.**

Costs

- All costs regarding the issuing of **visas** are the responsibility of the student. He/She will provide all the required documentation, which must be checked with the Italian Consulate in the country
- of residence. The Association can provide help and advice on request of the student.
- During **the student's period of stay in Italy**, the Association covers all costs regarding board, lodging, transportation, all the expenses related to university studies (books, tuition fees), the costs of internal training courses of the International Hall of Residence, the activities promoted by the Association and medical assurance. **Expenses under the responsibility of the student include: expenses for the visa procedures, personal expenses and every cost not specifically included in the expenses covered by the Association.**
- As provided by the Italian Government, the Association will supply medical insurance for each student admitted. The Association will not cover costs for any previous diseases contracted before the arrival time in Italy.

DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM

To participate in the selection process it is necessary to send the **Application Form (Attachment 1)**, supported by all the documents mentioned below, by the **15th April 2012** for **Tunisian** students and by the **1st May 2012** for students coming from **Libya and Egypt**.

The applicant is required to include a project he would like to implement once returned in his/her home country, on successful completion of the program.

This project could be related to the students' life plan, career plans or cultural interests that he/she wishes to develop. The presentation must include a description of the aims of the project and the various phases necessary to its realization.

All documentation must be sent scanned by **e-mail**, by **fax** or by **ordinary post** to:

E-mail: international@rondine.org
 asso.rondine@libero.it

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For Further Information:

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NOTE: The Association reserves the right to update the present application details, publicizing any alterations on the web site www.rondine.org (only official source).

APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION
(Attachment 1)

General information:

Name.....Surname.....

Male Female Date of birth.....

Place of birth.....

Nationality.....

Address.....

Tel: homemobile.....

e-mail.....

Obligatory military service requirements absolved: yes no

Marital status: Married Single

Children: yes no



Educational background:

Latest degree obtained
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Date of award
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Final result.....

At (name of University or other Institute)
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Work experience:

Are you currently employed? yes no

If yes, what is your profession at the moment?

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Briefly describe your past work experience

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Have you, or are you currently pursuing extracurricular activities?

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Considering the above-described objectives and the methodology of the project:

what do you expect to gain from the experience?

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How do you expect to contribute to the experience?

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How would you define the “local development”? Please, explain your point of view on the topic:

How would you define your knowledge of PCM – Project Cycle Management (methodology and implementation)? Do you have any previous training experience?

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How would you define your knowledge of planning approaches and tools? Do you have any previous training experience?

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Please, indicate your level of English:

Comprehension:	Speaking:	Writing:
None	None	None
Basic	Basic	Basic
Good	Good	Good
Very good	Very good	Very good

Please, indicate your level of Italian:

Comprehension:	Speaking:	Writing:
None	None	None
Basic	Basic	Basic
Good	Good	Good
Very good	Very good	Very good

Additional information:

Father's name and surname.....

Profession.....

Date of birth.....

Address.....

Mother's name and surname.....

Profession.....

Date of birth.....

Address

Where/ How did you find out about this application:

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I would like to be admitted to the International Hall of Residence
Association Rondine Cittadella della Pace

I have included the following documents:

(tick all documents included with the application form)

- Copy of valid passport (must be valid until at least **July 2013**);*
- Copy of last diploma obtained*
- Curriculum Vitae*
- References in support of my application (teachers, university professors, organizations, associations who have a knowledge of you and your work/ study);*
- Cover letter of motivation*
- A draft of the project proposal (max 4000 characters) that I intend to implement on return to my home country at the end of my stay at the International Hall of Residence, including:*
 - *Objectives;*
 - *Description;*
 - *Methodology (steps to the practical realization of the project);*

Candidates who pass the selection process will be responsible for obtaining:

- ✓ Italian Entrance Visa for 6 month;
- ✓ Certificate of healthy and robust constitution and blood test;
- ✓ Any other documents specifically requested by the Association.

I hereby declare to have read the entire application form and all its attachments.

Date _____ **Signature** _____