

# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE EXPERIENCE

The experience aims to address the different aspects of the formation of those called to live the Salesian mission as educators.

## Formation

The formation programme will address the following dimensions:

- Human
- Spiritual
- Theological
- Salesian

One day a week will be dedicated to formation. Each week of the month will be dedicated to one of the four dimensions.

The formation will be complemented by personal study, personal meetings with the mentor, and other initiatives related to Salesian places and Don Bosco's mission that the environment facilitates.

## Fraternal life

The experience proposes community life, sharing life with other young people and with the Salesian community.

We share spaces, projects, mission, and ordinary life. Meals and prayers with the community, usually. The community covers daily expenses. Volunteers will be responsible for their own travel and personal needs. We will always seek a balance between community moments and personal or group moments.

One day off per week is provided.

## Services

The services that will be offered to volunteers are as follows:

- Welcoming and accompanying groups and pilgrims.
- Guiding visitors to holy places: the historic centre, the houses of Dominic Savio, Chieri...
- Attending to and guiding visitors in the missionary museum
- Being present and organising activities in the courtyard for children and young people who visit us
- Collaborating in the parish and organising activities in the Oratory of Castelnuovo
- Collaboration in the Basilica of Don Bosco
- Training of animators
- Manual labour

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# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY A YEAR WITH DON BOSCO

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# CONTEXT

As part of the Colle project, we offer an international volunteering experience with young people from all over the world, who live in community and share their lives, while deepening their understanding of Salesian spirituality and the life of Don Bosco. They also carry out work within the Salesian educational and pastoral programme, assisting pilgrims and providing guided tours of Salesian holy sites.

The proposal is part of a new vision for Colle, in which the Salesian work offers itself as a space for welcome and formation with an international perspective. The project aims to be a concrete expression of what the last General Chapters and Rectors Major have asked of a presence such as this, so significant and with so many possibilities, from a charismatic point of view, for the entire Congregation.

The Colle project offers a comprehensive range of experiences in the areas of Salesian spirituality, preventive pedagogy and youth ministry. The proposal will be developed along two lines: hospitality, charismatic deepening of Salesian places and the formation of young people, animators, educators and the Salesian family.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

We set ourselves the following objectives:

- To offer a volunteer experience with a background of vocational discernment and service in a Salesian key.
- To deepen the figure of Don Bosco, his spirituality and his work, as inspiring elements for one's own life project, starting from the significant places where the Salesian spirit flows.
- To live a community experience with other young people and with the Salesians, seeking to trace back to one's own experience of Valdocco in the early days of the Oratory.
- To enhance the international dimension of the Salesian charism and enrich ourselves with the diversity of inculturated expressions of Don Bosco's spirit today.

# TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE PROJECT

This would be the profile of the candidate for the project:

- Young people, boys and girls from anywhere in the world, aged between 20 and 30, who have had experiences of Salesian animation in their places of origin or in international projects and who have demonstrated sufficient human, Christian and Salesian maturity.
- Experienced couples of educators who, after several years of working together in a Salesian context, wish to live a volunteer experience in the holy places that saw the birth of the charism.
- People who wish to deepen their knowledge of Don Bosco and the Salesian charism in an atmosphere of discernment for their own lives and of spiritual and missionary identification with the Salesian world.
- Candidates for the experience must be presented and endorsed by the provincial of their respective province, with a detailed report on the person's profile and their life and professional trajectory. The selection process is detailed below.
- For young people who do not come from Salesian backgrounds, discernment will take place directly with the team.

