



**LEGAMBIENTE**

**Infosheet 2014**  
**Leg19**  
**Poggio alla Malva (Carmignano)**  
**14th July-28th July**

Dear friend,  
we are really happy to welcome you in our workcamp Leg19 Poggio alla Malva (Carmignano)

We need you to complete the **Confirmation Form**: it is very important, we need this form back not later than 2 weeks before the camp starts. It should be emailed to ([info@legambienteprato.it](mailto:info@legambienteprato.it)) in copy to [incoming@legambiente.it](mailto:incoming@legambiente.it)

Thank you!

**DATES:** 14th July-28th July

**LOCATION:** Poggio alla Malva is a small location displaced in the Comune of Carmignano (Po). Please visit the web site <http://www.comune.carmignano.po.it/> . Carmignano counts 14.000 inhabitants. This Municipality covers an area where historical, landscape and wine-gastronomic heritage are well represented. Thanks to its position between Prato and Florence, this lovely place is especially wonderful for its views and green countryside. Poggio alla Malva is also very close to the UNESCO site “Artimino's Villa” a renaissance structure world-wide famous for its hundred chimney tops. The location of poggio alla Malva is inside the “Artimino natural protected area”. <http://www.areeprotette.provincia.prato.it/Artimino/artimino.php>

### **MEETING POINT**

**WHERE?** The meeting point will be in SIGNA (Florence) TRAIN STATION

**WHEN?** The 1° Meeting point will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 p.m (14.00)

The 2° Meeting point will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 p.m (19.00)

The responsible of workcamp or local staff will wait you there wearing yellow t-shirt or cup, to be better recognized

### **HOW TO REACH THE MEETING POINT:**

#### **How to reach SIGNA (Florence) TRAIN STATION**

- 1) From FLORENCE AIRPORT (Peretola): Reach Florence Santa Maria Novella TRAIN STATION with the bus “Vola in bus” by ATAF company:**

<http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it/en/passengers/from-to-the-airport/bus.html>

Once arrived in Florence Santa Maria Novella train station please take a regional train headed to EMPOLI or LIVORNO and get off at SIGNA train station (there is 1 regional train approximately every hour and the the cost is 2.50 euro)

- 2) From PISA AIRPORT: take the bus from PISA AEROPORTO - TO FLORENCE; there are 2 companies that deliver this service:**

a) <http://www.autostradale.it/pdf/festivitaareoport/PIFI18.pdf>

b) [http://www.terravision.eu/italiano/files/2012/06/pisa\\_timetable.pdf](http://www.terravision.eu/italiano/files/2012/06/pisa_timetable.pdf)

Once arrived in Florence Santa Maria Novella train station please take a regional train headed to EMPOLI or LIVORNO and get off at SIGNA train station (there is 1 regional train approximately every hour and the the cost is 2.50 euro)

- 3) **From BOLOGNA AIRPORT:** Take Aerobus from BOLOGNA AIRPORT to BOLOGNA STAZIONE CENTRALE. From the central station please take a train BOLOGNA-FIRENZE SANTA MARIA NOVELLA TRAIN STATION.

Once arrived in Florence Santa Maria Novella train station please take a regional train headed to EMPOLI or LIVORNO and get off at SIGNA train station (there is 1 regional train approximately every hour and the the cost is 2.50 euro)

If you land in ROME or MILAN Airport, please reach FLORENCE STATION with the following train companies:

1)<http://www.trenitalia.com/cms/v/index.jspvgnextoid=4ddd1a035296f310VgnVCM1000005817f90aRCRD>

2)<http://www.italotreno.it/EN/Pages/default.aspx>

Since you're going to take part in an environmental experience, we suggest you to choose, if possible, a more environmental friendly transport to reach the location of the camp. Flying may look cheap, but the price we pay in terms of pollution is much more expensive. We suggest you to choose, if possible, a more environment friendly transport to reach the location of the camp. Flying may look cheap, but the price we pay in terms of pollution is much more expensive.

### ACCOMODATION:

The accommodation of the workcamp consists in the local kindergarten school which you can see at this [googlemaps http://goo.gl/maps/Nhtrd](http://goo.gl/maps/Nhtrd) the address is Via Santo Stefano 25-Poggio alla Malva.

In the school there will be beds displaced in one or more rooms; Shower, bathrooms and kitchen place Common facilities and moments such as breakfasts, lunches and dinner are meant to be covered through a corvee service which will involve all the participants in rotational turns for cleaning and preparing food.

### WHAT TO BRING:

The general suggestion is to travel light with useful and efficient items. Here some useful suggestions:

During July Italy has high temperatures (between 32° and 35°) and very sunny days. Working hours will be in the very early morning in order to avoid as much as possible the hot wave.

TO WORK IN THE NATURAL AREAS, what to bring (Compulsory)

- ⤴ Sun protection cream
- ⤴ Cup
- ⤴ Sunglasses
- ⤴ Anti insect/anti mites lotions



- ⤴ Mountain/trekking shoes or safety boot
- ⤴ Water flask (metal made): 1.5-2 liters
- ⤴ Towels or fabric tissue

FOR YOUR FREE TIME and for your life in the CAMP

- ⤴ Snickers
- ⤴ Flip flops
- ⤴ Towels for personal hygiene\*
- ⤴ Portable Sheets + Sleeping bag
- ⤴ Small Torch or frontal torch
- ⤴ Photo-camera (phone camera are ok): to collect pictures of the workcamp and to prepare for free-time activities

In general it's better to favour re-usable items ...

\*For your personal hygiene, please try to reduce the amount of plastic recipients (shampoo-conditioner – shower gel, toothpaste and so on)

*More suggestions on what to bring with you will be given anytime you wish.. just write me :)*

#### **LANGUAGE OF THE CAMP**

English will be the official language of the camp.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES:**

Volunteers will be involved in working activities for about 30 hours per week.

Poggio alla Malva has a strong hystorical heritage. During the 2° world war a Italian partisan named Ariodante Naldi born in Poggio alla Malva, gave his life to honour its ideals. Close to Poggio alla Malva the train railway connected the close NOBEL TNT factory to the main cities of Italy. The group of yougsters partisans where Ariodante Naldi was part of decided to sabotage the TNT products that were designated to the war attacks by the Nazi front by attacking the railway. The partisans action leaded to the explosion of 11 wagon full of dynamite and the 4 young partisan died during the night of the explosion 11<sup>th</sup> June 1944. This important historical fact is still very alive in the local community. The aim of the workcamp is to restore and clean the landside pathway that these young partisans were walked through to reach the railway line from Poggio alla Malva village. Part of this pathway is now called "the resistance pathway"; another part is to be located thanks to old maps reconstruction. Volunteers will be called to clean, re-open and assess the growing vegetation in order to give a "new life" to this legendary pathway. By restoring this pathway, an important Risk prevention strategy will be accomplished because by cleaning this pathway a new fire-escape way will be recovered in case of fire/emergency in Poggio alla Malva

Here's some pictures:



**Poggio alla Malva**



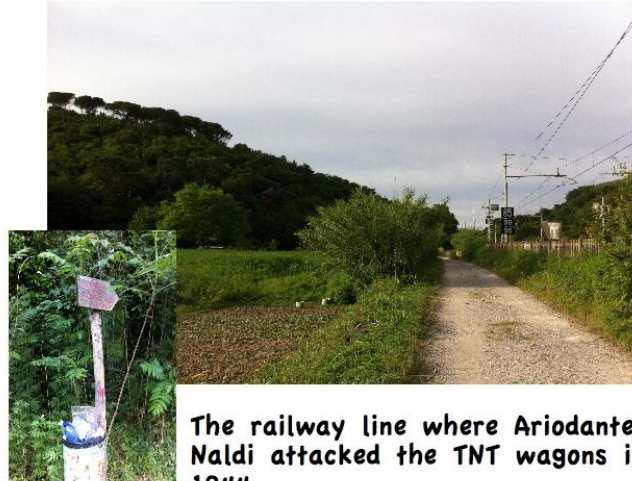
**Poggio alla Malva's Kindergarten**



**The memorial place for Ariodante Naldi**



**Old maps showing the "hidden" pathway**



**The railway line where Ariodante Naldi attacked the TNT wagons in 1944**

**ABOUT LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP:** Legambiente Prato was founded in 1986; since then it has been engaged in the defence of environmental heritage, promotion and education on environmental issues throughout young students and the whole citizenship. Focusing on renewable energies, sustainable development, wastes, biodiversity, promotion of healthy life styles Legambiente Prato has set up since its beginning, several projects which still produce outstanding outcomes. Listed below some of the most successful activities of the organization:

- ⤴ Management of "rifugio le cave" environmental education center (CEA) inside a natural reserve - [www.rifugiolecave.it](http://www.rifugiolecave.it)
- ⤴ Summer International Workcamps in the Province of Prato
- ⤴ Permanent environmental education in Prato's Schools on the following topics: Water, Energy, Biodiversity, Climate Change
- ⤴ National Campaigns "Puliamo Il mondo" "Festa dell'albero", "Non scherzare con il fuoco", "100 strade per giocare"
- ⤴ Youth in Action program: European Volunteering Service (EVS)
- ⤴ More details are available at the following website [www.legambienteprato.it](http://www.legambienteprato.it)
- ⤴ PLEASE TAKE A LOOK ALSO to our 3d Presentation concerning our activities carried out so far in 2013:

[http://prezi.com/nq4s1ibjo0yb/?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=copy&rc=ex0share](http://prezi.com/nq4s1ibjo0yb/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share)



### CAMP LEADER PHONE NUMBER:

The general contact information of legambiente prato are: (see the picture below)

**LEGAMBIENTE PRATO**



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The responsible of Legambiente Prato's Workcamps is ILARIA PROTTI

- ⤴ mobile phone: +39 3334760857 (Whatssup and Facetime available)
- ⤴ e-mail: [info@legambienteprato.it](mailto:info@legambienteprato.it) (please write always in the object of the email "**Montemurlo Workcamp**")
- ⤴ Please add **Legambiente Prato** as friend on **Facebook**, so you'll be add to the **FACEBOOK GROUP: Workcamps Legambiente Prato 2014** in order to share pictures, posts and information within us. The group is already active with some preview pictures :)
- ⤴ Soon Informations about Workcamps will be available also in the website: [www.legambienteprato.it](http://www.legambienteprato.it)

### USEFUL LINKS

*SEE in the above paragraphs*

**HAVE A GREAT TIME !!!**

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## POGGIO ALLA MALVA WORKCAMP



8 VOLONTARI INTERNAZIONALI Spagna; Serbia; Bosnia; Francia; Germania  
8 VOLONTARI LOCALI  
1 ORTO DIDATTICO  
29 CARTELLI SENTIERISTICI C/O ANPIL ARTIMINO



*Take pictures from the workcamp, place posts and photos on your social networks profiles, use hashtag #summervolunteer, tag on @legambiente.volontariambiente*

### WHO ARE WE?

Legambiente is a non-profit leading environmental organisation in Italy that works for the safeguarding and enhancement of natural resources; environment; common health; animal and plant species; historical, artistic and cultural heritage; territories and landscapes. Since its foundation in 1980, Legambiente's hallmark is the **scientific environmentalism**, which is the willingness to build every environmental protection project on a solid base made of scientific data. Legambiente mission is to **make the environmental culture the centre of a new kind of development and diffused well-being**. Important values for the association are the improvement of environmental quality, the fight against all forms of pollution, a wise use of natural **resources**, the construction of a more balanced relationship between human beings and the nature. Spreading those values could be an effective way to respond to the challenges of our time: the modernization of the economy, the commitment to beat unemployment, the struggle for peace and against all forms of discrimination and social injustice, the effort to consider globalization not only as a mere trading of goods but also as a means to improve quality of life and to give rights to billions of men and women forced to live in poverty.

Formed by 20 regional committees and more than 2000 local groups, Legambiente runs national and international campaigns about different issues.

### LEGAMBIENTE'S WORKCAMPS

Legambiente has been organising volunteering campaigns since 1991, promoting summer-camps in many protected areas both in Italy and abroad, with the aim of raising public awareness on environmental issues such as forest-fire or habitat degradation, collecting information on natural resources, promoting green tourism, developing sustainable economy, helping people to be active for the conservation of our natural and cultural heritage. International workcamps are part of the association's main campaigns and volunteers' activities contribute to achieve the goals of each campaign.

The common aim of workcamps is to improve areas with distinctive naturalistic and cultural features and to help preventing environmental emergencies of our country. The main activities volunteers carry out are related to paths maintenance or cleaning of beaches and protected areas; furthermore, volunteers collaborate in fire prevention or raising awareness on environmental issues.

Some workcamps are organized in mountain locations, in the framework of the campaign "**Carovana delle Alpi**" (Caravan of Alps). This annual campaign, which was first organised in 2002, describes the alpine system in detail, reports cases of environmental decay and evaluates experiences of sustainable development and ecological re-conversion of the economies. It also supports the consolidation of the system of protected natural areas.

Other projects are focused on the conservation of our national cultural heritage: the aims of "**Salvalarte**" (Save the Art) are to awake public opinion, promote the claim and restoration of monuments and art works that have been abandoned to decay.

Legambiente also gives the opportunity to discover small villages and local traditions of Italy, protected and promoted by "**Piccola Grande Italia**" (Small Big Italy) campaign, which aims at increasing the value of our great heritage – environment, cultural property, local typical products and traditions – cherished in small Italian towns, the irreplaceable defence grounds of the Italian identity. The campaign has already involved 500 towns with less than 5 thousands inhabitants, mountain and provincial communities.

**Duration.** Legambiente's international work camps usually last 2 weeks. All participants are expected to arrive on the first day and to leave on the last day of the work camp.

**Number of participants.** Each workcamp can host between 8 and 15 international volunteers.

**Age.** The minimum age limit is 18 and there is **no maximum** age limit. One workcamp (Leg14) is for teenagers (16-17).

**Aims.** Voluntary work camps have three main objectives:

- promoting cultural exchange;
- protecting the Italian environmental, historical, cultural and artistic heritage;
- raising the awareness of local communities and foreign volunteers about the value of the natural and cultural heritage.

**Work organization.** Each work camp can be differently organized according to its specific needs.

Volunteers will be working approximately 30 hours/week. Sometimes they may be asked for working over the weekend or early in the morning in case of high temperature.

Volunteers are expected to be open-minded, flexible, and adaptable to different situations. Moreover, they need to be inclined to face either lacks or unexpected events with a positive attitude.

Not elsewhere specified, special skills are not required. Nevertheless, participation, enthusiasm and motivation are welcome!

Usually volunteers sleep in mixed rooms. Single or double rooms are not available. Shifts for cooking and cleaning are scheduled during the first day.

Every volunteer is responsible for all aspects of the daily life on the work camp.

Pets are not allowed since they could interfere with local flora and fauna.

**Food.** In the most part of our workcamps food will be almost vegetarian and based on local products. Volunteers will eat meat very few times.

**Language:** English is the official language of the work camp. Each workcamp will host a maximum of 2 volunteers for each country, in order to create a heterogeneous group and to foster a real cultural exchange.



The workcamp you are going to join is organised by an association who is part of the international youth network Alliance. The **Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations** (<http://www.alliance-network.eu/>) promotes intercultural education, understanding and peace through voluntary service.

International Voluntary Service (IVS) strives for a fairer world, one that is more sustainable, more healthy and with more balanced resources and social justice, that will lead toward the development of people, communities, their happiness and solidarity.



International  
Campaign  
for Sustainability  
in Voluntary Service

The Alliance, also through the workcamps, is implementing an international **Sustainability Campaign** (<http://www.alliance-network.eu/our-campaigns/environmental-sustainability-campaign/>),

aimed at spreading the principles of environmental sustainability and at raising active citizenship committed with a fairer society. Being aware of the delicate relationship between human beings and the surrounding environment, we invite all actors - volunteers, camp leaders, organisers - to reflect upon their impact on local communities as well as their role in our global society; we are all part of the same wonderful earth and have the responsibility of safeguarding the natural resources it offers.



**Poggio alla Malva workcamp** will participate in the **Energy Free Day**: an international event implemented simultaneously in the projects of the Alliance and other networks!

During one or two afternoon, volunteers of the workcamps will be called to join some games about Energy saving strategy, Carbon footprint calculation and any other ideas to reflect about the Energy question (I.e Smartphone's Strikes or Candle light dinner with the local community)

We encourage our volunteers to use their creativity, knowledge and intelligence to find ways to carry out their working or leisure activities without electricity, in a more natural and simple way.

We are all part of a great movement, a global challenge that connects our lives; it manifests itself in all of our actions - may they be big or small. Saving energy has an important positive impact on local and international levels.





**LEGAMBIENTE**

**CONFIRMATION FORM**

**Leg codice, Poggio alla Malva workcamp, 14<sup>th</sup> June-28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Meeting Point: Signa (Florence) train station**

*Please return this form to Legambiente as soon as possible.*

*It should be emailed to [info@legambienteprato.it](mailto:info@legambienteprato.it)*

*to ILARIA PROTTI in copy to [incoming@legambiente.it](mailto:incoming@legambiente.it)*

*Thank you!*

**I (Name) confirm I shall be**

Attending the project	
Contact telephone number	
Email address	
I will arrive at the meeting point on time	YES NO

***My travel plans are as follows:***

Time Arrival	
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Arrival Terminal	
Flight number	
I will travel to the meeting point by	
And will arrive to	

*I have special needs (ex. allergies, diet, diseases, etc.):*

*WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CHOOSE, IF POSSIBLE, A MORE ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY TRANSPORT TO REACH THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP. FLYING MAY LOOK CHEAP, BUT THE PRICE WE PAY IN TERMS OF POLLUTION IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE.*

**Date:**

*Signature*



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