

INFORMATION-SHEET

Workcamp: BRESCIA (Solidarity workcamp with Chile)

Code & Period: I-2.2 23/06 - 8/07

Volunteers: 12

Languages: Italian , English

1. Background aims of the camp

Solidarity with Chile is a main choice of SCI Italian Branch; we have many links with Chilean grassroots organisations in opposition to Pinochet dictatorship. These links are to be developed in a perspective of a democratic development of political and social life in Chile after the plebiscyte of the last October. So we think that solidarity activities in favour of these <sup>our</sup> partner organisations are particularly needed in this difficult period of transition.

We also verify that in Italy (but probably also in other countries) there is a lack of information and knowledge about the Chilean reality after almost 20 years of a dictatorship.

Our aims in organizing these workcamps (another with the same cn tents will be held in Vilso on Sept. ) is to inform about the real life of Chilean people.

We will use all the material owned by the Branch (papers, magazines, videos, photographic exhibitions etc.), showing them and going around the town in a tramway or in a bus.

During the tour, if possible, some handicraft products coming from Chile can be sold sustaining also financially our cooperation project in Chile.

We also foresee the participation of a Chilean volunteer, member of one of our partners in Chile, but we' re not sure about this, because of financial problem to pay the air ticket.

The structure of workcamp will be approximately as follows:

- 1st week used in preparing and mounting the exhibition and the materials in general on the tramway or bus, studying also the better way to reach the objectives of information and support of the cooperation project;
- 2nd week engaged in the tour of the town with appropriate stop-points, exhibitions and animation.

This type of workcamp requests imaginative, skilled and well-motivated volunteers; also a sufficient knowledge of Italian is preferable.

During the workcamp meetings with other Organisation and public

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authorities will be held. These meetings - that are a real part of work - might gain the aim of a better knowledge of SCI's activities in the field of international solidarity and also to build a network of grassroots organisations sustaining Chile's transition to democracy by means of information and exchanges. Due to the particular scheme of work, the tour of the town in the 2nd week will be in the hours during which people is out of home: e.g. noon, late afternoon, evening, Saturday and Sunday.

2. The place.

Brescia (200.000 ab.) is the second city of Lombardia and is a very industrial place, based on a great number of little and medium-size factories distributed on a large area around the town. Notwithstanding its long history, Brescia doesn't have a real historic centre, but keeps some historical monuments and still has the characteristic of a provincial town, where social life is concentrated in three or four central places and streets; Brescian people is well-known for its industriousness and catholicity !

3. The work.

It is clear that the main work is a "political" work, related to the aims of the camp. See also above for some aspects of the activities, that can be listed only in their general aspects like:

- showing and exhibitions;
- meetings;
- interviews etc.

Take note that probably Saturday and Sunday will be occupied; but during the 2nd week perhaps there will be some hours - during the day - free from engagements. Also in the evening it is possible to have meetings with other Organisations etc.

4. Study part.

In a certain sense all the camp is a "study-camp", because vols. will know the activities of SCI branch about Chile and also the work of our partners in Chile itself. In any case, some hours will be dedicated to a deepening of these problems, particularly with reference to real conditions of life of Chilean people. In

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this field, contacts and meetings with other Organisations will aid us and the volunteers in a better knowledge of the outline of solidarity and cooperation activities in Italy.

#### 5. What to bring.

No particular tools are requested. If you have documents, papers, magazines etc. from your country related to Chile, bring them !

In any case, don't forget:

- sleeping bag;
- musical instruments;
- recipes for cook (even if you will not have the ability of cooking, you could make an exchange ....)
- goodwill & good humour !

#### 6. Address of the camp.

Volunteers are heartily requested to arrive at the latest on 23/06 (Sunday).

#### Meeting point:

APASCI (Peace, Solidarity and International Cooperation Association)  
c/o Chamber of Workers Union of Brescia (C.G.I.L.)

Piazza Repubblica 1 - Brescia

Tel. 39.30.44126 (if you are in Brescia you must call only 44126)

(open on 23-24/6 from 9.00 to 24.00)

The SCI office in Milano:

Via Sammartini 35 - Milano

tel 39.2.603755 (if you are in Milano you must call only 603755)

(open on 23-24/6 from 9.00 to 24.00).

#### 7. How to get there.

Brescia is a great town at about 90 Km. east of Milano. The better way to reach it is by train from Milano. There are many trains all over the day (from 7.00 to 23.00 hours about).

Railway line to VENEZIA. Time: 50'/1h15'. Fare: Lit. 3.000

When you are arrived at Brescia railway station, you turn on the left of the main exit and, 300 mts. after, you arrive in a great place, Piazza Repubblica (Republic Place). Just in front of you, you can see a great palace with the sign-board "CAMERA DEL LAVORO #1 BRESCIA. Our meeting point is there, at the 4th floor (but you will find some of us also in the courtyard on the retro !).

If someone comes from the railway line of Brennero (the line for Germany), it is possible to get down directly in Brescia without arriving till Milano.

HAVE A GOOD JOURNEY AND MANY BEST WISHES !

You have chosen a very nice workcamp !!



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