

Opportunity for Italian Speakers: The “English for Everybody” Programme.

The “English for Everybody” Programme was created 10 years ago, as a collaboration between a group of state schools within the province of Brescia, Italy, and Oxford, York and Cardiff Universities. The project offers university students the opportunity to spend at least three months in Italy as an English language assistant.

Key duties include helping teachers during their lessons and correcting pronunciation and workbook exercises. The assistants will also be asked to create and prepare lesson plans regarding various subjects. For these activities, the teachers collaborate actively providing suggestions, materials, and help the language assistant with planning the lessons.

Those who apply to this position must have the following characteristics:

- Be between 21 and 27 years old, a native English speaker, and have studied some type of linguistics
- Have the most neutral accent possible
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills with children and adults
- Have a predisposition to work in a school (collaborate with teachers, and seriousness in preparing English lessons and other scholastic subjects)
- Be flexible and have the capacity to problem solve and be reliable and dependable for your supervising teacher at the school
- Be willing to live with a family, knowing that this is an important experience linguistically and culturally: the family is not an air B&B.

The program offers:

- A serious and rewarding cultural experience within the school
- The assistant creates contacts with educational professionals, but also with students who find the environment educational dynamic and stimulating
- Every assistant has a tutor within the school, who will help them with any difficulties
- The assistant becomes close to one or two Italian families, who host them complimentary and therefore are strongly motivated by this type of experience to host: the assistant will become a part of the family and needs to act responsibly.
- A monthly stipend of 800 € (paid in 3 monthly instalments)
- The job consists of 240 hours working in the class (plus the hours of preparing the lesson plans)
- The assistant will be provided with insurance for the activities that take place at the school. For those who are not a part of the European Economic community, we advise you to purchase health insurance which will cover eventual/possible medical costs.

Applications

In order to apply for this opportunity, send a 2 pages maximum cover letter to Alvise Sforza Tarabochia (a.sforza-tarabochia@kent.ac.uk) **by 1 April, 5pm.**

This cover letter (in English) should include:

- why you think you are suitable for the position.
- why you are interested in the position.
- how it would fit within your career history.
- what you hope to gain from it.
- details of relevant experience (if any).

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed on Teams at a time of mutual convenience on **9 April.**

The brief of the interview will be:

"Please prepare a 10m oral presentation on a topic of your choice (English grammar or British culture), addressed to a class of either primary school children (age 9- 10), or middle school children (age 12-13), supported by PowerPoint or handout (to be shared during the interview). Make sure that your materials, images, demeanour and diction are adapted to your chosen audience".