Open call for a coordinator and a chef to work in Paraloup, a hamlet in Rittana (Cuneo, Italy)
Deadline: 22 August 2020

WORK IN A PLACE WITH A UNIQUE PAST,
SURROUNDED BY PRISTINE NATURE

At the heart of a wonderful valley, a mountain hamlet that played an important role in Italian history now needs you to complete its rebirth

About us
Paraloup is a charming mountain hamlet at 1,360 meters of altitude, in the municipality of Rittana: a gem nestled in the Alps, overlooking the Stura Valley in the province of Cuneo, Italy.
In 2006, the Nuto Revelli Foundation – in close collaboration with the community in Rittana and the Valley – decided to redevelop the hamlet for its historical and symbolic value. Indeed, Paraloup was where the first partisan formation in Italy came together: the “Italia Libera” band, led by Duccio Galimberti and Livio Bianco, with whom essayist
Nuto Revelli fought. In those years, Paraloup was the epicenter of a unique kind of community Resistance: 149 youths gathered here from all over the country, to receive the political and military training they needed to fight to free Italy from Nazi-fascism, thanks to the crucial contribution and extraordinary solidarity of the Valley's residents. In the decades after the war, the hamlet was gradually abandoned within the broader depopulation experienced in the Alps – but came back to life thanks to the Foundation's work.

In 2012, once the renovation was complete, the Foundation established the Rifugio Paraloup social enterprise with a specific mission to manage all hospitality activities; in late 2019, it also started a new transformation process: thanks to the constant communication and dialog with local institutions, many networking projects and the collaboration with an innovation manager, the Foundation and the social enterprise are planning a reorganization that will turn the hamlet into a new type of destination. Indeed, today Paraloup is already a beacon for proximity tourism and outdoor sports such as trekking, off-road cycling and alpine skiing: our goal is to add to this undisputed role the unique and exclusive value of a location that is also a hub for culture, creativity, sustainability and social innovation, open to contamination between different codes and audiences, connected to the territory – and therefore an attractive destination for travelers who appreciate awareness – and yet engaged in the debate about participation at the national and European level.

Where we are
You can reach the hamlet of Paraloup by car, in approximately 40 minutes from Cuneo. Once on the road that goes to Rittana, pass the Gorrè hamlet and the Chiot Rosa plateau. The last kilometer is not paved, but the hamlet can be reached by car if necessary.

Paraloup in brief
Paraloup comprises an open-air theater with 200 seats and 7 cabins:

- a reception cabin, where exhibitions may be held;
- a cabin dedicated to the “Museum of stories” (“Museo dei racconti”), which will open on 5 September 2020, with an exhibition space and a workshop on women's history;
- a conference facility for up to 50 guests, with a video-projection system and a film library focused on the Resistance;
- two restaurants with a terrace overlooking the Alps;
- two independent guesthouses, both with bathrooms, which can accommodate a total of 15 guests.

The entire hamlet is equipped with free Wi-Fi connection.

Paraloup is:

- The outcome of an ambitious process of regeneration, rehabilitation and revitalization;
● An active, open space that has been brought to life with a range of initiatives since 2010;
● An important destination for people who love the mountains and the outdoors;
● A natural place in constant evolution.

We want Paraloup to also, and increasingly, be:
● A center with cultural, creative and artistic value geared towards innovation and participation;
● A hub where networks and communities – whether near or far – can come into contact, exchange ideas and collaborate;
● A place brimming with energy, where new proposals emerge and from which people take home a heightened sense of responsibility;
● A productive farming center (crops and livestock) tied to the “Valli libere” association, established in 2018.

We’re hiring!
The Rifugio Paraloup social enterprise is currently looking to hire two collaborators (1-year, renewable contract):
● One hospitality coordinator (kitchen, restaurant and guesthouse cabins);
● One chef.
The ideal candidates are curious, creative, flexible, proactive; they have a strong will to share ideas and work in team, love mountain life and, of course, are eager to adapt to the lifestyle the job requires.

To go into further detail, the coordinator will be responsible for the smooth operation of hospitality spaces (restaurant, kitchen and guesthouse cabins) and will:
- Ideate and manage food and wine suggestions, with a special focus on the use of local products and supply chains, interweaving tradition and innovation;
- Manage guest reception, working to progressively reduce seasonal fluctuations in tourist flows;
- Tackle the maintenance and cleaning of both rooms and shared spaces;
- Collaborate in the hamlet’s communication and promotion activities, coordinating efforts with the Foundation’s team;
- Collaborate in the ideation and co-organization of events;
- Build relationships with the local territory and communities.

The chef will have a fully equipped, professional kitchen at his or her disposal, and will cater to approximately 100 people including the restaurant and outdoor terrace. By working in close collaboration with the coordinator, the chef will:
- Prepare the menus, ideated in collaboration with the coordinator;
- Manage food orders and supplies;
- Liaise with suppliers;
- Contribute to the maintenance and cleaning of the kitchen and restaurant.
The collaborators will be asked to live year-round in Paraloup or nearby. Rooms with en-suite bathrooms are available for them in the hamlet. Being able to live onsite is a crucial requirement due to the transformation process being carried out, which aims to reduce tourism’s seasonal fluctuations in order to make the entire system sustainable. The coordinator and the chef will not be alone! They will join the young and motivated team working at the social enterprise and Foundation, and embark with them on Paraloup’s exciting and challenging transformation from seasonal tourist destination to year-round cultural center.

Details
Selected collaborators will be offered a 1-year, renewable contract starting on 1 October 2020, with monthly wages and including accommodation in the hamlet. There will be a two-month, paid employment trial period, until 30 November 2020. All detailed information about the type of contract, salary and tasks to carry out will be shared with candidates during the interview phase. For candidates living outside of Piedmont, the interview may be held via conference call using Google Meet.

Applications
Applications must be submitted by 22 August 2020, by filling in the dedicated Google form available at the following link: [https://bit.ly/3fLUEUG](https://bit.ly/3fLUEUG)

The following attachments must be included with the form:
- An updated curriculum vitae (including the authorization for data processing pursuant to the GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
- A motivational letter (2,000 characters max.), which will be carefully considered in the selection phase;
- A copy of a valid ID document.

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