



**Rondine Cittadella della Pace  
World House Program  
2023 - Call for participants  
New deadline: February 27, 2023**

**The mission of Rondine**

The Rondine Cittadella della Pace Association, based in Italy, has been working for peace and dialogue for over 20 years. The program aims at promoting conflict transformation through the experience of young people coming from conflict and post-conflict areas and belonging to different cultures by applying an original training approach.

*The mission of the Association is to promote the creative transformation of conflict through the experiences of young people who discover the human being in their enemy.*

During a two-year experience, participants deconstruct the idea of the "enemy" and work actively to design projects with a social, political, and economic impact to contribute to peaceful development in their own countries and the world.

To achieve these results, fellows receive in-depth, high-quality training on topics related to conflict management. They also improve their soft skills and learn about necessary methodologies to create concrete opportunities for development and reconciliation.

In addition to this specific training program, fellows develop their professional and academic curriculum by obtaining a Master's degree.

**What is the World House?**

The *World House* is an international experience of civic engagement for conflict transformation. It takes place through the experience of cohabitation by engaging with fellows through daily activities. This is a core part of the project where the educational process and training take place - learning by living.

By being at the core of the Citadel, the World House involves many innovative courses and projects. The young participants are prepared to become future leaders in a context of fast transformation and deep change, where the conflicts have high stakes and the relationships are increasingly complex.

It is the place where the promotion and the diffusion of the mission of Rondine begin.

**The program**

It is now possible to apply to the current program running from July 2023 to June 2025, which includes four main areas:



- 1. Daily life:** through cohabitation with others, participants practice respect for the other as a person. They are asked for responsible participation in the educational processes focused on the encouragement of personal growth. The whole experience is based on *relations* and the commitment to take care of them, to be able to handle them constructively, and to understand social, cultural, and religious diversity. Participants are expected to actively contribute to the daily life of Rondine, participate in community service activities, and to adopt a proactive attitude. Rondine staff periodically interviews fellows to assess their proactivity and involvement in the group, punctuality, presence, level of Italian language, and motivation.
- 2. Training:** it is composed of a series of activities aimed at deepening personal competences and soft skills such as leadership, communication (storytelling, public speaking), active learning, emotional intelligence, etc. The core of the training is conflict transformation: the aim is to understand the causes and consequences of armed conflicts in participants' countries through the confrontation of different conflict experiences. Besides international conflicts, fellows learn to recognize and transform conflicts at any level, starting from personal and inter-personal ones. In the second year, the training program includes a special project design module, aimed at understanding professional vocation, providing adequate tools to fulfil it and have a positive impact in their communities at the same time. International and local lecturers, trainers, and scholars conduct the training. These professionals act as facilitators to enable fellows to share their views on personal identity issues, starting from their own culture, history, customs, traditions, and stereotypes, to finally deal with their own approach to conflict. The topics are addressed through activities and lectures that foster interpersonal communication and gradual expression of their inner self and experiences, by considering different points of view.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Civic engagement:** participants of the *World House* are involved in several activities to bring the experience lived in Rondine from the private to the public dimension. These activities include institutional events, promotion and communication interventions, training, and meetings addressed to schools and associations, among other voluntary activities. Participation and attendance in these initiatives are crucial to raise awareness, promote active citizenship, and realize the mission of the Association. It is also an opportunity to show and exercise communication and leadership skills developed during the training courses.
- 4. Formal education:** through an academic master, participants will continue their study curriculum, strengthening their professional skills and gaining additional knowledge to foster social change and make an impact. Rondine fellows attend a one-year First Level Executive Master (Master di Primo Livello, 60 ECTS)<sup>2</sup>. Applicants are invited to choose a master among those in the attached list<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> For further information, please read the "World House Guide" at <https://callforparticipants.rondine.org/>

<sup>2</sup> Please find further information on the Italian academic system at: <http://www.cimea.it/en/index.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> To be eligible and compatible with the World House Program, masters must meet the following conditions:  
- offered by Universities in Tuscany and Umbria