



# Call for volunteers!!

## IBBY Camp in LAMPEDUSA

### 22 / 29 October 2023 – join us!

#### **Project “Silent Books: From the World to Lampedusa and Back”**

All IBBY volunteers who would like to help and support us in inventing new ways of using and enjoying books, can take part in the continuing development of the IBBY library in Lampedusa.

Join us! Come to Lampedusa!

At a time of uncertainty and change, as well as the many migration and integration issues that are affecting all our countries, the IBBY library in Lampedusa invites everyone who is interested in using books as tools for change to come together in Lampedusa. We want to learn and understand what new challenges and possibilities can be gained from this experience.

**We would love all IBBY members that are working and studying “silent books” as a tool for change to come and share their knowledge and experience with us.**

From **Sunday, 22 to Sunday 29 October** we are going to Lampedusa to work together, to talk about silent books, to think about what the future looks like in the book world prepare for the future.

The world seems to be scary and dangerous, but information is becoming more and more difficult to understand and only competent readers can be peace-makers.

The aims of the IBBY Camp are to:

- promote reading in the Lampedusa Library
- find new ways of working with books and displaced children
- teach a way of being ready to learn from a community
- learn everything there is to know about Silent Books
- meet other passionate IBBY/ book people

- understand more about migration in the Mediterranean.
- understand more about promoting peace by reading
- share our knowledge on silent books

Every idea is welcome; every suggestion is considered and assessed!

Librarians, students and those who have experience – you are all invited to Lampedusa, there will also be authors and illustrators taking part. During this training week we will set up meetings and readings with the children, sharing every experience with all participants.

The voluntary workers who keep the library open and functioning all year round are waiting for us, as well as all those who discover that the first real place of culture and welcome in their journey across the Mediterranean is the Lampedusa Library.

All those interested in taking part should contact IBBY for further information.

With kind regards,

Deborah Soria  
Project Manager, Italian Section of IBBY

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## HOW TO JOIN US IN LAMPEDUSA

### How to organize your trip to Lampedusa

Please note that travel and accommodation fees are at the expense of the participant, IBBY Italy cannot be held responsible for any reimbursement in case of cancellation.

#### By plane:

**Because it's October...there could be direct flights to Lampedusa from other cities in Italy! Try Bergamo/ Rome/ Verona. If not**

Direct connections to Lampedusa are available from the Italian airport of Palermo (Sicily) throughout the year. However, the booking service to and from Lampedusa can often be temporarily unavailable. We suggest that you book your flight to Palermo in advance and then buy your ticket to Lampedusa later on. The flights Palermo-Lampedusa are at a fixed cost with no discounts for early booking.

#### By boat

A daily direct connection to Lampedusa sails from Porto Empedocle (Agrigento, Sicily). The boat leaves at 23.59 every day and the journey last nearly 9 hours. However, the service is cancelled whenever there is bad weather!

#### How to find an accommodation

There are many hotels, residences and bed & breakfast offered on the island. Please book something close to "via Roma 34" – the address of the Lampedusa Library

#### Confirm your attendance

After booking your flight, please send a confirmation email to [soria.deb@gmail.com](mailto:soria.deb@gmail.com). We will then send you a form to fill in to confirm attendance. You should send your confirmation before **29 September 2023**.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Yes: you can come with your family! Children are welcome.
2. Yes: you can attend IBBY Camp only for a few days if you cannot stay all week.
3. No: you are not requested to spend all your time on the project – choose a comfortable mix between holiday and IBBY Camp! But, yes, please, let us know which days and for how many hours you can volunteer.
4. No: IBBY Italia is not responsible for the organization of your trip.
5. Yes: if you want to organize workshops or other activities, please write to us and we can discuss and coordinate how to include them in the programme.
6. Participation in the camp is free and all activities are organized on a voluntary basis. No remunerations or refunds are available.
7. Yes: IBBY Italia will provide all materials needed for the activities, such as paper, scissors, glue, coloured paints and pencils, etc.
8. Yes. You will be in contact with what happens on the border, but you will not be working with children or adults on the move. You might witness difficult situations and conversations.

For more information, please contact Deborah Soria: [soria.deb@gmail.com](mailto:soria.deb@gmail.com)

We look forward to meeting you on Lampedusa!

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