



English Immersion Campus

For Music and Songwriting



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What is the Campus experience?

The English Immersion Campus for Music and Songwriting is a free 5-night summer programme in Italy for university and college students (aged 18 – 30). The Campus brings native English speakers like you, our *Anglos*, volunteers from all around the world, together with Italian students who are looking to improve their fluency and confidence in English, in a wonderful location in Tuscany, just outside Florence.

The Anglos and the Italian students, our Learners, live alongside each other, creating an English immersion experience where Learners spend every moment of the day in a dynamic environment of natural English conversation. Our Campus is a unique linguistic, social and cultural experience as part of an innovative and exciting programme that is stimulating and fun, with no preparation on your part – all you need to do is speak English!

We are looking for English-speaking students from around the world to volunteer with us as Anglos. We welcome applications from any study background and are particularly interested in Anglos who are studying or have experience in creative subjects such as music performance, music production, songwriting, performing arts or related fields.





Language Immersion

We focus on the language skills of speaking and listening through natural conversation, supported by lessons and workshops led by our experienced teaching team. Through a series of One-to-One conversations, social time and a range of activities, games and practical challenges, you will be helping Italians to develop their English fluency and confidence naturally.



Social Experience

The social experience is an important part of every day at the Campus - whether enjoying a delicious meal, sharing a coffee break, walking in the gardens, participating in activities and games or just relaxing together during social time. In the evenings, there'll be events and further opportunities to enjoy this unique social and cultural experience.



Unique location

A historical building on the outskirts of Florence, the L'Antico Spedale del Bigallo dates back to the 13th century and has been tastefully restored, offering a unique location surrounded by beautiful gardens with a panoramic terrace overlooking the city below. Bigallo offers various spaces for creative and cultural activities, meetings and workshops.



Our Italian Learners

Learners at the Campus are young people in higher education music study programmes which include music performance, production, songwriting, mixing, sound engineering at Music Academies around Italy.

Our Italian Learners are coming to Speak specifically to improve their competence and confidence in speaking and listening through natural conversations with native English speakers, helping them develop their English skills for their future careers.

What is the Anglo role?

We create a unique English immersion experience that allows Learners the real possibility to develop their fluency and confidence to speak English, while enjoying what is an incredible social and cultural experience.

Our Anglos are essential for bringing English to life through meaningful interactions and supporting the Learners by being patient and willing listeners.

For Learners, the opportunities to practice and improve their English spans the whole day. At our Campus, our Anglos are joined by our experienced English teaching and academic staff.

Together they provide English learning that immerses the student in dynamic environment of natural conversation and linguistic support, offering the opportunity for continual practice – by speaking – with different native English and fluent English speakers, from around the English-speaking world.

For our Italian speakers to be immersed in the English language, our Anglos will need to:

- Listen to and engage in real-life discussions
- Support and encourage our Learners
- Be able to offer Learners error corrections
- Share stories, work on projects and explore topics
- Help Learners develop confidence in English
- Relax and enjoy the experience



Would I be suitable for the Summer Campus?

At Speak we aim for diversity among our Anglos – including age, nationality and experience. This ensures that our Italian speakers can enjoy talking with and learning from people **people from a wide range of backgrounds**.

For the Speak Summer Campus we welcome applications from all **college and university students** and are particularly interested in applications from Anglos with a background or experience in the areas of:

- Music performances
- Songwriting
- Music production
- Performing arts

Our Anglos will be engaged throughout the day in conversation and activities. So, if you are sociable, love conversing, meeting new people and can help English learners to feel at ease then you are the right person to be part of the Anglo team at Speak.

Nationality

Speak welcomes mother-tongue or fluent English speakers from all over the world, with a broad range of English accents and backgrounds.

Age

The Campus is looking for Anglos of between 18-30 years of age, bringing together students from diverse experiences and cultures..

Background

Students from a range of backgrounds, but particularly interested in those with music and creative experience. Our Anglos may be studying, finishing their studies or already working.

Camp Dates:

- *FROM: **Sunday 20th August** (Meeting in Florence)*
*TO: **Friday 25th August** (Departing from Spedale del Bigallo)*
- *FROM: **Friday 25th August** (Meeting in Florence)*
*TO: **Wednesday 30th August** (Departing from Spedale del Bigallo)*



Anglo Testimonials

Speak Summer Campus is such a unique blend of making friends for life and witnessing an unbelievable rate of learning and progress from the Italian students. The immersive format encourages learning from the first moment while maintaining a sense of fun, friendship and enjoyment in all the activities. 9 days in Italy, in the stunning mountains, with such lovely people – the staff included, what more could you want!

Ellie, Bristol (20)

The Speak Summer Campus was a great social experience where I was able to partake in creative activities with students from a diverse range of courses, create new friendships and support others on their English learning path!

Cip, London (23)

The Summer Campus has been such a rewarding, unique and beautiful experience. After some patience and determination, it was amazing to see what can be achieved through various group and 1-to-1 tasks, despite language barriers. I learnt so much and met many incredible people.

Amelia, Swindon (21)

The Speak Italy summer campus was an amazing experience, every day was full with activities, projects and fun excursions to create a friendly, open environment to speak with Italian students in English. Every day involved interacting, speaking and making friends with new people, doing new activities and trying new things in the amazing campus location. Thank you to all the Speak Staff, other Anglos and Italian students!

Sam, Leeds (28)

My time at the Summer Campus was a massive adventure. I intended this journey to be an introduction to travelling Europe, but I ended up making real connections with people across the world and fell for the beauty and rich traditions of Italy along the way. I would recommend this Campus to anybody as a way to get out of your comfort zone, meet new people and explore a new country.

Leon, Liverpool (22)



Discover more about Spedale del Bigallo

Location

The Antico Spedale del Bigallo is a striking Medieval structure that is now a residential hospitality location 15 minutes to the East of Florence. It offers incredible views overlooking the beautiful city below.

Facilities

The Antico Spedale del Bigallo is the perfect location for an immersion Campus offering a range of different communal spaces for activities and workshops, beautiful gardens, meals, drinks and social spaces.

Rooms

The Spedale has large and spacious dormitories with specially designed renaissance beds created by a local craftsman. Each bed has its own storage space with each dormitory equipped with shared bathrooms with showers.

Dining

The Spedale serves the best of simple local Tuscan cuisine using locally-sourced ingredients from the surrounding area. The catering team can also provide alternative menus in the case of allergies or intolerances.

Outdoor Spaces

Surrounded by a beautiful enclosed garden, the Spedale offers green spaces and shady areas perfect for language immersion. The outdoor spaces also include a Panoramic Terrace offering stunning views across Florence.



What is Speak?

Speak is a company offering residential English language immersion programmes in Italy.

We bring together native English speakers from around the world to immerse Italian Learners in an environment of authentic English conversation. Our programmes develop the language skills of speaking and listening at the same time as supporting Learners with targeted workshops and language sessions lead by our team of qualified English teachers.

This immersive experience develops the English skills of the Learners and importantly, lifts their fluency and confidence to speak English. Our Anglos and Learners, live alongside each other, sharing the experience of an innovative and diverse programme which offers a unique linguistic, social and cultural experience.

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