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## **OPEN CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Call for ESC Volunteering in different youth centres in Tallinn, ESTONIA

Tallinn Education Department is an ESC coordinating organisation in Tallinn, Estonia.

In 2021/2022 we will be coordinating 9 ESC services in Tallinn for period 13.09.2021 - 14.08.2022 (11 months).

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested volunteers, please:

 $\bullet$  send us your ESC application form:  $\underline{esc\_2021\_application\_form}$ 

deadline: ASAP

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More information about the services HERE

### **ESC IN TALLINN**

#### BASIC LAYOUT

When first arriving to Estonia, there are lot of activities concerning getting acquainted with the host organizations and their projects, visiting the youth work organizations, our partner organizations etc.

There will be a 2-days training to introduce the basics of the youth work in order to support your acclimatization in the working environment, many meetings to get to know your colleagues and the city.

In October, during the children school vacation lots of various activities are taking place in the youth centers and other places in Tallinn, where all of you will be actively involved.

From November, a series of cultural evenings will be organized in cooperation between you, your tutors and other international volunteers from all over Tallinn.

According to your personal interests and the needs of the hosting organizations, we have agreed some possible activities with each volunteer individually to carry out throughout the entire service period.



#### Volunteers are expected to contribute by:

- leading workshops about different cultures and intercultural learning;
- leading workshops about and volunteering and the possibilities of the European Solidarity Corps programme;
- organizing and leading activities connected to music, arts, history, filmography (depending on volunteer's personal interests);
- running non-formal activities to improve participants skills in different areas (critical thinking, communication, globalization etc);
- organizing different sports activities and events (depending on volunteer's skills and readiness);
- planning and organizing outdoor activities; helping the youth centre to organize and implement their program activities;
- participating actively in the open area of the youth centre.

# The more exact tasks are brought out in volunteer's week plan and agreed between the tutor and the volunteer.

Additionally, all volunteers will be:

- meeting with young people and supporting them in their activities during all the ESC period;
- helping colleagues in preparing and conducting the already happening events or clubs in Tallinn;
- organizing intercultural events (cultural evenings, celebrating their own national holidays, sharing their traditional cuisine, playing music, videos and games from their home countries etc.).

At the end of the project (June-July) you will fill in your Youthpass with the help of your tutors and if you want, make a short video about your voluntary service year with the help of your tutors.

All the tasks and activities are mixed with the evaluation, feedback and self-assessment.

Within all the activities implemented in this project, non-formal education principles and working methods will always be used.

The idea of the project is that the participants, followed by their own interests, create activities for the local community while promoting inclusiveness and bonding with the local community through acts of solidarity.

## Practical arrangements

**Food:** you will prepare your own meals in a fully equipped kitchen of the youth hostel/flat you will stay during the project. The payment of the food money (160 Euros per month) will be made according to the receipts that you will collect monthly (we will explain everything in detail when you arrive) and transferred to your bank account.

**Accommodation:** while in Tallinn, you will be accommodated in a youth hostel or a flat. In both options, common areas are shared with other people (kitchen, bathrooms, common room). Please be also ready to share your room with another volunteer. The rooms and kitchen are fully equipped, so no need to bring your own sheets, kitchen towels etc. The accommodation is located in the city center or nearby your workplace.

**Working hours, days off per week, holidays:** You will work an average of 6-7 hours per day on weekdays. The weekends are usually free and in case you are asked to work during weekend (on some special occasion), you will have that time off during the week. In addition, each of you also accumulates 2 days off per month: the vacation period should be agreed between you and your host organization.

**Monthly allowance**: in Estonia the monthly allowance is 120 euros per month (it's in addition to the food money). The money will be transferred to your bank account once per month every month during the project.

**Local transport:** You will be given a Smartcard that allows you to travel all around Tallinn for free. It will be your main access to travel between the flat and work, but also to go to visit different city areas during your free time. Smartcard will allow you to use buses, trolleys, trams and trains inside Tallinn city and you can easily plan your trips with the help of online schedules. If you need to travel outside Tallinn for your work, payment will be made according to the travel tickets and transferred to your bank account.

**Language support:** Language training will be organized by Tallinn Education Department in addition to Keeleklikk that we suggest to use in parallel. You can register and start already now in Keeleklikk to get yourself better prepared!

**Training and support:** You will have mentoring and tutoring support throughout the project, as well as the support of organization staff. In the beginning of the voluntary service we will organize training about teamwork and youth work and help you get acquainted with Estonian culture and the surroundings.

Even though Tallinn is the capital city of Estonia, with half a million citizens, it is hardly a world metropolis. However: short distances and low traffic are advantages to cherish. Medieval Tallinn Old Town, one of the best preserved Hanseatic town centres in the world, is just a short walk away from the city business centre with modern towers, luxurious hotels, gourmet restaurants and shopping malls.

The European Solidarity Corps is a funding programme of the European Union that creates opportunities for young people to volunteer, work, train and run their own solidarity projects that benefit communities around Europe.