

# ESTONIA



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

## OPEN YOUTH WORK



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Long term volunteering  
projects in  
Youth Centers in ESTONIA



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## COORDINATING ORGANIZATION

ASSOCIATION OF  
ESTONIAN  
OPEN YOUTH CENTERS

## PROJECT TITLE

OPEN YOUTH WORK

## PARTICIPANTS

13

## TIME FRAME

9-12 MONTHS  
SEPT 2021 - JUL 2023

## LOCATIONS

AAKRE, EMMASTE, HARKU,  
KOHILA, MUHU, ORISAARE,  
PAIDE, PIRITA,  
PÖLTSAMAA, PÄRNU, SAUE,  
SAUGA, SAKU, TARTU,  
VASTSELIINA

## COUNTRY

ESTONIA

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# GENERAL INFORMATION



The NGO **Association of Estonian Open Youth Centres (AEYC)** is a nationwide umbrella organization which was founded on November 9th, 2001 with the aim to connect Estonian youth centers from all over the country. Currently, the association has 81 members with 226 youth centers. Since 2015, AEYC is EVS and **ESC coordinating organization**.

The ESC Volunteering Partnership project **“Open Youth Work”** aims to promote opportunities and improve the quality of international youth work, to develop respect and tolerance, to support social and cultural diversity, and to improve competencies for international and multicultural activities and societal life among young people, youth workers, and community members.

Open youth centers are professional **non-formal educational environments providing a diverse variety of services and activities to local young people** aged 7-26. Youth centers follow the principles of open youth work- permit open access to all of the youth, diverse opportunities for leisure time, support for young people, and their ideas, space for socializing, and partnership.

Youth centers have the capacity to work with youth from different backgrounds and be socially inclusive. They are flexible in their activities, introduce different perspectives, and develop critical thinking and tolerance. **Youth participation starting from the grassroots level is a key to social inclusion and to mutual dialogue. This is how the future is made.**

During the volunteering service, the participant will be involved in the daily activities of the youth centre and will be **provided opportunities for initiatives and collaboration with associated partners in the hosting community**. The participant will be able to co-create their own volunteering journey and contribute with their own ideas and skills.

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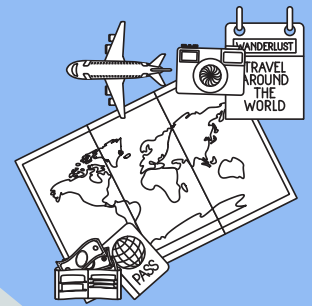


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# VOLUNTEERING CONDITIONS



Our hosting organizations are in search of volunteers who can present some **experience in working with children and young people** or have **high motivation and a sense of initiative** to contribute to youth work activities.

## VOLUNTEER WILL BE GRANTED:

- International transportation reimbursement (to the max. amount)
- CIGNA insurance
- 4€ pocket money per day
- 6€ food allowance per day
- Accommodation
- Work-related transportation, if needed
- OLS Estonian language course (English optional)
- On-arrival and mid-term training with the National Agency
- Meetings with other international volunteers
- Work-related training and preparation at the youth center
- Tutor to instruct you at work
- Mentor - a friend outside the working place to guide with the everyday life
- A life full of new experiences! :)

## WORKING LANGUAGE:

English, Estonian language lessons provided (online)

## HOW TO APPLY:

- Tell us about yourself and your motivation to be part of the project [HERE](#)
- Or go to: [bit.ly/openyouthwork](https://bit.ly/openyouthwork)

## SELECTION PROCESS:

- Interviews will be carried out with all of the candidates after they have applied;
- Vacancies will be filled as a result of the on-going calls as soon as the hosting organizations have selected a suitable candidate;
- The sooner you apply the better your chances. :)

## GREAT APPLICANTS:

- Aged 18 - 30 years;
- Motivated to volunteer;
- Able to communicate in English;
- A genuine interest in youth work;
- Willing to try and learn new things;
- Flexible and reliable;
- Interested in communication and cooperation with young people;
- Able to work in a team-oriented environment but also to be able to take their own initiative;
- Responsible, creative, curious, and open-minded;
- Good communication and empathy skills;
- Able to support and stimulate different types of leisure activity, from indoor to outdoor activities;
- Ready to take some initiative over time to contribute to the activities of the youth centre;
- Competences in artistic expression and/or experience in sports or music field are very welcomed;
- The true will to overcome the possible language barrier with the children and to learn Estonian;
- Willing to live in Estonia, to experience the local life, culture, and Nordic climate.

In order to participate, you must be **legally resident in the EU Member States or the Partner Countries** listed in European Solidarity Corps FAQs, accessible [HERE](#).

Do you have any questions?  
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# ESTONIA

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Estonia, officially the Republic of Estonia (Estonian: Eesti Vabariik), is a country on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea in Northern Europe.

It is bordered to the north by Finland, to the west by Sweden, to the south by Latvia, and to the east by Russia.

The territory of Estonia consists of the mainland and of 2,222 islands in the Baltic Sea, covering a total area of 45,227 km<sup>2</sup>

The official language of the country, Estonian, is the second-most-spoken Finnic language.

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, and Tartu are the largest cities and urban areas in the country.

Other notable cities include Narva, Pärnu, Kohtla-Järve and Viljandi.

In 1987 the peaceful Singing Revolution began against Soviet rule, resulting in the restoration of de facto independence on 20 August 1991.

The country ranks very high in the Human Development Index and compares well in measures of economic freedom, civil liberties, education, and press freedom.

Estonia is a developed country with an advanced, high-income economy that was among the fastest-growing in the EU since its entry in 2004.

2005 - the first state to hold elections over the Internet  
2014 - the first state to provide e-residency.

One of the world's most digitally-advanced societies.

Estonian citizens receive universal health care, free education, and the longest paid maternity leave in the OECD.

With a population of 1.3 million Estonia is one of the least populous members of the EU, the OECD, the Schengen Area, NATO, and from 2020, the United Nations Security Council.

The sovereign state of Estonia is a democratic unitary parliamentary republic divided into fifteen counties.

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