Call for a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer
-Acting for school student rights-

**WHAT:** Opportunity to be part of the OBESSU Secretariat!

**WHEN:** 1 March 2020 - 28 February 2021

**WHERE:** Brussels, Belgium

**Deadline for applications:** 16 February 2020, 23:59

---

**About OBESSU**

The Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU) is the platform for cooperation between the national school student unions active in general secondary and secondary vocational education in Europe. It was founded in April 1975 in Dublin, Ireland and brings together Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations from all over Europe. All Member Organisations are independent, national, representative and democratic school student organisations.

As OBESSU we stand together:

- to represent the school students as stakeholders of their educational systems, and in issues concerning their lives;
- to provide the national school student unions with assistance and support and to cooperate for the development of school student representative structures;
- to encourage and enable exchange of experience and good practice among the national school students unions;
- to promote equal access to education and to strive for the end of all discrimination and injustice within the educational systems;
- to contribute to the development of democratic educational systems in Europe, that promote active citizenship in all forms;
- to promote solidarity and understanding between young people;
- to promote new teaching methods in learning and promote a healthy teaching environment.

This call is for joining the big OBESSU family and volunteering in the secretariat!
Use the chance to be part of the preparatory work of different OBESSU and member organisations projects as well as join OBESSU continuous advocacy work towards the European institutions.

About the project

The main aim of the project is to offer the opportunity of learning with OBESSU for an enthusiastic individual who is interested to work and develop in areas such as communication and advocacy for fostering school students’ voice in Europe.

With their year long engagement with OBESSU, the volunteer will:
- Gain valuable insights regarding school student activism and the related policy and advocacy processes in Europe;
- Have the opportunity to develop their competencies and skills in the fields of advocacy and communication;
- Have the opportunity to create an impact on society, by engaging with activities and processes of OBESSU and its partner organisations;
- Have the opportunity to shape their own learning path and to shape the strategic approach of the organisation together with the leadership in a mutual exchange of ideas;
- Have the opportunity to interact with the local community in Brussels;
- Learn about new cultures and share their own with the locals from Brussels, as well with the other people who work, or are interns or volunteers in the city.

Role of the volunteer in OBESSU

The volunteer’s role within the office would also be to contribute to the day-to-day work of the OBESSU office, and support the work of thousands of young people in defending school students’ rights.

The volunteer will support the Communications Manager with the internal and external communication of the organisation.
Their tasks will consist in:

- Update social media channels and manage the OBESSU website;
- Edit the monthly newsletter of OBESSU;
- Create visuals in accordance with the visual identity of the organisation, for different purposes;
- Support the creation, implementation and evaluation of online campaigns (for example, the 17th Now annual campaign);
- Engage with members organisations and partners;
- Create content, draft articles and proofread articles, publications and other documents;
- Support the organisation of events.

Advocacy related tasks:

- Support the implementation of the advocacy strategy;
- Monitor EU legislation in the field of youth and education;
- Research on different topics connected to young people and write briefings;
- Support the work of OBESSU working groups;
- Attend events and meetings and report back.

OBESSU will closely cooperate with the selected volunteer in defining the interest of work and facilitate the development of the volunteer, both professionally and personally, to ensure that there is the highest possible experience and learning provided to the volunteer.

Together with the volunteer, OBESSU will develop the working programme for the year, and will provide support to the volunteer in defining their learning goals and further achieving the same.

**Participant profile**

- Young person between the ages of 18 - 30;
- Interested in living in and experiencing a highly international context;
- Interested in working with and for young people and more precisely school students;
- Motivated and creative individual interested in school student organizing and youth participation;
- An individual willing to develop sector-specific skills and competences (with specific emphasis on advocacy and communications);
- Willing to develop their language skills;
- Willing to adapt to different situations and willing to develop their own initiatives and projects (with the support of the rest of the office);
- An individual with a high level of self-initiative and interest in taking up tasks and learning new things;
- Interested in the work of OBESSU and the member organisations;
- Previous experience with OBESSU will be considered an asset;
- Good command of English;
- Priority will be given to young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.
Important arrangements - financial, language, travel and insurance

The participant will receive a financial subsidy of a maximum amount of 945 EUR per month for the accommodation, local travel costs, food and pocket money. The host organisation (OBESSU) will support the volunteer in finding accommodation in Brussels.

Travel costs to and from Brussels will be covered by OBESSU up to the amount of 275 EUR.

Health insurance will be covered as part of the project for the entire duration of the volunteering period.

During the volunteering period, the volunteer will also have access to learning a new language. Classes will be provided as part of the project through an Online Learning platform.

How to apply?

Please send the filled in application form, together with your CV, to jobs@obessu.org.

The title of the email subject should be ‘Application for ESC volunteer’.

Deadline for applications: 16 February 2020, 23:59

For any additional questions please contact us at jobs@obessu.org.