

Call for a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer
Deadline for applications: 9th February 2024 - 23.59 CET

Position	Governance and Capacity Building Assistant - ESC Volunteer
Reports to	Secretary General
Contribution	1125 EUR per month (check section below)
Benefits	Insurance provided by the ESC programme Relocation travel costs covered Access to Online Linguistic Support for language learning
Contract duration	12 months
Location	Brussels
Office schedule	37.5 hours/week

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 32 Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations from 24 European countries. All Member Organisations are independent, national, representative and democratic school student organisations. The membership is very dynamic, as we work with young people and with organisations in which activists change frequently, usually every 1-2 years.

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 OBESSU and volunteering in the Secretariat!

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 membership engagement, capacity building and communications, with the goal of fostering school students' voice in Europe.

With their year long engagement with OBESSU, **the volunteer will:**

- Gain valuable insights regarding school student activism and topics related to school student activism, membership, communications and educational policy;
- Have the opportunity to develop their competencies and skills in the fields of membership, outreach and communication;
- Have the opportunity to create an impact on society, by engaging with activities and processes of OBESSU and its partner organisations - with a special focus on the European Parliament Elections;
- 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 Governance Team with the work related to the membership and internal communication, as well as outreach activities.

Their tasks will consist in:

- Collaborating with the Governance and Capacity Building Officer in the outreach and communication with the members;
- Supporting the Secretariat, the Board and the Pool of Trainers with development, promotion, implementation and evaluation of non formal education activities and events;
- Meeting with student activists from all over Europe and supporting the organisation of capacity building activities and statutory meetings;
- Gathering information from the members concerning important advocacy efforts, and creating links from local and national to European level towards the European Parliament Elections;
- Support the Coordination Team of the yearly Work Plan on Education 2040 to deliver the educational activities as well as the policy-related activities;
- Mapping and archiving history of school student movement in Europe in relation to OBESSU's 50th anniversary;



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 the most valuable learning experience.

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 membership, outreach and policy);
- Willing to adapt to different situations and 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;
- Good command of English and willing to develop their language skills;

Nice-to-have skills, **experiences and attitudes**

- Previous experience with OBESSU will be considered an asset;
- 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 **1125 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 360 EUR, and in accordance with the Erasmus+ distance calculator.

Health insurance will be covered as part of the project for the entire duration of the volunteering period, the volunteer will have to ensure they have a European Health Insurance Card.

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 a motivation letter (no more than 1 page) answering the following questions, together with your CV, to jobs@obessu.org:

- Why do you want to volunteer at OBESSU?
- What can you bring to this position and to our organisation in terms of experience?
- What are your main learning goals?

The title of the email subject should be 'Application ESC volunteer'.

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

