

CALL Long term ESC in Don Bosco Rijswijk

Dear friends,

We have new open spaces for ESC from November 2019 till 5 September 2020. We have place for 4 volunteers. The project is approved with the title: Solidarity for Dignity with number: **2018-I-NL02-ESCII-002278**. Those of you who would like to take part in this project kindly send us the CV's of your candidates and we will revise the candidates and find the most suited youngsters for the project. Afterwards we will send you the mandate.

Practical details

DATE: Preference for 10 months (starting from November 2019 – 5 September 2020)

VENUE: Rijswijk, The Hague, The Netherlands

COSTS: *According to the norms of new ESC regulations*

REQUIRED VOLUNTEERS: four (four from different countries)

THE PROFILE OF YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE:

1. Being committed and enthusiastic to **working and living** with other volunteers in a house together.
2. Don Bosco youth centre is characterized for the intercultural and multi-religious activities. We hope to get young volunteers who express solidarity and have respect for diversity.
3. Pro-active and enthusiastic in taking responsibility in the projects.
4. The volunteers will be working with projects with a religious background and should have respect for the religious and social values. In return, the organisation will also respect the principles of the individual volunteer.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:

“SOLIDARITY FOR DIGNITY” is a long term ESC Program organized in Rijswijk, The Netherlands. This project aims to give volunteers an experience of European Voluntary Service promoting intercultural learning and working with children (often disadvantaged) and young people. Responsibilities are given to the volunteer, and through daily interaction with other (ESC) volunteers and living together with them, the experience is being shared and learned from.

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The role of the ESC volunteer: The volunteers are expected to work with other staff members, volunteers and youth workers to carry out the program for the children and youth. Possible tasks of the volunteers will be to assist the children in different age groups in the overblijf (lunch break in a school for those who are coming to the Netherlands) and in organising a big ESC program (vakantiebos) in the summer. There are additional activities like: organizing kids feasts, open house, and holiday activities for the children.

The tasks and activities of the volunteers: The tasks and activities of the volunteers are generally conducted from Monday to Friday, from 11.00- 17.00 hours.

The concrete activity of the volunteer is to carry out activities in Don Bosco youth centre:

1. Their primary task will be in a Youth Centre. Together with Don Bosco's staff they carry out activities. Their concrete task is to carry out programmes for school children in the project and outside schools. These programmes are on the basis of prolonged school activities and community school (Bredeschool) activities. Overblijf (assisting kids during the lunch break) will be one of the daily activities of the volunteer.

The volunteers will be supported by Don Bosco staff and qualified persons for all the activities they are assigned to.

Practical arrangements for the volunteer

- **Food:** The volunteer will be staying in a house with other volunteers. Volunteers will have opportunity to take part in all the meals with the other volunteers. Once or twice a week the volunteer will also get an opportunity to cook for a group.
- **Accommodation:** The volunteer will stay in a house and would get a shared room with one other person of the same gender. The toilet and the shower rooms are shared. The volunteer can make use of the community living room, TV, dining hall, parlour to receive guest etc. There is also facility for laundry in the house.
- **Holidays:** On the special occasions like Christmas and Easter our centre is closed. So the volunteers are allowed to take holidays during those days. However, the journey expenses for this holidays will not be met by the Host, send, or coordinating organisation. During other school holidays, the centre has special activities for children in which the volunteers can contribute much to the running of it. So we do not encourage the volunteers to take holidays during those days.
- **Local Transport:** As a rule, the volunteers have to use the bikes to go to the centre where they carry out the voluntary work. Other transportal charges for the work will be met by the host organisation. This will not include outings and visits of the volunteer on her/his own initiatives.
- **Language training:** We believe learning the Dutch language is very important for the volunteers. There is an online course available from the National Agency. At the center you will have a lot of conversations with children. We provide a Dutch language course on arrival in a professional school.

Contact persons in the NL for your country: Anastasia (email: anastasia@donboscorijswijk.nl)

We hope for the moment this information will be sufficient. Kindly send the CV and Motivation letter of the interested volunteers. We do the selection of the volunteer after the project application. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact us. There will be a skype meeting with the volunteer (this will be fixed individually).

With greetings,

Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland