

ESC INFO PACK 2026



VOLUNTEERING IN BRUSSELS

AT

QUEST

**QUALITY EDUCATION IN EUROPE
FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**



WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

Are you interested in **education and volunteering**?

Do you enjoy working in a **multicultural** environment?

Do you want to learn how a **non-profit organisation** works?

Are you ready to experience **Brussels** life ?

Are you **facing barriers** that make it harder for you to access international volunteering opportunities?

QUICK INFO

Hosting organisation: QUEST

Where: Brussels, Belgium

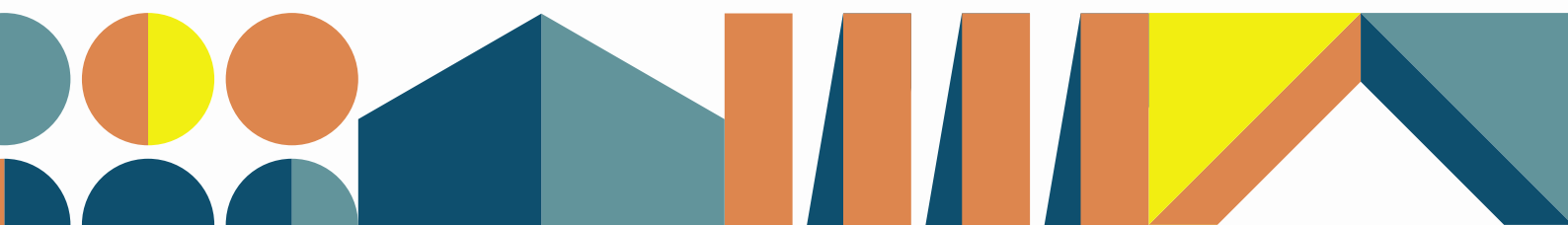
When: 6 months - starting 15th October 2026

Who: 2 motivated young people with fewer opportunities (additional support due to social, economic, geographical, cultural, educational, health-related, disability-related, or personal circumstances)

What: Learn how to work in a non-profit organisation as:
COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT
or
PROJECTS ASSISTANT

How much: 1.030 euros per month + travel covered

Application deadline: 26th of June





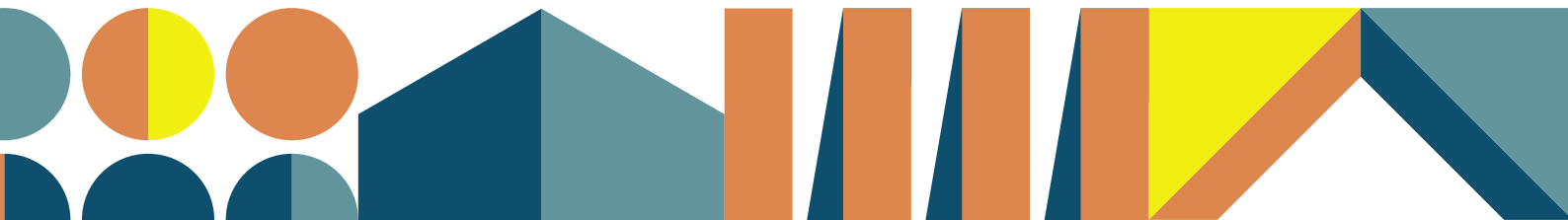
THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

QUEST stands for Quality Education in Europe for Sustainable Social Transformation. We are an independent, democratic and network of educational organisations from more than 20 European countries. We connect education changemakers: pioneer organisations (NGO, institutions, schools and universities) advocating for a transformation in education, and an education based on children’s rights.

Since 2017 we promote research and practices that empower respectful, innovative and transformative education. We conduct several research projects, conferences, training, workshops, and we work to have an impact on EU policies.

QUEST has a multilingual and multicultural environment that allows for the development of an open, united, responsible and sustainable spirit.

For more info:
www.quest-eu.org



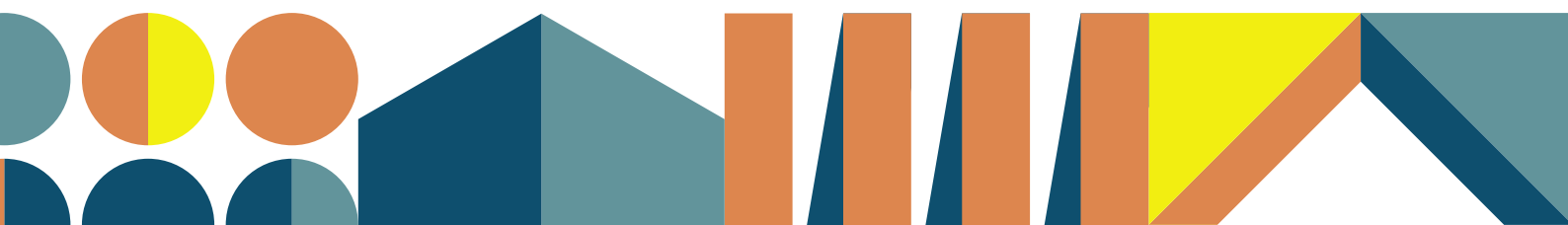


VOLUNTEERING AT QUEST

We are a small but dynamic organisation in the heart of Europe!

Volunteering with us will allow you to learn everything about how to run a non-profit organisation, to understand the complexity and the beauty of the social sector and how NGOs interact with the national and European level.

**Ready for
the challenge?**





**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
TWO VOLUNTEERS!**



Read about former ESC experiences at QUEST on the [ESC blog](#) on our website.

"Eight months at QUEST offered so much, but for me, it felt too short. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!"

Dario Cabornero Boch
Administrative Assistant

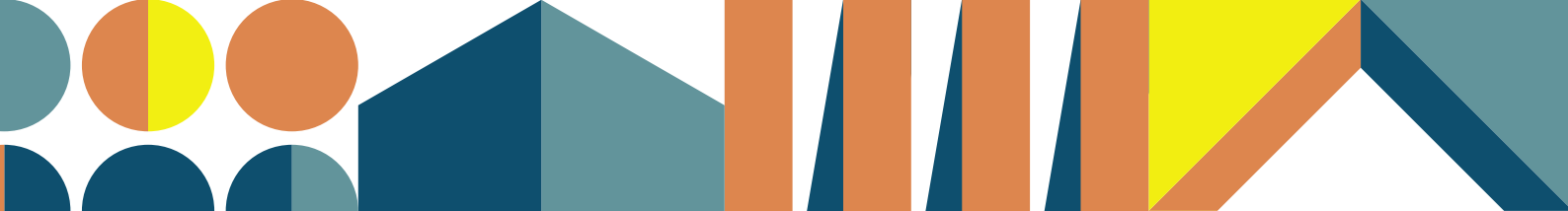
"I am very grateful to have been able to witness and participate in the fast evolving processes of the NGO, in a caring working atmosphere."

Mathilda Diaz
Policy Assistant

"My adventure as a ESC with QUEST was a beautiful journey where I had the opportunity to learn how to bring a project to life, reflecting on education and its transformative potential. This experience has been of great inspiration for me!"

Sara Bentass
Project Assistant

The length of your stay will be for 6 months, **from the 1st of September 2026 to the 28th of February**





WHAT TO EXPECT??



**FULL IMMERSION INTO A
NGO EXPERIENCE:
TRAVELS, CULTURAL
EXCHANGES AND A LOT
OF FORMAL AND
INFORMAL KNOWLEDGE
ACQUISITION!**

**EXPERIENCE IN
PROMOTING
DEMOCRATIC, INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE
EDUCATION!**



ACTIVITY 1

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT

You will learn how to manage the internal and external communication of an NGO (emails, newsletters, social media, website, videos, etc...).

In particular you will have a chance to:

- create the content and design of our social media posts
- learn how plan QUEST's social media calendar
- hunt news and academic resources for interesting and relevant social media content
- search for relevant pages to follow, like and share
- learn to follow social media analytics and create regular reports
- help compiling and designing our monthly newsletter
- help updating our website
- brainstorm about QUEST's communication strategy
- support in organising events and training
- Support prospective members with inquiries, onboarding, and registration.
- Maintain and update membership databases

This will be an opportunity to also:

- learn how an NGO works
- improve your communication skills
- improve your english
- learn how to work in a shared-governance organisation
- practices sociocracy and Non-violent communication at work
- have a chance to promote youth volunteering in Europe
- learn why a change in education is needed and how to work towards children participation and agency!

ACTIVITY 2

PROJECT ASSISTANT

You will learn how to write and manage all the cycle of projects in the education sector promoting inclusive education, participatory mechanisms, and healthier relationships with the environment. .

In particular you will have a chance to:

- Learning how to develop new project ideas
- Learning about European funding calls (Erasmus+, CERV, Horizon)
- Learning how to write project proposals
- Learning how to organise events related to projects
- Learning how to do project reporting
- Connecting with partners and organisations
- Learning how to implement project activities
- Participating in project travels

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VOLUNTEERING TIME

The volunteer will be requested to do volunteering hours **5 days** per week, for maximum **35 volunteering hours** per week.

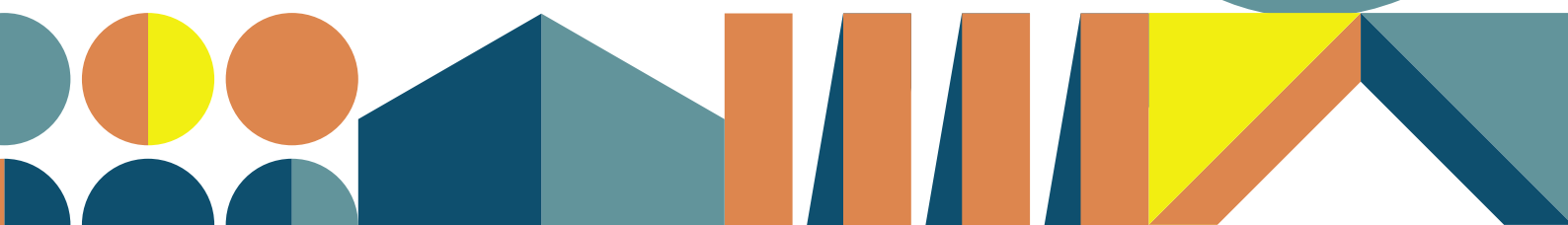
Included in the working week there is time dedicated to improve the language through the **Online Linguistic Support**, as well as some social time and professional support.

The volunteer will have **Saturday and Sunday off**.

The volunteer accumulates **2 days of holiday per month**, that they can use to take holidays in agreement with their coordinator.

Please consider that the amount of tasks might vary from time to time, and we expect our volunteers to be seriously committed to learn the skills required in the position they have.

NB: being a European Network with different projects on education, we often travel around Europe! Please consider that you might be asked to join one of these travels!





MENTORING

There are different ways in which we will help you growing professionally and personally.

Professional support meetings: one-to-one coaching session with your coordinator at QUEST, taking place every month, dedicated to listening to you and your learning journey.

Mentoring: you will have a mentor external to the organization that will help you for anything non-related to work.

ESC trainings: you will have the opportunity to attend trainings proposed by the ESC program (on arrival and midterm trainings), where you can meet other volunteers!

QUEST trainings: you will take part in trainings organised by QUEST over the course of the year. As an example, you will have the chance of following trainings in democratic education, sociocracy, shared decision making, outdoor learning, participatory- action research....





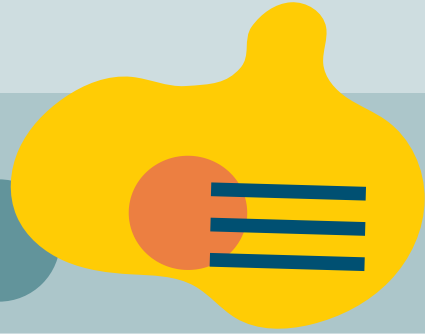
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You will get a financial support of a total of **1030 euros per month, which will be transferred to your bank account at the beginning of every month.** This money is a support to pay for your accommodations and your monthly expenditures.

Please be aware that Brussels is an expensive city, so the volunteering support might not be enough to cover all your living costs!

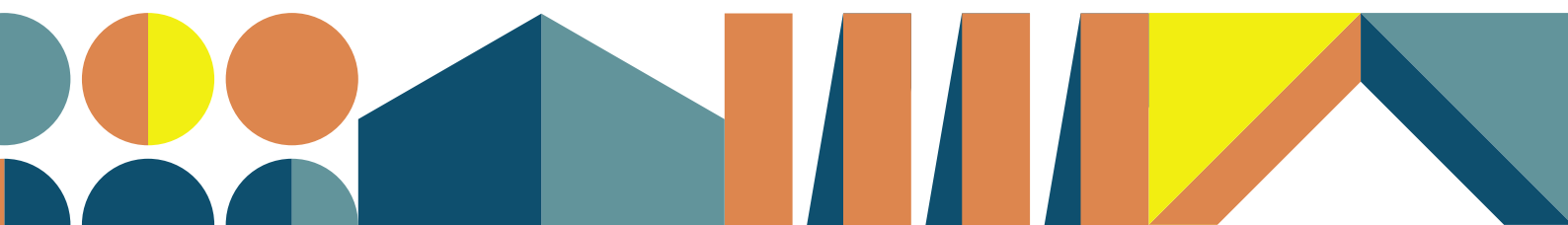
Besides, you will get reimbursed your travel costs from and to the sending country (reimbursed to the maximum amount according to the official Erasmus distance calculator).

ACCOMMODATION



The volunteer will have to find his/her own accommodation in Brussels, but our QUEST team will help the volunteer in this search. We can offer the list of websites to look for rooms and apartment, and we can also do some visits on your behalf before of your arrival.

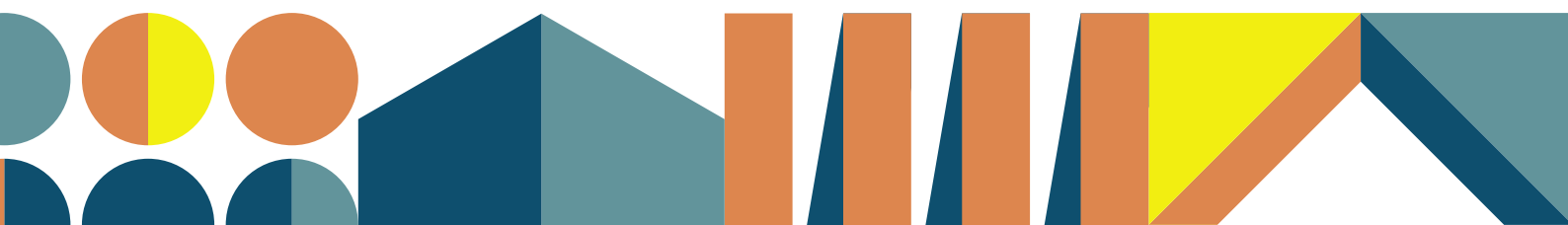
Despite our willingness to work and support, it is first and foremost the volunteer responsibility to find an accommodation. We encourage the volunteer to start the search as soon as possible as it might take some times to find the right accommodation.





SUMMARY OF WHAT YOU RECEIVE

- Professional support: Supervision in the hosting organisation to integrate information and share learning outcomes + support by the sending organisation.
- Financial support: A total of 1030 euros + travel costs from and to the sending country
- Trainings/Education: On-arrival and mid-term training provided by the Belgian National Agency (JINT).
- Mentoring - A mentor outside of the organisation will be available to assist you in your daily life if needed.
- OLS - Mandatory online linguistic support to learn Dutch (or any other language you will need for your work or your carrer)
- Help to find an accomodation in Brussels





VOLUNTEER PROFILE

This placement is especially intended for young people with **fewer opportunities**. We welcome applicants who may need additional support due to social, economic, geographical, cultural, educational, health-related, disability-related, or personal circumstances. Any information shared will be treated confidentially and used only to help us provide appropriate support.

Selection will be based also on the following criteria:

- **highly motivation**
- from **18 to 30** years old
- with interest and **enthusiasm** to work in non-profit sector
- interest in **education**
- good knowledge of **English**
- **flexible and organised** in order to manage volunteering hours and challenging activities
- **proactive and creative**
- **ready to live in Brussels**, find your accommodation (with our help) and to sometimes travel to other European countries for project visits and activities
- willing to be open to **improve, change** and **share experiences!**
- willing to improve/develop communication skills



HOW TO APPLY

- Send your CV and motivation letter indicating your preferred position (**ESC Communication Assistant** or **ESC Project Assistant**) at info@quest-eu.org by the 26th of June 2026, or complete the [form](#).
- Register on the [Portal of the European Solidarity Corps](#)
- The application form also gives you the possibility to share **any support needs or barriers** you may face. This information **will be treated confidentially** and will only be used to understand how we can best support you during the project.
- If [filling in the form](#) is difficult for you, please contact us. We are happy to offer **an alternative way to apply**, such as a short call, a voice message, an email, or support in completing the form.
- Only candidates with **fewer opportunities** will be selected
- Only **shortlisted candidates** will be contacted to arrange an online interview
- We review application as they arrive, so we encourage you to send your application **as soon as possible** to increase your chances! We might select the right volunteer before the final deadline.

GOOD LUCK!

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