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# INSPIRING STORIES ON ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS



# JOIN US WITH ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

## What **is** volunteering teams ?

Volunteering teams in the European Solidarity Corps are group volunteering projects for people between 18 and 30. You will work together with a local organisation to contribute to the local community.



"It made me realize that I strongly want to be a more active citizen and participate in more initiatives and actions that aim to create a positive change in the world we live in."

Rania / International volunteer



"I have worked together with many people. They were nice but they only spoke English. With Viktor (camp leader) I got along very well. With him I could speak polish and very good German. Those three weeks have been very cool."

Lukas / Local volunteer

## It is FREE, and you can :

- ✓ Support the local community
- ✓ Explore the local culture
- ✓ Get to know people from all over Europe
- ✓ Improve your CV
- ✓ Learn about and with other volunteers



### How can I apply

1. Find a sending organisation from your country!
2. Apply through the sending organisation platform
3. Register to the European Solidarity Corps database

# CAMP LEADERS

Camp leaders are the engine of all volunteering projects. They connect the volunteers to the local community and coordinate the work to be done.



"The camp leader training was incredibly useful and it gave me a lot of insights about how to lead international groups, manage the dynamics, solve conflicts. In this way leading the camp was such a joy-ride for me and for the volunteers!"

Daniela / International Camp leader

**As a camp leader,  
you will have the chance to :**

- 🚚 Receive a preparation seminar by experienced facilitators
- 🚚 Improve your leadership skills
- 🚚 Support volunteers in their learning process
- 🚚 Create a safe space for all participants
- 🚚 Connect local communities with international volunteers

# HOSTS AND COMMUNITIES

Local hosts are the key actors from the local communities aiming to make the change happen. They identify the needs from the local community and provide accommodation, food and logistical support to the volunteers who then can contribute to fulfill the aim of the volunteer projects.



"Since there are fewer and fewer gardeners locally we can still continue our project with the support of the international volunteers."

Deniz, Local host

**As a host of a volunteering team,  
you will :**

- 🚚 Have the chance to realise a project that supports your community
- 🚚 Get to know motivated young people from all over Europe
- 🚚 Receive support in organising the activity by an experienced NGO from the Alliance Network
- 🚚 Have a contact person in the NGO and a camp leader to facilitate the communication

**Are you up for the task ? Contact the organisation closest to you :**  
[www.alliance-network.eu/membership/full-members/](http://www.alliance-network.eu/membership/full-members/)



# ALLIANCE

## What is Alliance ?



**The Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations** is an International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation that represents national organisations which promote intercultural education, understanding and peace through voluntary service.

The Alliance, founded in 1982 and our members are based in 19 Erasmus + programme countries; 6 in Armenia, Belarus, Ukraine and Russia; 3 in UK; 7 in Canada, Japan, India, South Korea, Mexico and Nepal. 43 of our members are based in 24 countries members of Council of Europe.

**For more info about the Alliance you can visit :**  
[www.alliance-network.eu/](http://www.alliance-network.eu/)

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## Time2Team Project



The project aims to **analyse the current reality, exchange and standardise good practices** regarding ESC Volunteering Teams. Through this project, we will be able to present standardised methods and tools for youth workers and volunteering organisations working in the field of international volunteering and mobility.

We've decided to create this leaflet to **gather ideas for inspiration and hints for the quality implementation** of volunteering team activities.

**10 organisations are partners on this project :**

Concordia France, Alliance, Allianssi, Compagnons Batisseurs Belgique, Egyesek, Elix, Grenzenlos, IBG, Lunaria, Solidarités Jeunesses.



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