



ESC IN THE YOUTH OFFICE OF SJR ESSLINGEN

Dates: 01.03.2026 – 28.02.2027

Open call for European volunteers

Deadline:

Hosting organization

We are an umbrella organization and a voluntary association of 38 institutions, associations and groups in the field of child and youth work in Esslingen. We see ourselves as a contact point to support and secure the conceptual and educational work in the field of children and young people in the city. We are also a service point for matters relating to child and youth work, advise and support associations.



Our main tasks are improving the living conditions of children and young people, representing the interests of children and young people in political matters, supporting the professional development of the youth work in Esslingen, advice and support for associations, groups and volunteers.

We offer a varied range of activities for children and young people in Esslingen that appeal to different abilities and interests and convey joy and fun.

We provide children and young people with various opportunities to support their development.

We support self-determined activities by children and young people and offer them the opportunity to try out and implement their own ideas and projects.

The children and young people are motivated to actively help shape their social and living space.

We promote the development and stabilization of democratic action by offering a wide range of participation opportunities and motivating children and young people to have a word in the organization.

We arrange our offers in such a way that they are available to all children and young people in Esslingen.

The main projects



The volunteer, a part of supporting the office, will be active in two main projects:

The project “Spielmobil” consists in an open space for children in elementary school age taking place inside schools with direct cooperation of the institutions, but also in schoolyards, in parks, on playgrounds, in narrow residential areas or in the middle of the street. The aim of the project is to promote free activities and free play, offering several creative occasions to build connections in a solidarity environment, giving open space to youth work and ideas, offering the space and the tools to the children to express themselves while being in a group context, exercising the mutual respect, integration and building simple group roles and rules, regardless of age, origin, education, physical impairment or language.

The project “Jugendtreff Zell” offers an open space for youngsters, in this case from 11 years old, to meet and organize their time and their activities together. This project offers a lot of material, such as table football, tables, benches, mattresses, footballs, table tennis bats, slackline, jukebox, laptop, beamer and much more. And it is not taking place in one spot: it aims in fact, with its mobile tent, to change always location throughout the city reaching those youngsters who cannot access free mobility, and proposing an open space where they can even spend the night. The youngsters can decide to hang out as well to plan and organize special projects.

Tasks and housing

The ESC volunteer will support the two mentioned projects, by taking care of the promotion within the local community of children and youngsters, of material, of the organisation and of the planning of the activities. The volunteer will have the possibility to take part in all the phases of the activities, directly interact with the participants, and propose personal ideas to enrich the project with intercultural exchange. The volunteer will actively participate to an environment where the mutual respect, the cohesion and the concepts of sharing and caring are essential to build a healthy and solid community climate.

Besides that, the volunteer will support the team in the office, organising internal data, appointments, events, and when possible, sitting next to the team while the youngsters come for consulence appointments.

The volunteer will have 24 days of vacation and payed pocket money and food allowance for a total of 525 Euro per month.

The volunteer will be accommodated in a house with other volunteers, which is located on the same building of the association, on the last floor. The volunteers share the kitchen, bathroom and a common room.

The volunteer gets a card for the public transport, so he/she can travel with the tram, train and bus for free.



Coordinating organization

The Kreisjugendwerk (KJW) der AWO Karlsruhe-Stadt is the non-profit children and youth's department of the AWO (Arbeiterwohlfahrt). As independent organisation, the KJW organises leisure activities for children and young people between the ages of 6 and 20, extracurricular education and workshops, as well as intercultural encounters and projects for young people and young adults between 15 and 27.

Our work focuses on participation and personal development, and our activities are also deliberately offered to children and young people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds and to young people with a migration background. Besides coordinating the voluntary service, we are organising a lot of camps and holidays for young people in Germany and abroad.

For more info, please check here: <https://www.jugendwerk-awo.de/aktiv-werden/europeansolidarity-corps-esc>



- ✓ Are you between 18 and 30 years old?
- ✓ Do you want to spend a year abroad learning about a new culture?
- ✓ Are you creative and open-minded?
- ✓ Are you interested in anything you can show or share with other (music, sports, art...)?
- ✓ Do you have a driving license?
- ✓ Do you already have some German language skills?

If yes, then you are a perfect candidate for this position. Don't hesitate to apply!

To apply please send an email with CV and motivational letter to e.degan@jugendwerk-awo.de