

Common Ground Team ESC Volunteer, role description

Responsible to: Common Ground Assistant and Common Ground Project Manager
Weekly hours: 30
Place of Work: Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens, NN6 9LY
Placement dates: 22/07/2022 - 10/08/2022, including travel

PLEASE NOTE THIS ADVERT IS FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM NAMED SENDING ORGANISATIONS, ACTING AS PARTNERS IN THIS PROJECT.

Named sending organisations:

Esplac (Spain), Kinderfreunde (Austria), Nuoret Kotkat (Finland), SJD-German Falcons (German), IFM-SEI (Brussels) and Georgian Falcons (Georgia)

Role purpose:

The purpose of the Common Ground Volunteer placement is to provide project support to our large international youth camp, happening in the UK in July/August 2022. The selected volunteers will join a multicultural team of young people from the UK and up to 18 other countries, for a once-in-a-lifetime camp of international friendship.

The role is varied and people-centred, and despite a busy camping environment, the volunteers will be given clear times for volunteering, rest and enjoying the event with new friends. The role is based at the event site, camping, and the volunteer will help set up the camp and pack it down, as well as help deliver the event. The placement will also include 2 days of training at one of Woodcraft Folk's residential centres at the beginning, before travelling to the camp with the group. Camping equipment will be provided by the organisers.

Core responsibilities:

The core responsibilities and the routine will depend largely on the selected volunteers' own interests and strengths. Our camp is such a large project, we are able to offer flexibility to volunteer in the area the selected young person enjoys the most. It can also be a chance to learn something new in the field of event organising. Volunteers can choose between:

- programme workshop facilitation,
- stage and sound,
- children's activities,
- assisting in a cafe,
- press coverage/photography

- volunteer support
- Wellbeing of campers and volunteers

There will also be opportunities to help with stewarding, technical aspects of the event and interpretation/translation. Depending on the selected volunteer, there is a chance to utilise existing interests and skills.

The key programme areas we are looking to recruit volunteers for are:

- Performing arts
- Anti-racism and anti-facism
- Bushcraft (especially womxn)
- Peace and conflict (especially people who speak Spanish as well as English)
- Cooperation
- Environment and migration
- LGBTQIA+ rights
- Workshops for children under 10 years old (especially men)
- Media - helping young people make videos for the news (especially womxn)

The volunteer will also have a wider role with our European partners on camp in raising awareness of ESC and Erasmus+, enthusing others about international opportunities and raising aspirations of disadvantaged children.

Person specification

Essential:

- Available from 22/07/2022 - 10/08/2022
- Eligible for ESC funding
- Experienced in youth work, as a participant or as a young leader
- Enthusiastic about volunteering alongside other young people, in bringing about positive social change
- Responsible and committed
- Able to cooperate with others
- Positive about the aims and principles of the Woodcraft Folk and IFM-SEI, especially Inclusion of All and the Rights of the Child
- Passionate about empowering other young people and children
- Sufficient level of English to follow safety briefings, safeguarding advice and other key information.

Desirable:

- Any practical or creative skills in arts, sports, media, youth culture, active citizenship, childcare or outdoor activities
- Personal experience of social exclusion or disadvantage

- An interest in the environment and sustainability

This role will be subject to a criminal record check being undertaken within home countries as to suitability to working with children and young people.