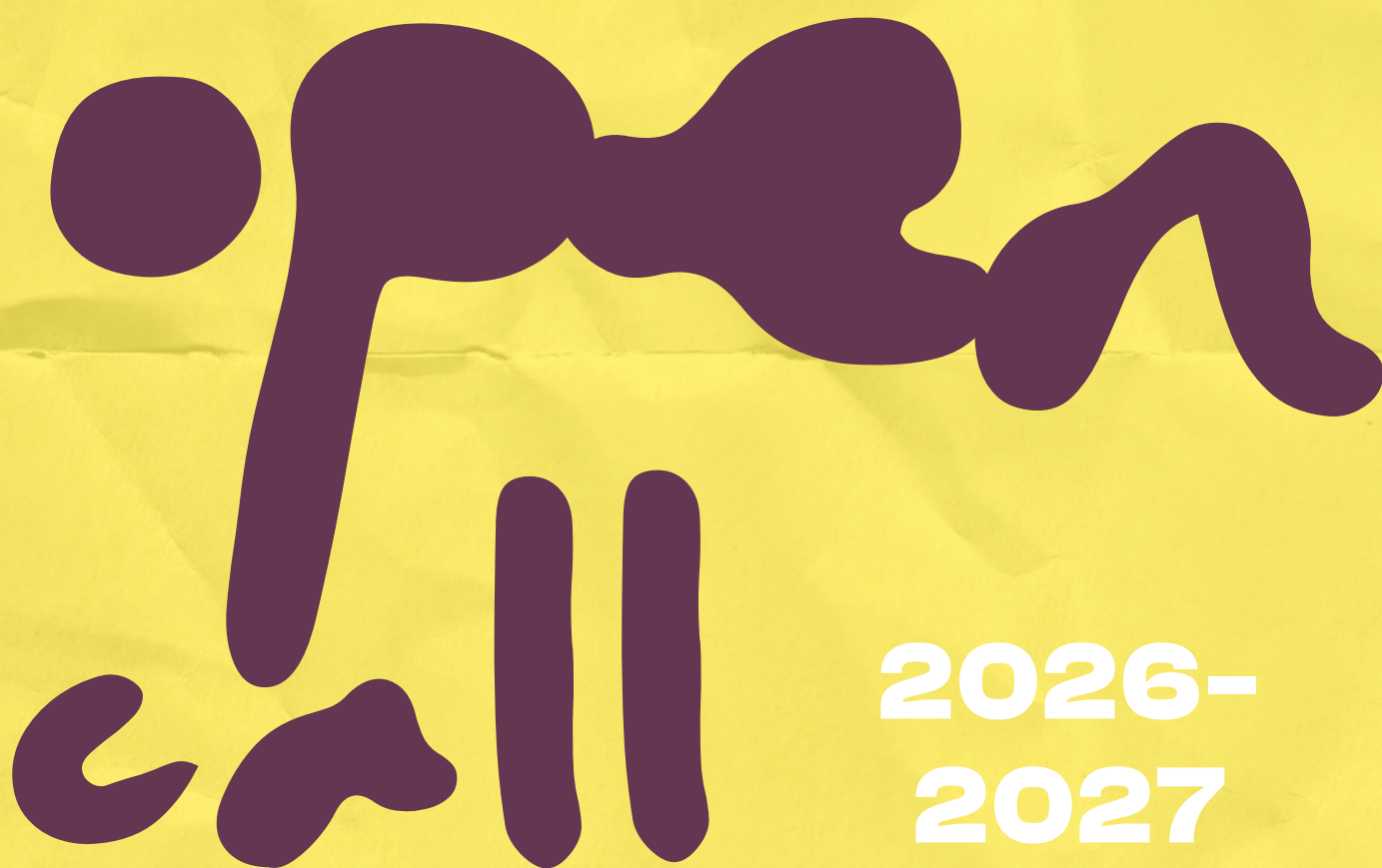


PAID VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY



2026-
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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (18-30) YEARS
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Dear Future Volunteer,

Please read the following information carefully to help you consider your application & experience with **YEU Cyprus.**

Through this volunteering opportunity under the European Solidarity Corps project you will become part of a team that uses creativity as the main tool for bringing people together, encouraging self-expression, and creating meaningful opportunities for young people and local communities.

We believe that with creativity at the heart of everything we we can advocate for social change and create meaningful campaigns and initiatives under the principles of non-formal education.



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about CYPRUS:

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YOUTH FOR EXCHANGE AND UNDERSTANDING CYPRUS

YEU Cyprus is an independent, non-profit youth NGO based in Nicosia, dedicated to empowering young people to envision and create the societies they aspire to live in. Through local and transnational projects, we focus on non-formal education to promote active citizenship, human rights, peacebuilding, inclusion, cultural exchange, and socially engaged art practices. Established as an informal group in 1995 and officially registered as a non-profit organization in 2004. YEU Cyprus creates meaningful experiences for young people by addressing their real needs and interests.

Our initiatives, ranging from workshops and training courses to youth exchanges, conferences, and public interventions, equip and inspire young people to drive positive change. We prioritize cooperation and understanding among young people globally by exchanging ideas, experiences, and knowledge. As one of the first local organizations advocating for non-formal education, we bridge EU values with diverse learning methods, encouraging young people to become active participants in society on local, national, and European levels.

We actively establish synergies with stakeholders encouraging collaborations with civil society organizations, youth networks, informal groups of young people and public institutions to amplify our impact. These partnerships enable us to raise awareness of pressing issues, and enhance educational opportunities through innovative and inclusive approaches.

Our ultimate mission is to provide young people with opportunities to become active social actors using a bottom-up approach, and deliver educational opportunities through creative and experiential learning.



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This ESC (European Solidarity Corps) programme welcomes young people who are curious, motivated, and **interested in developing themselves through creativity, community engagement, and non-formal education.** You do not need to be a professional artist or arrive with advanced creative skills - What matters most is openness, initiative, and a desire to learn, express, connect, and contribute to positive social change.

It is especially suitable **for young people interested in creative fields and community work**, including but not limited to dancers of all styles (from HipHop/Contemporary/Folk etc), performers, storytellers, filmmakers, photographers, writers, musicians, visual creators, design, aspiring cultural workers, socially engaged youth, and **anyone who believes creativity can become a tool for dialogue, participation, and transformation.**

Through **experiential learning and non-formal education** methodologies, participants will become part of a youth-led environment where art, community, and social impact come together. We strongly believe that creativity is not only about artistic talent, but also about finding new ways to communicate, collaborate, build community, challenge stereotypes, and advocate for more inclusive societies.

As a youth NGO, we work on projects connected to social inclusion, human rights, peace-building, gender equality, socially engaged arts, and youth empowerment. Volunteers will actively contribute to make culture and learning opportunities more accessible, encourage active participation, and strengthen dialogue between people from different backgrounds.

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support with

Activities may include:

- Support to YEU Cyprus' existing projects on gender related topics.
- Support the organization in promoting EU opportunities.
- Artistic workshops and public interventions.
- Storytelling actions addressing stereotypes and prejudice.
- Awareness campaigns connected to social inclusion, equality, human rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Intercultural and intercommunal activities.
- Creative advocacy and community engagement.
- Collaborations with youth groups, migrants, refugees, LGBTQI+ communities, and other underrepresented groups.
- Development of local and international partnerships/synergies with organisations across Europe.
- Creative & media (content, social media, newsletters).
- Community mapping (perspectives, needs analysis through conversations, interviews, questionnaires etc).
- Promotion of non-formal education.
- Creating inclusive spaces.

Most importantly, this is a learning space, and you will be supported to develop your skills throughout the experience. We do not expect you to arrive with an experience, but to be willing to learn, contribute, and grow.

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Does sound like you?

We are looking for volunteers who are **curious, open-minded, and motivated to contribute** to their local community **while learning from others**. You don't need to be an expert, we value your willingness to learn, collaborate, and take initiative and to be humble.

You might be a great fit if you:

- Are passionate about youth empowerment, creativity, and positive social change.
- Are able to commit to the full duration of activity.
- Enjoy working both independently and as part of a diverse international team.
- Are interested in supporting young people and creating opportunities for their personal and professional development.
- Believe in equality, inclusion, human rights, and intercultural dialogue.
- Are eager to build meaningful connections within the local community and with organisations across Europe.
- Appreciate creative expression and are excited to explore arts, non-formal education, and innovative approaches to community engagement.
- Are open to stepping outside your comfort zone, taking responsibility, and growing through new experiences.

COMMITMENT TO A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT:

YEU Cyprus is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for everyone. We have zero tolerance for any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, or violence, including racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, religious discrimination, or any other behaviour that undermines the dignity or well-being of others.



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Life in Nicosia

Nicosia, the heart of Cyprus and capital, is a city of unique charm and cultural richness. It carries layers of history that are still visible today, where ancient Venetian walls surround a living, evolving urban centre. The city unfolds its stories through narrow streets filled with artisan shops, bustling markets, and vibrant neighbourhoods where tradition and contemporary life exist side by side. Although small in size it brings fresh energy, creativity, and diversity, shaping Nicosia into a space of constant dialogue between past and present, heritage and innovation.

SOME HISTORICAL LANDMARKS:

- VENETIAN WALLS
- LEDRA STREET
- ELEFThERIA SQUARE
- BÜYÜK HAN
- SELIMIYE MOSQUE



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cyprus island

Cyprus is a Mediterranean island located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, known for its rich history, diverse culture, and striking natural beauty. With a heritage shaped by ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, and Ottoman influences, the island offers a unique blend of archaeological sites, traditional villages, and modern urban life. Its capital, Nicosia, is the last divided capital in Europe, while coastal cities such as Limassol, Larnaca, and Paphos combine vibrant city life with seaside relaxation. Cyprus enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine a year, featuring long, hot summers and mild winters, making it a year-round destination.



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what we offer:

ACCOMODATION & UTILITY BILLS ARE COVERED BY THE PROJECT:

You will be **living in a shared house in the heart of Nicosia**, within walking distance of cafés, supermarkets, public transport, and many other amenities. The house accommodates **up to four ESC volunteers** and features **three bedrooms**. Depending on the number of volunteers, **you may be asked to share a bedroom with another volunteer.**



TRAVELING TO CYPRUS:

Travel costs from your place of residence to Cyprus and back at the end of the project will be reimbursed by YEU Cyprus in accordance with the European Solidarity Corps Programme rules and the applicable distance band. Reimbursement will be made upon submission of all required original travel documents and receipts, and only for eligible travel costs as defined by the programme.

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what we offer:

POCKET MONEY & ALLOWANCE (MONTHLY):

FULL COVERAGE ACCORDING TO EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS RULES:

- **€400 MONTHLY** FOR POCKET MONEY & PERSONAL EXPENSES - PAYMENTS ARE MADE END OF EACH MONTH.

ONGOING TRAINING, SUPERVISION, AND MENTORSHIP:

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES / WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

LANGUAGE SUPPORT:

IN ENGLISH, GREEK, TURKISH UPON REQUEST

LOCAL TRANSPORT SUPPORT:

- BICYCLE
- PROJECT- RELATED EXPENSES (SUCH AS TRAVELING TO OTHER CITIES) IS REIMBURSED UPON PROVIDING RECEIPTS.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE:

- HENNER ESC OFFICIAL INSURANCE)
- THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

YOUTHPASS:

A CERTIFIED YOUTHPASS TO BOOST YOUR FUTURE CAREER

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Working environment

WORKING HOURS:

Volunteers **work approximately 30 hours per week.**

Some of our events take place during weekends so those hours are compensated within a week by deducting them from the weekly working hours.

Volunteers are entitled to annual leave, and all applicable public holidays in accordance with Cyprus national legislation and the ESC Programme Guide.

OUR WORKSPACE

A collaborative hub shared by several arts and culture organisations called 'Common Ground CY'. It is located in the Agios Dometios area, approximately a 30-minute walk from the house. You can explore the space [here](#).



About Solidarity (ESG)

European Corps

The European Solidarity Corps is a pioneering European Union programme that offers young people between the ages of 18 and 30 unique opportunities to volunteer at home or abroad and run their own solidarity projects that will benefit communities across Europe.

The Programme emphasises solidarity, social cohesion and personal development of the participants, encouraging them to acquire new skills, discover new cultures and contribute to the common good. Through these actions, participants develop new skills, gain experience in various cultural settings and strengthen their sense of solidarity and social responsibility.

A Volunteering Project gives you the opportunity to volunteer while gaining useful experiences and skills that will enhance your personal, educational, social, and professional development.

The Projects are managed by accredited organisations, which are funded by the Programme to implement actions that respond to major societal issues and promote community development. Within this context, they create positions for young people who share their vision and wish to volunteer in their organisation.

READ ALL ABOUT IT HERE!



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ready to apply?

COMPLETE THIS FORM:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/OdNLrb2Dab>

Once you complete these steps, your application will enter our selection process. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview after the initial evaluation of applications.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
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Have more questions?
Reach out for clarifications:
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Not sure about what we do?
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Website: **www.yeucyprus.org**

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