

Højboskolen in Denmark is seeking participants - “ESC volunteers at Højboskolen”

For 10-11 months, from mid-August 2025 – beginning July 2026

The project

Højboskolen is looking for four volunteers from different countries for a period of approximately 10-11 months to participate in activities at our school and After-School Club.

The volunteers’ tasks include assisting in various classes, the school canteen, practical assignments, and After-School Club activities. They will also engage in sustainability-focused learning projects, contribute to the School FabLab, and organize events with the pupils.

Our aim is to contribute to a deeper understanding of multicultural values, equal rights, emphasizing diversity and global respect as well as the importance of sustainability. One of our aims is giving our pupils the opportunity of upgrading their language skills by hearing the correct pronunciation in classes, where the volunteers will participate.

Additionally, we want to provide both pupils and volunteers with insight into different cultures, helping them gain a broader understanding of their own language, identity, and Danish culture.

In general, our aim is to provide our pupils and volunteers with a better potential for the future, because they obtain the opportunity of expanding their knowledge about Europe through cooperation, learning and getting to know young people from different European countries.

Description of Højboskolen

Højboskolen is a public school for primary and lower secondary education. The school has 560 pupils ranging from the age of 6 to 16 – from pre-school to the 9th grade. Højboskolen is an open-plan school and our core values are community, commitment, professionalism, innovation and creativity. Our dedicated staff includes 40 teachers, 12 pedagogues, 4 managers, and 8 employees working in administration, the canteen, and the service team.



Højboskolen is located in Hørning, a small town of approximately 8,500 residents on the outskirts of Aarhus, Denmark’s second-largest city. Our 560 pupils come from diverse backgrounds, with around 15% being bilingual.

The After-School Club welcomes children aged 6 to 10 and operates on weekdays until 5 PM. It offers a variety of creative indoor and outdoor activities, including sports.

Højboskolen is known for teaching the pupils to become openminded and tolerant citizens, and this effort establishes visible results: Our pupils include each other across classes and cultural differences. We have other international activities e.g. Cambridge English and hosting international work camps. We put great emphasis on language skills as well as a well-developed cultural understanding from an early age, and our pupils are taught English from the 2nd grade and German from 6th grade.





Our staff possesses well-developed language skills and has many years of experience in including and working with a large variety of people – children, adults and young people, also people with difficulties. Since 15% of our pupils are bilingual, there is a tradition for tolerance and patience in the teaching environment as well as in the common communication. Højboskolen regularly hosts trainees and interns, and our staff is well-trained in building effective working relationships in various settings. Additionally, they are highly supportive and collaborative when working with volunteers.

The volunteers will be assigned a project coordinator and mentor to provide support throughout their stay, ensuring a positive experience both at Højboskolen and in Denmark. The project coordinator is an administrative officer with extensive experience in humanitarian aid and volunteer work.

Volunteer activities

Volunteers will be assigned to about three to four year-groups, assisting in language classes and practical subjects by supporting pupils individually or in small groups based on their skills and competencies. They will also take part in the After-School Club, engaging in games, activities, and organizing creative projects such as crafts and sports for small groups of children. Additionally, weekly tasks will include practical assignments and participation in the school kitchen. All volunteers will help supervise pupils during breaks to ensure a safe and engaging environment. Additionally, learning Danish is mandatory for all volunteers.

We expect volunteers to actively engage in and commit to the tasks and activities assigned to them, while collaborating with the entire school staff. Each of the four positions will involve a mix of the following activities:

- Participation in the After-School Club 2-3 days a week
- Pedagogical and language support to children in language classes – German and English
- Pedagogical and practical support in creative and sports classes
- Break guide once a day including initiating activities
- Participation in implementing a new garbage sorting strategy and other sustainability initiatives
- Participation in activity days with the pupils
- Participation in the school canteen 3-5 hours a week
- Practical assignments 3-5 hours a week
- FabLab consists of e.g. 3D-printers, vinyl- and laser-cutters
- Taking pictures and making films for distribution on the school’s webpage or newsletter
- Project planning and implementation of own initiatives with regard to sustainability and solidarity projects in cooperation with all volunteers
- Individual smaller projects of personal interest
- Danish classes, where volunteers will be taught Danish



The volunteer’s personal skills or interests will be taken into consideration and discussed during interviews and personalized schedule will be created for each volunteer. Example of a weekly schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8-9.30	English class	Canteen	Cooking class	Sport class	Practical help
9.30-10	Breakguide	Break	Break	Break	Breakguide
10-11.30	Practical help	Creativ class	Danish-learning	Canteen / Lunch	Meeting/preparation
11.30-12	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Breakguide	Lunch
12-13.30	Sport class	After-School Club	English/German class	After-School Club	Creative class
13-15/16		After-School Club	After-School Club	After-School Club	

Accommodation and local travel

Volunteers will be accommodated near Højboskolen in an apartment with their own room, living together with other the volunteers, sharing the kitchen, bathroom, toilet and washing facilities, and a small garden.



In the city of Hørning, the Volunteers can get around on bike or on foot.

If the volunteers want to go to e.g. Aarhus, the nearest large city, it is only a 10 minutes ride by train.

Application

Højboskolen wants to receive applications from young people ranging from the age of 18 – 30. We encourage everyone to apply regardless of ethnicity, sexuality, mental health and religion. We expect that you have finished your high school education. Experience with working with children is advantageous though not required.

The enclosed application form must be completed. Only applicants who have filled in our application form is taken into consideration.

We review all applications and invite the most qualified candidates for Skype interviews. In the selection process, we place emphasis on the applicant's enthusiasm and motivation for choosing Højboskolen.

For more information, please check the school's webpage about international cooperation:
<https://hoejboskolen.aula.dk/vores-skole/internationalt-samarbejde>

Deadline for applications March 30th 2025. Please send an email with attached completed application form to mette.grotrian@skanderborg.dk