

## Højboskolen in Denmark is seeking participants for “Solidarity Corps volunteers at Højboskolen”

For 10-11 months, from mid-August 2023 – beginning July 2024

### Learning activities, Sustainability and FabLab

Højboskolen is looking for 4 volunteers from different countries for a period of approximately 10-11 months, who would like to participate in the activities at our school and in the After-School Club. The volunteers’ job consist in participating in different classes, the school canteen and the After-School club. The volunteers will also be doing learning projects within sustainability, as well as and the School FabLab and also including making different events with the pupils.

Our aim is to contribute to a better understanding of multicultural values, equal rights as well as emphasising 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. We also want to give our pupils and volunteers an insight into other countries and cultures, and expect that they will gain a larger knowledge of their own language through this insight, themselves as persons and the 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.



We want to give young people from all over Europe the opportunity to develop their cultural and sustainable understanding by living and working in Denmark and thus develop their competences and skills in the process of working with both Danish adults and children, as well as getting to know other volunteers from different countries, who also do solidarity work.

### Description of Højboskolen

Højboskolen is a public school for primary and lower secondary education. The school has 530 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.



The After-School Club at Højboskolen includes children ranging from the age of 5 to 10 and stays open all weekdays from the end of the school day until 5 PM. Many creative indoor as well as outdoor activities and sports are offered to the children in the After-School Club.

Højboskolen is situated in Hørning, a small town with approximately 7300 inhabitants in the outskirts of Aarhus, the second largest city in Denmark. The 530 pupils are mostly inhabitants of Hørning and they come from all walks of life. Approximately 15% of the pupils are bilingual and come from different cultural backgrounds.

Højboskolen is known for teaching the pupils how to become openminded and tolerant citizens, and this effort establishes visible results: Our pupils include each other across classes and cultural differences. Højboskolen experiences an on-going expanding development in the process of internationalisation, and in this process the Solidarity Corps Project a major and important factor along with several other activities. Other activities at Højboskolen are e.g. teaching some subjects at Cambridge level as well as 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 1st grade and German from the 5th 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 an amount of 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 is continually hosting trainees and interns, and the staff are trained in forming working relationships in different situations. Moreover, our staff is very supportive and cooperative when it comes to working with volunteers.

The volunteers will be assigned a project coordinator and mentor, whose task it is to support the volunteers during their stay with us in order to make sure that they experience a successful stay not only at Højboskolen but also in Denmark in general. The project coordinator is an administrative officer with a vast volunteering experience in the area of humanitarian aid.

The staff at Højboskolen consists of 36 teachers, 12 pedagogues, 4 managers and also 11 employees at the office, canteen and in the service team. Furthermore, at any given time, there are 2-4 interns and trainees working within various programs at the school.

### **Højboskolen has 4 positions as volunteers**

The volunteers will be affiliated with two to three year groups participating in language classes as well as theoretical and practical subjects, where the volunteer will support the pupils individually or in smaller groups in their learning process, depending on the skills and competences of the volunteer. The volunteer will also participate in the After-school Club 2-3 days a week and will participate in games and activities as well as planning and helping out with creative activities e.g. crafts and sports within smaller groups of children. Furthermore, weekly task will also include participation in the school kitchen.

For 2 volunteering positions activities in the School FabLab will be a part of the schedule, so knowledge, interest or skills within this field will be appreciated. The FabLab will consist of e.g. 3D-printers, vinyl- and laser-cutters.

For all 4 positions, there will be a mix of the below mentioned activities based on your interests and competences, and there will be preparation time included in the weekly schedule too:

- 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 kitchen 2-8 hours a week
- 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 talked over at interviews and an individual time schedule will be made for each volunteer. All volunteers will take part in the supervision of the pupils during breaks in order to contribute to a safe and playful environment. All volunteers will have their individual practical assignments. Furthermore, all volunteers are expected to participate in learning Danish which is mandatory.

Furthermore, we expect that the volunteer will actively participate in and be committed to the tasks and activities they are assigned to as well as cooperating with the whole staff at school. We also expect that the volunteer is open for learning Danish and have conversations in Danish.

### Accommodation and local travel

The volunteers will be accommodated close to Højboskolen in an apartment with a little garden together with other volunteers sharing the kitchen, bathroom, toilet and washing facilities.



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.

Højboskolen wants to receive applications from young people ranging from the 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 go through all applications and invite the most suitable applicants to participate in Skype interviews. In the selection process, we will emphasise the applicant's zeal and motivation for choosing Højboskolen. Please state which school activities you are mostly interested in.

For more information please check the school's webpage about international cooperation:

<https://hoejboskolen.aula.dk/vores-skole/internationalt-samarbejde>

**Deadline for applications May 14th 2023. Please email attached completed application form to [mette.grotrian@skanderborg.dk](mailto:mette.grotrian@skanderborg.dk)**



## Application form for ESC, European Solidarity Corps, at Højboskolen

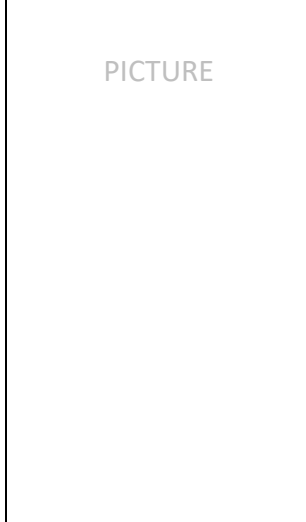
### Sending organisation

Organisation:	_____	EI-Number:	_____
Address:	_____	PIC:	_____
Phone:	_____	Fax:	_____
E-mail:	_____	Skype:	_____
Contact person:	_____		



### Curriculum Vitae

#### Contact Information Volunteer

First name(s):	_____	
Surname:	_____	
Address:	_____	
Postcode & city:	_____	
Country:	_____	
Phone:	_____	
Participant no.:	_____	
E-mail address:	_____	
Skype name:	_____	



## Personal information

Gender:

Nationality:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Education:

When can you start the project and for how long?

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Please describe carefully your motivation for our specific project:

Please state the activities, tasks and subjects you will be most interested in participating in and describe if you have some individual projects you would like to carry out:



Please describe your previous work and/or volunteer experiences?

Do you have any former international experiences (other stays abroad, exchanges etc.)? (Please describe)

What are your hobbies?

How will you describe your personality and your values?



Competences, knowledge and skills you hope to gain during your ESC experience:

Knowledge and skills, you would like to share during your ESC experience:

Which problems do you think you will encounter during your stay abroad?

What are your future plans after ESC?

How do you understand solidarity and do you have some ESC principles/values you are more interested in than others?





1. Do you have any special needs we should know of (medical conditions, handicaps etc.)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
2. Do you have any kind of allergy? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
3. Do you need to take any kind of medicine? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
4. Are you a vegetarian? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
5. Is there any food you do not eat or are allergic to? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
6. Do you smoke? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_
7. Do you hold a driver's licence? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_

Please give further description if you have answered yes to question 1 - 5 above:

**Language abilities**

Language (mark by x)	Native	Fluent	Good	Basic
Danish				
English				
German				
(Others – which?)				
(Others – which?)				