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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

- EVS @ YEPP -

About YEPP:

Founded in 1997, YEPP brings together and represents more than 64 centre-right youth political organisations from more than 38 countries. YEPP is committed to maintain a good network of like-minded organisations, provide ground for training, discussion and cooperation and prepare the younger generation to lead tomorrow's Europe. This runs in parallel with YEPP's mission to stimulate further integration in Europe, to uphold our principles, policies and ideas in the European political debate. YEPP's basic values rotate around: human dignity, European values, democracy, peace and security, social responsibility, youth participation.

About this EVS:

Participation on the European level is one of the basic values of YEPP. We think that it is the citizens of the European Union who by their support give it its legitimation. Therefore, the European Union requires the active participation of European citizens in general and young people in particular. Europe is not, and cannot be, the affair of governments alone.

Further to the first successful EVS experience, YEPP would like to offer another opportunity to a volunteer to work with us and invest in his personal and professional development. As a volunteer at YEPP, you will get the unique opportunity to learn first-hand how the European Union works and get the chance to contribute to fostering youth participation in politics at national and European level. Furthermore, in the build up to the European election, you will have an opportunity to work alongside YEPP in planning and delivering a pan-European campaign. Besides this, YEPP works at the heart of the European democracy and you will get plenty of chances to learn a great deal from discussions with EU policy-makers and with young people from all over Europe. We believe that this will not only be an invaluable experience for you, but also a great opportunity to learn and develop your personal and professional skills and competencies.

At the same time, we hope that you will bring several benefits to our work and become an important part of our campaigning team. We hope that you will make our office and our work richer and more diverse. We will encourage you to contribute to the work of YEPP and your ideas and background and will be channelled into a personal project.

Your tasks:



You will have the chance to be involved in different tasks throughout your service, depending on the projects that are taking place at any time. Nevertheless, we want to leave room for you to also be involved in tasks that fit your competences and expectations. For this reason, we give an overview of the main areas in which you will have the opportunity to support the work of the organisation. Most of the activities will be held in our office but some activities will also take place in other European countries. You will not be solely responsible for any of these tasks. You will carry out your tasks from Monday to Friday, not exceeding 35 hours of work per week. Saturday and Sunday will be free, in addition to two free days per month. In case you will be needed to work on a Saturday or Sunday, you will be able to compensate these days at a later date.

Your tasks can be the following:

First, you will **be helping with organising YEPP conferences around Europe**. You will support the office with booking accommodation, restaurants, finding partners and sponsors, taking care of registration, preparing documents, drafting event programmes, finding and contacting speakers, helping with the financial aspects, taking minutes, helping with social media etc. Through these tasks you will become familiar with project management and enhance problem-solving competences and social skills.

In addition to this, you will also join YEPP in building up and delivering the campaign for the 2019 Election. The tasks will vary from offering administrative assistance to supporting the communication team in drafting written and visual social media content. In this view, you will gain an opportunity to learn about campaigning through a first-hand experience.

Second, you will assist with improving **communication between YEPP and its 64 Member Organisations**. You will work alongside the Executive Officer in responding to questions and provide support where needed, as well as taking part in the dissemination of YEPP initiatives and campaigns. The tasks might also include drafting newsletters and press releases, writing articles and creating social media content. Through these tasks, you will learn how a European organisation strives to communicate its message efficiently to its membership and the community at large.

Third, you will be **assisting with the running of the organisation, with an eye on project financing and fundraising**. Upon your arrival, you will get basic training in this field. You will learn how to fundraise for events and activities and how to plan fundraising campaigns.

Fourth, you will **support the YEPP office in its daily tasks**. Please note that this will include **some administrative tasks**, such as enhancing and maintaining the YEPP database, drafting correspondence, assisting with bookkeeping and other tasks.

Last but not least, we will make sure that you have sufficient time to develop and **implement a personal project with the support of YEPP**. You will be free to choose this project but obviously,



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it should be in line with the values and the current work of YEPP. This project will help you develop self-directed learning skills.

Furthermore, there will also be time for you to take part in an **online language course, as part of your working schedule**. The working language of YEPP is English, therefore, we require that you have an advanced level of English. In addition to this, you will also get the chance to study other language depending on your preference.

Duration:

Our successful EVS volunteer will join us for 12 months, starting in September/October 2018 and ending in August 2019.

Costs:

The EVS placement is **free**. The European Commission will provide a budget for a return trip, shared accommodation, food, local public transport as well as pocket money. This should cover the basic needs. Depending on your lifestyle, it is likely that you will still need to use some of your own funds.

Application procedure:

Only volunteers aged 18-30 are eligible to apply under the EVS programme. If you wish to apply for volunteering with YEPP, please fill out the application form ([link to form](#)), along with your CV and a blogpost or opinion piece on one of the following topics: **1/ Is democracy at stake?** And/or **2/ Evaluation of the political scenario in your home country**. Please make sure to send all required documents to yepp@epp.eu by **19th of September 2018**.

We will only accept applicants that adhere to the values of YEPP ([see here](#)), have submitted a complete application and have registered with an accredited sending organisation, per EVS rules (to start, here's a link to the national youth agencies that will help you identify a sending organisation in your country: <https://goo.gl/7R3Zrn>).

All applications will be assessed thoroughly. A shortlist of 3 candidates will be drawn up. All three will be contacted by phone or Skype before a final decision will be made.

Questions:

For any further questions, please contact YEPP Executive Officer, Monika Kalkusova, at yepp@epp.eu.

GOOD LUCK!