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### Your Role

We are looking for 7 motivated volunteers who would like to be a part of the Core Team of Voluntaria 2018! The Core Team will be the heart and soul of Voluntaria. They will work together to make Voluntaria 2018 happen. However, this year things will be a bit different from the two previous years, as EEE-YFU will not be coordinating Voluntaria 2018. This means that the Core Team will have more responsibilities, but also a lot more freedom to form the event according to the needs of us, volunteers.

#### Specific Tasks

- Sets in place overall framework
- Works to define content of the event, including workshops, free-time activities, plenary sessions, etc.
- Promotes and communicates about Voluntaria
- Leads and liaises with the Logistics Team
- Manages participant communication, including registration
- Selects and leads the trainer's team
- Liaises with EEE-YFU Secretariat
- Evaluates and reports on Voluntaria

### How will the Team look like?

While the Core Team will divide responsibilities and roles among its members, the Support Team will appoint beforehand the Project Leader. Since the Project Leader will steer the core team's direction, we look for a person with these qualities:

- Experience with organising big projects;
- Experience with managing budgets;
- Proven leadership skills, experience with leading and motivating a team;
- A great vision for Voluntaria 2018 (if you already have an idea, describe it in the application);
- A dynamic, solution oriented person;

The rest of the roles are up to you to decide and appoint. Based on the previous Voluntaria(s) we recommend that, beside the Project Leader, the team is formed of :

- 1 Logistics Manager
- 1 Participants & Fun Manager
- 1 Educational Activities Manager
- 2 Plenary Leaders
- 1 Communications Manager

However you may change the names and tasks according to your preferences. In the application you will have a chance to specify if you would like to be the Project Leader and if so, what makes you the perfect candidate for it.





## Competences and Background Sought for the Core Team

Core profile and competences looked for in all team members:

- be familiar with non-formal education practices and methodology;
- be able to organise, plan ahead and manage multiple tasks at the same time;
- be able to invest a lot of time and energy in the preparation of Voluntaria;
- be creative;
- be fluent in English.

Useful competences looked for when putting together a balanced team:

- communications experience/background;
- trainer background;
- have previous experience in similar types of events (e.g. Voluntaria 2016 or 2017, YES);
- team leadership experience;

We also look for the team to have a good gender and geographical balance.

## Workload

There will be a lot of preparation work done individually and online. As mentioned before, this year Voluntaria will not be coordinated by EEE-YFU, which means that the organising team will have more responsibilities and aspects to think about. The team will decide together on how to divide responsibilities according to the interests and talents of its members. **Voluntaria 2018 is truly in the hands of volunteers: greater ownership entails greater responsibilities.**

## Support

Even though EEE-YFU is officially not coordinating the project anymore, this won't mean that you will be all on your own. EEE-YFU is ready to:

- Support volunteers in applying for national/local level grants, by proofreading/checking the application(s);
- Spread the information and promote Voluntaria with NOs, if needed;
- Offer its bank account for cash flow (collecting participation fees and paying the venue);
- Provide inputs for content and for creating connections with the YFU structure;
- Participate in the event with one or two persons (as guests);
- Be available for occasional counselling/mentoring;

In addition to this, some members of the previous Core teams have decided to be there for the next Core team, in order to counsel and give advice where needed.



## Benefits & Finances

As a member of the Core Team, you will have a large amount of space for creativity and putting into practice your ideas with volunteers from other countries. Aside from creating new friendships from across Europe, you'll also get the chance to improve all kinds of skills involved in organising a large event for Volunteers.

As EEE-YFU is not co-ordinating Voluntaria this year, there will also be no external funds requested and managed by EEE-YFU Secretariat. That is why you are highly encouraged to look for donations, funds and financial support in all possible places. The more money you can put together, the better your project will be! You can also consider participation fee scheme.

## What is Voluntaria?

The idea for Voluntaria originated with some YFU volunteers during a EEE-YFU training course in Turkey in the end of February 2014. They realized that what we were missing is a European gathering of experienced YFU volunteers; out of this grew Voluntaria 2016, an amazing event that gathered over 70 YFUers in Czech Republic. The event happened in 2017 again, this time in France! Here we celebrated together with 60 volunteers the awesome YFU Spirit!

**Check out the video from Voluntaria 2016!**

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## Some of the more specific needs addressed by Voluntaria include:

- need to motivate volunteers and help them see a bigger picture
- need to develop European networking through increased sharing and exchange
- need for more learning opportunities for volunteers to increase their YFU skills

## Aim - What is the Voluntaria Effect?

Voluntaria aims to celebrate volunteering and further develop and connect a vibrant international YFU movement with individuals who are committed to develop and live the YFU mission.

## Its objectives are to:

- provide space for volunteers to have fun and be creative together
- create value-based activities to motivate and inspire volunteers and celebrate volunteering
- create a YFU movement by connecting volunteers so they can contribute to unifying some network processes and foster more communication among grass roots volunteers
- increase knowledge about the YFU network and inspire people to challenge paradigms and have an outward looking mindset
- create a self-directed space for learning, creation, fun and fostering new emergent projects





## Who's Coming to Voluntaria?

- primarily volunteers who are experienced in YFU
- volunteers of all ages
- some international participants possible if there is interest
- around 50 participants

## When & Where?

To be decided by the new Core Team.

**Deadline for applications is 4 December 2017.**

**The results will be communicated shortly after the deadline through email.  
For any questions please write to [andreea@eee-yfu.org](mailto:andreea@eee-yfu.org).**

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