



European Solidarity Corps Volunteer @ After Schools

ABOUT SOLAS PROJECT

Solas Project is a charity based in Dublin. Our vision is to see an Ireland where all children and young people truly know their self-worth and can take full advantage of their potential.

Our programmes specifically target children at risk of early school leaving due to social and educational disadvantage, and aim to provide purposeful activity in a caring and secure environment in an attempt to meet the physical, emotional and intellectual needs of the children.

One of our main activities is an after school programme which caters for 35+ children (aged 6 – 12 years). The Club strives to be a home away from home sitting around a table to have a meal, helping with homework, and doing a fun activity together.

WHAT ABOUT ESC?

ESC stands for European Solidarity Corps. Solas Project will receive funding to provide you with support, basic accommodation and a living allowance. You can qualify as a European Solidarity Corps volunteer through a sending organisation in your country. You will find more information on European Solidarity Corps at https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN THIS ROLE?

- Engaging with the children, supervising homework rooms and groups, initiating and taking part in activities.
- Taking ownership of an after schools club.
- Welcoming and befriending volunteers.
- Preparing, cooking and serving a meal to children.

- Working with children with high emotional or intellectual needs. Understanding the environment in which we work.
- Planning and leading activities.
- Cleaning up programme space on a daily and weekly basis.
- Administration tasks.
- As required by the Programmes Manager, assist in any of the other projects or activities.
- Attend monthly intern team meetings and monthly one-to-one supervision.
- Be familiar with and abide by the project's child protection policy and health and safety guidelines.
- Ensure that the values and ethos of the project are reflected in a consistent manner in all activities.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL:

- Be passionate about young people / children and making a change.
- Be positive and energetic and someone who shows initiative.
- Enjoy interacting and playing with children.
- Feel strongly about contributing to create a caring and safe environment for young people.
- Gently encourage all children to participate in and enjoy The Club.
- Be reliable, patient, resilient and flexible.

LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP: 12 months

START DATE: August 2021 – August 2022

HOURS REQUIRED: 10am – 6.30pm Monday – Thursday, occasional Fridays

WHAT EXPERIENCE WILL YOU GAIN?

- Working with young people from an area with high social need is rewarding – from being a key role model to creating fun with the children on a daily basis.
- This is an opportunity to build up your skills in leadership and managing challenging behaviour working one on one and in larger groups with children who have high emotional and intellectual needs.

- You will be working as part of a larger international team of volunteers and be treated equally and fairly as we live out our values of love, hope, justice and joy.

APPLICATION DETAILS

- Applications must include:
 1. Solas Project's European Solidarity Corps Application form. Please email emily@solasproject.ie
 2. A motivational letter describing why you are interesting in this project (no more than 200 words please)
 3. A CV **or** the Europass form
 4. A photograph
- Please send the above to emily@solasproject.ie
- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview over Zoom.

SCREENING DETAILS FOR THIS ROLE:

- Garda Vetting
- CV and cover letter
- Interview
- References

INTERNS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTS:

- Support/ advice/ recognition
- Mentoring and Supervision
- Training opportunities

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS VOLUNTEER ROLE, PLEASE CONTACT
EMILY@SOLASPROJECT.IE