



VOLUNTEER with the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) at Cirkus In Beweging in 2021-2022

Volunteers can come for a period of 6 months between September 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022

**Want to dive into the circus classes and teach our lovely children or get involved in our artistic work?
Want to fall in love with the enchanted town in Leuven in the heart of Belgium?**

ESC AT CIRKUS IN BEWEGING

From its start, Cirkus in Beweging participated in many international projects and exchanges and has hosted many international volunteers. As a circus school we promote diversity in every layer of our organization, cultural diversity being one part of it. Diversity in abilities, looks, background, culture, gender... is something we have always experienced as a richness.

Cirkus in Beweging can offer volunteers an interesting discovery journey through all circus skills and an exploration of the specific pedagogical methods we use in our projects and lessons.

Depending on the interests of the volunteer we have different profiles. A volunteer can be more orientated towards the **educational** aspect of our organization, working with kids and youngsters who are learning in an artistic educational and creative environment. Volunteers with a more **artistic** profile will be assisting with our youth circus productions, presentations and events. All volunteers also join in a large scale of logistical tasks from repairing and preparing circus tools and costumes, helping with building up sets for shows or workshops, transportation of props or in documenting the activities etc..)

2021 – 2022: 2 SPECIFIC VOLUNTEER PROFILES WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

1. Assistance in the pedagogic activities of Cirkus in Beweging

You love to work with children and youth? You have a circus background or would really love to acquire a good set of circus and pedagogical skills? Then you can work with our experienced teachers, as an assistant teacher at the circus courses for children and youth, that take place every day Monday to Friday after school (4.30 p.m. till 10 p.m.) and Saturday from 9 a.m. till 3.15 p.m. You also participate at the teachers and other group meetings to define the activities and evaluate the young participants. You can also join other teachers during the day to assist them in circus workshops given in schools all around Flanders. We offer you to learn a pedagogic approach in teaching circus to have an opportunity to develop your teaching skills and become familiar with a range of different teaching methods.

In the beginning the role of the volunteer is limited so you can become familiar with the organization and our working methods. Towards the end of the project, you can take on more responsibilities during the circus classes. The volunteer mainly works with children from 6 till 18 years old but occasionally will be required to work with adults or toddlers. As the project goes on, you can point out a personal project according to your interests.

This module is mostly about teaching and working with youngsters and children.

2. Assistance in the artistic activities of Cirkus in Beweging

Are you a circus artist or you want to develop your artistic skills? Is creating or performing really your thing? We are happy to welcome you to assist in the circus theatre classes and/or the circus production groups, meaning a group of youngsters that create their own circus performance. You can accompany them when they give a circus show or when they are rehearsing. Or assisting them with their needs, for example: helping them design and create costumes or decoration for their show.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Period: The volunteer is asked to come for a period of 6 months. Volunteers are asked to arrive from September 1, 2021 onwards, and no later than October 1, 2021.

Schedule: The volunteer will typically work between 30-35 hours a week, mostly during the afternoons and evenings. The volunteer will work 5 days a week.

The distribution of working hours will be divided into the following categories:

- ✚ Assisting the daily classes or accompanying the artistic work of the students
- ✚ Working on the road (circus workshops, shows, etc.)
- ✚ Administrative work (administrative work, support with costumes, fixing and arranging circus material, media support tasks – taking pictures and videos/sorting out pictures)
- ✚ Personal training of circus skills

Accommodation:

The volunteer will be hosted either at a shared apartment with other ESC volunteers and with other international guests and occasional visitors (artists, trainers,...).

The volunteer might also stay with a host family

Pocket Money: The Volunteer will get 150 euro per month for food. The volunteer will receive an additional 122 euros pocket money per month.

Transport: ESC covers your transportation from home to Cirkus in Beweging and back home upon completing your volunteering period.

Cirkus in Beweging will provide a means of transport at the location: a bicycle. All other transport related to the activities of the organisation will be paid by the host organisation.

Holiday: Cirkus in Beweging offers 2 days off a month. These days can be accumulated and used all at once for a bigger holiday.

Mentor: The volunteer will get a mentor whom they may turn to should they have any questions, problems, or purely for social reasons.

Supervisor: The volunteer will be appointed a supervisor, one of the employees of Cirkus in Beweging. The supervisor will guide the volunteer in the organisation and together with the volunteer, will plan and evaluate their work and tasks on regular basis.

Preparation:

Before your arrival we will send you more information about the city, and respond to all your questions about your stay here. We will also agree on a specific Activity Agreement together.

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