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**VOLUNTEER with the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) at
Cirkus In Beweging in 2022-2023**

Are you between 18 and 30 years old? Do you want to dive into the circus classes and teach our great students or get involved in our artistic work? Want to fall in love with the enchanted town of [Leuven](#) in the heart of Belgium?



VOLUNTEERING WITH ESC AT CIRKUS IN BEWEGING

From its start, Cirkus in Beweging participated in many international projects and exchanges and has hosted many international volunteers. Check it out [here](#). As a circus school we work towards a more diverse and inclusive society, being an open place for all.

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. We work with Volunteers with a more **artistic** profile will be assisting with our youth circus productions, presentations and events. Are you a **technical creative** with light, sound, set design? Than you can help us with our production groups and all presentations and shows of our students. **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...)

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 some circus, parkour or acrobatic background and 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 and parkour courses for children and youth. 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 workshops given in schools all around Flanders. By joining us you learn our specific pedagogic approach.

In the beginning the role of the volunteer is more limited to assist so you can become familiar with the organization and our working methods. Towards the middle of the project, you can take up more responsibilities. 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 develop a personal project according to your interests.



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 our students when preparing for the Open Day presentations. Or maybe you have experience with light and sound design or you would love to bring your creative skills at the costume workshop or making props for our shows. We also have artistic animations we do all year through at festivals, street parades, celebrations of all kind or even private parties where you can join if you have or want to develop an act.



PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Period: The volunteer is asked to come for a **period of 12 months**. Volunteers can arrive in the last week of June or in the first week of September.

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)

Accommodation:

The volunteer will be hosted at the circus guesthouse which you share with other ESC volunteers or international guests and occasional visitors (artists, trainers,...).

Pocket Money: The volunteer will receive 122 euros pocket money per month. Next to that you receive 150 euro per month for food.

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

Cirkus in Beweging will provide you with a bicycle for all your transportation in Leuven. All other transportation 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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