

# Youth for future - Volunteering project in Jönköping, Sweden

**Location:** Jönköping, Sweden

**Project dates:** from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022

**Duration:** 12 months

**Applicants:** EU-residents aged 18-30 years old

**Application deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

**Hosting organisation:** Jönköping Municipality, Culture and Leisure Department

## **Project description:**

*Youth for future* is the project title. The main project activity is called *Dags för Tjafs 2.0* and focuses on democracy.

The youth centres and the local civil society are all working to increase awareness, integration and inclusion. The youth centres are working with youth 10-19 years of age. They offer either after-school activities for younger youth or evening activities for older youth in Jönköping. Their work need continuous efforts to broaden and improve understanding and tolerance among youth but also consciousness about similarities and differences in Europe. Our project objective is to increase solidarity between different cultures through projects about democracy in order to create inclusion of young people in our municipality.

We plan to host 4 volunteers to the project activity *Dags för Tjafs 2.0*. The 4 volunteers will be working side by side at the youth centres and will be sharing their experience. We believe this will facilitate for them to adapt during their period in Jönköping.

## **Profile of the applicant to the volunteering project:**

- Interest in working with young people and as a volunteer.
- Be independent and know how to take initiatives to organize and implement projects as well as work in teams.
- Open-minded and tolerant young person with a positive attitude to work with youth in youth centres.
- Have good social skills and like to interact with people.
- Should have some knowledge and experience in arranging and organizing activities connected to either democratic activity projects or cultural activity projects for youth.

**Task for the volunteers:**

- Work in youth centres developing democratic or cultural activities together with youth leaders, civil society and the youth.
- Participate to the daily work of the youth centres.
- Promote the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ program, which include sharing information to young people of Jönköping about possibilities to be mobile in Europe with the Europe Direct Information Office.
- Communication: Create posters/flyers, update information about activities on the Instagram or Facebook accounts of the youth centres.

**Learning opportunities for the volunteers:**

The project offers many learning opportunities for the volunteers. During the project the volunteer will get an insight in how to work within a youth centre. The volunteer will get leadership skills, and also learn how to cooperate in groups with both colleagues and youths. Further on, the volunteer will gain communication skills, such as gaining knowledge in Swedish language and to present information/hold lectures for a bigger group of people.

There is also a cultural learning aspect, whereas the volunteer learns about new cultures, and thus also learns to listen to and respect other people.

**Funding**

If you are accepted as a volunteer, some of your costs will be covered by the project. This includes travel expenses, insurance, accommodation and pocket money throughout your stay.

**Application:**

To apply as a volunteer for the project, please send your CV with a photo and a motivation letter in English as well as the sending organisation you are applying from to: [welcome@jonkoping.se](mailto:welcome@jonkoping.se)

We will conduct Skype interviews with the selected candidates continuously throughout the selecting process.