

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



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WEIMAR



Weimar, Germany | 01.06.2026 – 31.05.2027 & 01.10.2026 – 30.09.2027

in the frame of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) @European Youth Meeting and Youth Education Center Weimar (Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar, EJBW)

ABOUT US

The European Youth Education and Meeting Centre (EJBW) was founded in 1999 as an education and meeting center for young people from all over the world. The key topics that EJBW addresses arise from its remit as a European Institution for civic (youth) education and exchange, the challenges democracy is confronted with in Thuringia, in Germany and in Europe, and the questions posed by Weimar as a place of learning and a place to learn from. The areas in which the EJBW works are:

- Education in Europe and its politics
- Education in history and politics
- Socio-political and civic education
- International youth work
- Human Rights Education
- Thuringia's "School Without Racism – School With Courage" program
- Academy for Children- and Youth Parliaments in Thuringia

EJBW has its own institutional structure, which consist of several departments, including pedagogical, marketing and PR, financial, administrative departments, technicians, reception, kitchen and cleaning team. Totally, there are about 30 employees, who are working constantly to provide the best quality of service. The international profile is one of the main directions of EJBWs educational programs. Within its focus, our team arranges and hosts e.g. seminars, bilateral (school) exchanges, international training courses and multilateral youth exchanges, seminars for international volunteers (ESC) and educational events in cooperation with our local, national and international cooperation partners. <https://ejbweimar.de/>

THE CITY OF WEIMAR

Weimar itself is the cultural heart of the region. It is diverse from different parts of history, politics and culture – from famous world poets like Goethe and Schiller till the first Democratic Republic of Weimar as well as heritage of National Socialism, including the former concentration camp of Buchenwald, which is located nearby. Adding to that, the city plays a crucial role in cultural, economic, political and social dimensions not only in Germany, but in entire Europe. <https://www.weimar.de/>

VOLUNTEERING @EJBW

The volunteers are mostly working in the pedagogical department. We offer the opportunity to get to know the pedagogical work of the EJBW, especially in terms of national, European & international projects, with all aspects and to participate in it. The volunteers are involved in the daily processes in order to get to know and to shape the EJBW and its activities. The EJBW is offering the following fields of work to the volunteers:

- Working in the pedagogical department: includes contents, leading seminars include. development of concepts and its implementation (hybrid or in-person events), gaining knowledge about informal, non-formal and inter/transcultural learning within civic youth education;
- Project management: includes development of ideas, finding partners, development of concepts & project applications (content, finances, resources, applications to youth offices, foundations, Erasmus+), finding participants, press work, organizational work include. communication with partners and participants, reporting, documentation, publications and accounting;
- Getting to know and contributing to the system "educational institution": living and working at another venue: organization, procedure, management;
- Youth work in Germany and Europe: Getting to know and dealing with the EU Youth Strategy and its implementation in Germany, implementation of own activities for the improvement of the visibility of Erasmus+/Youth, the ESC and the dissemination and exploitation of project results.

We are offering placements in the department of "International Youth Work" for the periods 01.06.26 – 31.05.2027 and 01.10.2026 – 30.09.2027.

The volunteer

- will work 6 hours per day (average, max 38 hours/week incl. language course), mainly in the morning and in the afternoon, rarely in the evening and on weekends (only in cases of ongoing events). The volunteer will have 2 days holidays for each month of ESC work which can be taken freely due to the volunteer's necessities, after agreement with the coordinator;
- will be offered a language course corresponding to individual language abilities and necessities;
- will be supported by all participating partners before, during and after the ESC activity, especially in crisis prevention and management;
- will be supported in questions of visa, insurance, residence permit, travel arrangements, and all the ESC administrative procedures;
- will be accommodated in an apartment belonging to the hosting organization with individual sleeping (own room) and shared kitchen & sanitary amenities. Food (lunch) will be generally available in the cafeteria of the EJBW. It is also possible to prepare an own meals in the apartment like breakfast and dinner.

The ESC program is covering:

- Your travel expenses from where you live to Weimar and back (return ticket)
- All fees for visa and residence permission (if needed)
- Comprehensive insurance (health, accident and liability insurance)
- Free accommodation (own room in a shared apartment) and food (daily breakfast, lunch and dinner and/or food money)
- Pocket money & means for local transportation
- Participation in an On-Arrival Training as well as a Mid-term Seminar in Germany
- Ongoing Mentoring Support

WHOM WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- Proven interest (by combination of school\university subjects or experiences from non-formal education, for example in international youth work) in the work and the content focus of EJBW (civic education, European politics and culture, democratic culture, human rights education, historical education, youth work);
- Commitment and experience in an diverse & inclusive international, inter/transcultural / European policy context;
- Good computer skills (Windows, Outlook, Excel) and interest / willingness to gain additional knowledge (Internet Content Management, data management);
- Social skills in dealing with the target groups of EJBW (e.g. empathic behavior towards participants of events, sensibility for group dynamics, etc.);
- Responsibility and awareness;
- Independence;
- Flexibility and readiness in time-consuming projects (being eager to invest your energy and time);
- Basic knowledge of German language and motivation to acquire the necessary working language skills in a language course.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in being our volunteer, please apply via email and send your application to rebitschek@ejbweimar.de until **01.02.2026**. Please, attach your CV (Europass) and a motivation letter, answering the following questions (max. 1 page):

1. Why would you like to work with us?
2. What experiences, competences & interests would you like to bring in here?
3. Do you have any specific needs that we should be aware of?
4. What do you expect from your volunteer year from a professional & personal point of view?

Please specify the time period(s) you are available: 01.06.26 – 31.05.2027 and/or 01.10.2026 – 30.09.2027.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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