

EUR-rights: volunteers join the debate! is a project with a duration of 12 months that aims at raising awareness of young people about their rights as European citizens and at promoting active youth citizenship through volunteering in Europe. The project takes place within the framework of the current European Year of Citizens and the follow-up of it.

The economic crisis has a very negative effect on young people, as youth unemployment rates are rising all over Europe. It is therefore important to raise awareness of young citizens about their rights, such as the right to move and reside freely in other EU countries, but also the right to join in the debate about the future of Europe and the right to vote in the upcoming European elections.

Knowing and understanding their rights is the first step, but it is also important to encourage young people to **exercise** their rights as active citizens. Therefore the EUR-rights project will inform young people of the benefits of participating in international volunteering projects. The project will emphasize how volunteering can help young people to acquire skills, knowledge and open up new networks that may bring (job) opportunities, and at the same time demonstrate how volunteering contributes to more tolerance and understanding between European citizens.

To support the implementation of this information and awareness raising campaign the International Secretariat is looking for an EVS volunteer who will work with the team at the International Secretariat of SCI in Antwerp, Belgium.

The main tasks of the volunteer would be:

to support the coordination of various communication tasks that aim at raising awareness of young European citizens about their rights and about volunteering, through online platforms and websites, social media, electronic magazines, and more.

The volunteer will also represent SCI externally in meetings organized by other youth networks in Europe.

The volunteer will work closely with other young volunteers in SCI branches and partner organizations that who are also active in the topic of active youth citizenship (nationally and locally) and citizens' rights.

The volunteer will provide general support to the IS office team where and whenever it is needed. The team members of the International Secretariat are known for multi-tasking 😊

Who are we looking for?

A candidate aged between 18 -30 from one of the EU member states. A candidate with interest in the topics of rights, citizenship, volunteering and who is eager to contribute to SCI's mission of promoting a culture of peace

A candidate with interest in PR and communication in an international NGO

A candidate with some experience in using social media like Facebook, Twitter, Vimeo, Flickr...

A candidate with good English language skills (spoken and written)

A candidate who is able to start in the first week of September 2013 and able to commit for a period of 12 months after the starting date.

What do we offer you?

A 12 months volunteer contract with SCI International Secretariat

A personal coach/ mentor who will support you in your work and with practicalities and advice to get settled in Belgium and find your way around

Your own bike to explore the beautiful city of Antwerp

A furnished room in an apartment with shared facilities (kitchen, bathroom)

A monthly volunteer allowance of 400 euros

90 % travel reimbursement between Antwerp and your place of residence at the beginning and at the end of your service

EVS insurance

The possibility to acquire a Youthpass certificate at the end of your service

Participation in on-arrival training and mid-term evaluation events organised by the national agency of Youth in Action in Belgium

An opportunity to join a workcamp/ become a campleader with one of the SCI branches located in/ near Belgium during the summer months

A year full of learning, exploring, making new friends and having fun while contributing to a better world...

So what are you waiting for?

In order to apply, please send us a motivation letter, in which you describe why you would like to become an EVS volunteer with SCI-IS for this specific project; how you can contribute to successful implementation of the project; and what you would like to learn yourself by being an EVS at SCI-IS. Please also attach a copy of your CV (no more than two pages!).

Send your motivation letter and CV to voluntariat@sci-cat.org before the 5th of July