

## Volunteer@sea

Join us as a volunteer at the coast of Ostend in Belgium!

### Topics

- Environment and natural protection
- Education and training
- Creativity and culture

### What we offer

We're looking for a volunteer with a heart for the sea willing to work in an environmental and sustainable organisation. We give the volunteer all chances and opportunities to fully immerse themselves in an educational nature organization. You will learn how projects are set up, how sessions and workshops are conceived, what methodology Horizon Educatief uses for nature education, how to organise and take responsibilities in projects, courses or sessions. While participating in outdoor-learning activities, you'll get to know the coastal fauna and flora and learn more about ocean literacy and outreach.



You'll be involved in all activities going on in the association, giving you a very varied range of tasks. Some examples of tasks:

- follow, prepare, assist and lead workshops for children, youngsters or adults
- take part as a team member in different projects about ocean literacy, STE(A)M, coastal heritage, climate, fisheries (all projects are linked with the (North)sea)
- prepare and coordinate own projects/ideas (within the frame and philosophy of the association)
- preparation of workshops: logistics
- communication: making videos and/or other promotional materials
- administration: answer the phone, assist in reservations, welcoming groups,...

If you wish, you'll get the chance to implement an own project too. You can refine a workshop/activity or develop a new workshop/activity yourself. The theme (environment or heritage) and target group will be determined in consultation with you, depending on your own interests and ideas. We want everyone to have access to ocean literacy or climate education, starting from a young age and are constantly searching for connections with different audiences (toddlers, families, visually impaired people, people with a disability, online learning).

Many European countries are already working on ocean literacy. Many resources and tools can be found on the internet. Researching existing tools and learning materials that are used in other European countries and investigate which ones can be implemented in our organization, will also be one of the tasks.



## Accommodation, food and transport arrangements

- *Accommodation:* The volunteer will have a student room in a student house, with common kitchen and bathroom.
- *Transport:* Ostend is a middle big place in Flanders, Belgium. The volunteer will have an own bicycle to travel around.
- *Food:* the volunteer will receive a food allowance monthly, to take care themselves about all food and meals. (240EUR/month). The volunteer will also receive pocket money: (120EUR/month)
- *Language lessons:* the volunteer will get an (individual) language course.

## Participant profile

Most importantly, you love the sea. You enjoy learning about the sea in every way (biodiversity, ecology, fisheries, climate, blue energy, maritime heritage...) and like to pass on your passion for the sea to others. You want to learn about ocean literacy and nature education. Experience in education is useful, but not a requirement. The enthusiasm and the will to work in a nature education organization is just as important. Creativity is a must as well as basic computer skills.

A list of profile-preferences:

- Enthusiastic, creative and dynamic personality
- Social and communicative
- Willingness to learn the Dutch language (even take a course before the start of the project)
- Independent and eager to take initiative
- Sense of humour
- Flexible and responsible

Extra skills that are desirable: creating videos, knowledge of apps and other digital tools, technical knowledge (for STEM projects).

## Interested?

Are you interested in working as a volunteer with us? Fill in the application via the European Youth Portal.

<https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/25787>

## Finally...

This is the first time we submit a project with our organisation. We are supported by mu-zee-um, who has a lot of experience with European volunteers but we ask for your understanding if not everything is clear and sorted out yet. Feel free to ask more information, but be realistic about our possibilities to respond. We will only reply to motivated candidates that match with the described profile.

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