

## ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti Soth West Oltenia region of Romania.

ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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## Open Call for the **SolidNet** – (**SOLID**arity **NET**works for Social Inclusion) - **ESC (European Solidarity Corps)**

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **SolidNet** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Solidarity Corps**

Venue: City of **Craiova, Dolj County**, South West part of **Romania**

ESC Stage Duration: From **01/04/2022** to **01/10/2022** – **6 months** -

How many volunteers: **10** International Volunteers

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 6 months.
- **Active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to **learn** and see their **experience** as a **learning process**.
- **Basic level of English** (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

**This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:**

*You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 6 months in Craiova, Romania.*

***All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.***

## What will I DO in the SolidNet project?

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The project consists of 10 volunteers, in 5 institutions implementing 5 youth development programmes targeting 5 needs and piloting the 5 approaches of Positive Youth Development methodology.

The current project aims to respond to the need of diversifying the range of opportunities for personal and professional development addressed to youth using a Positive Youth Development methodology.

The project is set to be implemented in 5 high schools in Craiova implementing 5 youth development programmes for 150 youngsters (aged between 14 and 18 years) with the help of 10 volunteers split resulting in increased knowledge, skills and competences for the target group and volunteers.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Provide opportunities for the personal and professional development of volunteers and target group using volunteering and non-formal education by implementing activities that integrate positive youth development principles into the formal education system and to promote an increased volunteering awareness.

### The project will consist in:

1. Design and implement together with 5 volunteers 5 non-formal education programs that address personal and professional development needs of 150 youngsters in 5 institutions. By activity programme we mean a set of non-formal activities that is self-coherent in following some stated development goals.
2. Stimulate formation of solidarity networks that initiate a set of 15(3/project institution) new solidarity activities for disabled/disadvantaged youth that are organized and implemented by local youth together with volunteers as support. Young people from the 2 partner institutions will get support and be attracted into the planning and implementation of new activities that bring them in together with students from the special education system while also providing an educational framework assured by ACT and its volunteers.
3. Defining and putting in practice a personal and professional development plan for each volunteer.

4. Defining a local network format for volunteering supporting educational environments between the 5 institutions of at least 15 youth leaders (3/institutions)

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities bases on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

## What will I learn in the SolidNet project?

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Our methodology of learning by doing or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourage commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

In the project we will be employing a Learning by doing methodology based on a 4 cyclical stages model:

1. Concrete Experience – going out and engaging with the activity
2. Reflection on that experience on a personal basis – self-reflection and guided reflection assisted by the mentor which aims at derivation of general rules describing the experience, or the application of previous experiences and knowledge to it
3. Abstract Conceptualization – supported by the participatory planning model and dynamic role distribution practiced the management team. In this stage the management helps the volunteer in the of ways of modifying the next occurrence of the experience
4. Active Experimentation – turning the abstract into concrete activities and restarting the cycle at no.1

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT team** and a **personal mentor** in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a **Youthpass certificate** which is a **European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills** acquired in  
ESC

## Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

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**Travel:** ACT will purchase **flight tickets** while the Sending Organisation will make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

**Local transport:** will be **covered by ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

**Accommodation:** ACT will host the volunteers **in rented apartments** in the **city of Craiova**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).

**Working programme:** working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities**.

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of **20 days of vacation in the project** that you can use as you want.

**Language support:** The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 5 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

**Communication:** each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM cards** for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly.

**Financial aspects:** International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities **are covered directly by ACT**.

**Monthly food allowance: 150 euro/month**

**Pocket money: 90 euro/month**

## What support will be available during your mobility?

The **mentor** will be responsible for **the general personal support of the volunteer**. They are in charge of **solving practical problems** arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the **volunteer's go-to person for any personal problems** as well as being responsible for **guiding the volunteer** through the **learning process**. The mentor will be there to help you identify **learning needs** and **opportunities**, help you **plan** your learning process and help in the **self-evaluation**.

The **counterparts** (staff from the schools – **teachers/professionals**)-that will be **supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities**. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

**Additional support** will be offered by ACT in the form **Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme** which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.

## Have we caught your attention? Here`s how to apply!

1. Prepare a CV (preferably using the europass model <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae> ) and a motivational letter and send them to [officengo.act@gmail.com](mailto:officengo.act@gmail.com)
2. We will have an online interview with you
3. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

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