

# Revealing European Values In Volunteering in Europe

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**Enabling volunteers' voices**  
involving the full diversity of  
genders and other discriminating  
factors **to be heard** at the EU level

Contributing to the **recognition** of  
**volunteering**

**European Volunteering Capital**

Gaining more **visibility** for volunteering by  
being part of a European network.

**Connecting** individual and collective  
volunteer efforts in promoting and  
defending:

**CEV'S ACTIVITIES**

**Equality,  
Rights and  
Values to the  
European  
Context**

Local, regional,  
and national  
volunteering  
strategies with  
**European policy  
frameworks.**

**Capacity building** in volunteering  
organisations



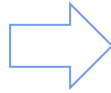
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# THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers play an important role in



- Social cohesion
- Interpersonal relationships
- Paving the way to making European values a reality

Volunteering is an effective vehicle for citizen engagement, and it is a main agent of a true social transformation.



It promotes shared responsibilities and European values

It underpins active citizenship, community resilience and citizen engagement

It supports social inclusion, equality, and solidarity

# THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERING

The increase of activism and volunteering crossing borders that connect people who are motivated to respond to global challenges such as climate change , migrations and the COVID-19 pandemic has reaffirmed the importance of solidarity beyond borders as a way to address common challenges and inequalities, as well as protect rights and support vulnerable people.

Volunteering can actively prevent Hate Speech, promotes inclusion and tolerance, and enables citizens to be directly active in developing the Europe they strive for based on democratic values, equality and inclusiveness.

It provides a framework for a constructive narrative for the Future of Europe as an alternative to extremist and populist views, ideologies, and actions, and can contribute to their prevention.

Volunteering contributes to the European Social model, to security, peace, cohesion, recovery and prosperity.

# EU VOLUNTEERING POLICIES

- European Year of Volunteers 2025
- European Solidarity Corps
- Erasmus Plus
- Validation Guidelines & European Year of Skills
- Future of learning mobility Consultation
- Proposed European Citizen's Service
- Platform for Older People Volunteering
- European Care Strategy
- Future of Welfare report
- Citizens panels CoFoEU follow up - Food waste / virtual worlds & Learning Mobility

European Democracy Action plan  
EU Citizenship report.  
“New push for democracy”.

# VOLUNTEER CAMPAIGNS

Volunteers and active citizens act as bridges to their communities and are defenders of social justice, fixing “short-sighted” political and economic decisions.

In this context, should volunteer recruitment campaigns be more than about recruitment and also have as a core component the delivery of a message to society about democracy, human rights, solidarity, inclusion and European Values in general?

What should be included in volunteering strategies about this?

# VOLUNTEERING AND INCLUSION

To what extent are we representing the full diversity of genders and other discriminating factors in volunteering?

What can we do more to advance gender equality and tackle multiple and intersecting discrimination in volunteering organisations and initiatives?

What elements should be included in volunteering strategies and volunteering laws to ensure this?



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## CEV SPRING VOLUNTEERING CONGRESS 2023

**DRAFT GENERAL PROGRAMME**  
Venue: Mando Madou & Mid Norway European Office  
(Avenue des Arts 6, 7/8, 1210, Brussels, Belgium) & European Parliament

19-21 MARCH 2023 BRUSSELS (BE)

**19 MARCH 2023**  
15:00 - 18:00  
YEVE International Conference  
15:00 - 15:30 Welcome and introduction  
15:30 - 16:30 Completion of the portfolios  
16:30 - 18:00 Presentations from the portfolios  
18:00 - 19:00 FREE time  
19:00 Joint Dinner YEVE and CEV Board

**20 MARCH 2023**  
19:30 - 12:00  
Mando Madou, Avenue des Arts 7/8, 1210  
CEV Board Meeting  
09:00 - 16:30  
YEVE International Conference  
09:00 - 11:30 Visit to the European Council  
11:30 - 12:10 Presentations of the portfolios and/or campaigns  
12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH  
14:00 - 15:30 Preparing and announcing the final assessment of the acquisition of the learning outcomes and the final evaluation from the participants concerning their satisfaction with the process and the presentation of certificates  
15:30 - 16:30 Next Steps discussion  
16:30 - 19:00 Jan CEV Congress, FREE time or Departures  
12:00 - 14:00 LUNCH  
14:00 - 16:30  
#REACT - "Rights & Equality - Active Citizens Together" - Blueprint for European Volunteering 2030 Seminar  
14:00 - 14:30 Introduction and welcome  
14:30-16:30 Case Study Presentations and Break out discussions.  
• REY 2030 at the National Level  
• Volunteer responses to domestic violence & gender violence as a result of war  
• European Solidarity Corps VTHPA plus HA strand  
• Funding Volunteering through participatory budgeting  
• Involving people with disabilities as volunteers

**21 MARCH 2023**  
Meeting point: European Parliament  
Egplanede at 7:45 (arrivals after 8:00 will not be able to access the meeting)  
CEV Congress at the European Parliament  
8:30 - 09:00  
Launch of CEV Vote Volunteer Vision Campaign 2024 & Presentation and updates in EU policies relevant for Volunteering: European Year of Volunteers 2025; European Solidarity Corps; Erasmus Plus; Validation Guidelines; Future of learning mobility Consultation; Proposed European Citizens Service; Platform for Older People Volunteering; European Care Strategy; Future of Wellfare report; Citizens panels CoFeEU follow up.  
09:30 - 10:30  
EVCCC Event (Part 2) - Role of civil society and volunteering in Re-building Ukraine especially at the local level.  
11:30 - 18:00  
CEV General Assembly  
13:00 14:00 LUNCH  
14:00 - 16:00  
V-CALC Partners meeting  
Aloft Hotel, Pl. Jean Rey, 1040  
17:00 - 19:00  
V-CALC Kick off Conference  
Join us to learn about our new exciting project to evaluate volunteer impact!  
19:00 - 23:00  
Networking evening, standing dinner, refreshments and music with Joseph Redure, Phety Knies and DJ Diego

**16:30-17:00 COFFEE BREAK**  
Mid Norway European Office, Avenue des Arts 6, 7/8, 1210  
17:00-20:00  
EVCCC Event (Part 1) - Getting to know Mid-Norway and Trondheim - How volunteering reflects European Values promotes diversity and defends rights: Cooperation of the public and the volunteering sector to meet future challenges & Networking dinner with drinks and Norwegian snacks

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