



## INFOPACK

# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

## 2023

Due to the award of an ESC quality label and a grant for 2023, LEJO is creating opportunities for young volunteers in Belgium and abroad.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

LEJO is **hosting** 1 volunteer  
1 position for international volunteer joining LEJO Belgium as a youth worker. 4 days/week. 1 year max. Travel and expenses covered.

### CALL FOR PARTNERS

LEJO is **sending** 2 volunteers - Call for partners  
Looking for volunteering opportunities for 2 young volunteers from LEJO Belgium.

More on these projects in this infopack

# ABOUT LEJO

*A good number of young people have difficulties finding their way in our increasingly individualized society. We empower youngsters between the age of 12 and 19 years in different fields (leisure, education & training), using experiential learning.*

## **SAFE PLACE**

First, we create spaces where young people can feel safe. LEJO invests in an authentic relationship and safe environment to let go old patterns and to experiment with new behavior. We prefer to work in small groups up to 12 youngsters of the same age.

## **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Experiential learning, or the process of informal learning through action and reflection is our DNA. Our trainers and youth workers have a coaching attitude. We're not providing answers, but look for the right question. All while keeping an active, positive and stimulating culture. Grass doesn't grow faster by pulling it. It does by nurturing it. So do youngsters. Oh and we love going outdoors!

## **VULNERABLE SITUATIONS**

We specialize in youngsters in a vulnerable situation. A large amount of young people hit the walls of society, making them disengaged and lost. We are dedicated to reaching out to these youngsters, and supporting them to (re)discover their path.

## **HOW WE ROLL**

LEJO is an independent organization, based in Belgium. Over 60 professional youth workers and 150 volunteers work with over 2000 youngsters every year in various programs. We like to treat each other as we do with our youngsters: With respect, honesty and open heart.

## **LEJO GOES INTERNATIONAL**

We're actively looking for international opportunities for youngsters and volunteers. Through youth exchanges, trainings and ESC projects.

We love getting  
together in circles :)



# CALL FOR PARTNERS



We're looking for a partner-organization to host 1 or 2 young volunteers from LEJO, Belgium during 2 to 6 months in 2023.

## What is the profile of our volunteers?

- 18 - 30 years old
- Passionate with working with youngsters and experiential learning
- Differing experience in facilitating teams or groups of youngsters. Some are packed with experience, some are starting youth workers going through their process
- Open for new experiences and willing to learn

## What do we expect from a partner organization?

- Coaching by a project supervisor. Our volunteers will need some guidance and support to find their way in a new organization and environment.
- Support in finding housing opportunities.
- Providing opportunities to work/train with youngsters of children. We prefer organizations promoting youth work, experiential or non-formal learning.
- The partnerorganization has a ESC50 Quality Label for hosting volunteers
- The project can take minimum 2 months, max. 6 months, which can be agreed upon.



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

LEJO offers a paid position for 1 volunteer for a period of max. 1 year

## What's the job?

- 4 days per week
- you work as a youth worker in different locations and settings.
- 2 days in 'COMPOT', a calm atmosphere with many opportunities for creative or other expression
- Other projects with youngsters, sometimes in the evening or residing in a youth infrastructure for 5 or 6 days.
- Language is mainly dutch, but English will help you out
- Several trainings in experiential learning or working with youngsters



## Who are we looking for?

- Someone aged 21 or older
- Enthusiastic and open mind
- Respectful and committed towards young people
- Willing to learn new methods of working with young people, and to jump in a personal process of growth
- Flexible attitude, this is not a 9 to 5 job :)

## Practical stuff

- You get paid a monthly wage to cover housing, food and other expenses.

**'COMPOT'**



# CONTACT

More info about LEJO

[www.lejo.be/en/about-us/](http://www.lejo.be/en/about-us/)

If you are interested in hosting volunteers as **partner organization**, please contact Gust from LEJO

Or, if you are interested in **working as a volunteer at LEJO**, you can also contact Gust. Please attach your resumé and everything you want to say about yourself.



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