

# VOLUNTEERING IN BELGIUM

SOLIDARITY

**ENCOUNTERS** 

DISCOVERIES

ACTION

**PASSION** 

**PARTICIPATION** 

# **VOLUNTEERING**

WHY?

To meet people

To speak French

To understand how Belgium is organised

To put your life experiences at the service of others

To defend your ideas

To help persons in need

To discover other fields of activities

To have fun, to prosper, to feel useful...



# **VOLUNTEERING**

# WHAT?

A free action, done freely, by desire, solidarity or conviction.



# FREE AND COMMITTED!

You can stop your volunteering work any time you want, but do not forget that the association counts on you.

Please advise them in advance!



# WHERE?

In a non-commercial organisation: association, commune, public hospital, sports club, school...

#### **ARE PAPERS NEEDED?**

You can work as a volunteer in Belgium if:

- your presence is covered by a residence permit or document
- you are an asylum-seeker or an Unaccompanied Foreign Minor

#### AM I BEING PAID?

No. Volunteering is not a job.

#### DO I NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH WELL?

Sometimes yes. Sometimes no. It depends on the volunteering activity. If you don't speak French fluently, it is however possible to work as a volunteer with someone speaking your language, or in a group.

#### ARE MY FEES REIMBURSED?

The organisation can choose to pay back your fees (Bus, lunch,...) but it is not forced to do so.

#### AM I BEING COVERED BY AN INSURANCE?

The organisation must insure you in civil liability. The insurance will therefore pay for damages caused to others while you work as a volunteer.

# **HOW TO FIND A VOLUNTEER WORK?**

#### ORGANISATIONS WHICH CAN HELP YOU

Namur volunteer center (PFV)

On appointment: namur@volontariat.be or 0497 99 53 25

Mons volunteer center (PFV)

On appointment: mons@volontariat.be or 0474 06 98 22

Nivelles volunteer center (PFV)

On appointment: nivelles@volontariat.be or 0495 34 52 46

Brussels volunteer center (PFV)

On appointment: centre.bruxelles@volontariat.be or 02 219 53 70

• Services of ASBL Accueil et Orientation Volontariat

In Wavre, Louvain-La-Neuve, Waterloo and Braine L'Alleud:

www.volontariataov.wixsite.com/aovolontariat

• Volunteer service of Liege Province

On appointment: 04 279 76 29

• Volunteer service of Luxembourg Province

volontariat@province.luxembourg.be or 063 21 24 73

• "Volont'& Vous" service in Verviers

volontevous@verviers.be or 087 35 37 25

• Other options on:

www.levolontariat.be/associations-facilitatrices

## PAY ATTENTION

All these services are only French-speaking

### **HOW TO FIND A VOLUNTEER WORK?**

• Check ads on the web at:

levolontariat.be
bonnescauses.be
fovento.be

- Knock on doors of organisations that you know, at the Town or City Hall...
   to let them know you're looking for volunteer work.
- Your social worker, your french or citizenship teacher, your referent person in the reception center or at the CPAS, your friends, neighbours, can all help!

# IN CASE OF ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PFV (PLATEFORME FRANCOPHONE DU VOLONTARIAT)

info@levolontariat.be - 02 512 01 12 www.levolontariat.be/volunteer

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