

ESC PROJECT: GLOBALA KRONOBERG, VÄXJÖ



YOUTH, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION



About Globala Kronoberg in Växjö:

[Globala Kronoberg](#) is an international organization for young people and other organizations in Kronoberg, Sweden. We work mostly with European initiatives such as the ERASMUS+ programme and European Solidarity Corps in which we offer mobility possibilities for young people, youth workers and organizations. We are sending, receiving and coordinating volunteers within the EU initiative. Our mission is not only to provide opportunities for young people to develop competences and skills through informal and non-formal learning, but also to inform, support and encourage them to take part in the above mentioned international programs. Our target group are youngsters, youth leaders and organizations and municipalities, which want to host a volunteer in their workplace.

The office of Globala Kronoberg is located in [Nätverket SIP](#), which is an umbrella network of organizations with different aims and backgrounds and plenty of weekly activities we all can take part in.

What is Nätverket SIP?

We are a part of the Network SIP. SIP stands for *Social change In Practice* and, as the name shows, SIP work is focused on building a more equal and democratic society through new ideas that have an impact on the community. Therefore SIP works with such areas like youth, mobility, integration, accessibility, employment issues and norm critical thinking. We work in an open-space office where

employees, volunteers and interns with different backgrounds, skills, motivations and life situations work together on different projects. We like to see SIP as an open-minded and creative work space with easy access to opportunities for personal development, and at the same time that one contributes to create a better society and finds solutions for social challenges.



What we do:

Since 2011 we have received and coordinated over 150 volunteers for local organizations in Kronoberg county. We are cultural-exchange enthusiasts so we try to motivate young people to participate in international exchanges. In summertime we often host a youth camp and a youth leader camp. Young people from all over Europe come together in Kronoberg county and get to grow their intercultural competence. Besides the international projects, we regularly organize local activities like cultural evenings, language café's and information sessions about the European Solidarity Corps program and Erasmus+.

Work-schedule and team:

A regular workday mainly consists of **office work** (such as taking care of our social media, helping with day-to-day and ongoing tasks and implementing your own ideas on how to promote mobility opportunities etc.). But there will also be many days when you will leave your laptop, e.g. when visiting schools to inform about mobility opportunities, helping other volunteers to settle down in Växjö, moving furnitures, joining practical team and many other creative tasks.

As a volunteer you will work in a small team of people; these might be volunteers, interns, project leaders and project assistants (even from other organizations within Network SIP).

The volunteers will be working for **35 hours per week** from Monday to Friday. Nonetheless they are encouraged to take courses in Swedish, thereafter all about the working hours could be dealt with individually. The Swedish lessons count as working hours.

Besides **2 days off per week**, volunteers are granted with another 24 days off for 12 months (**2 days off per month**).



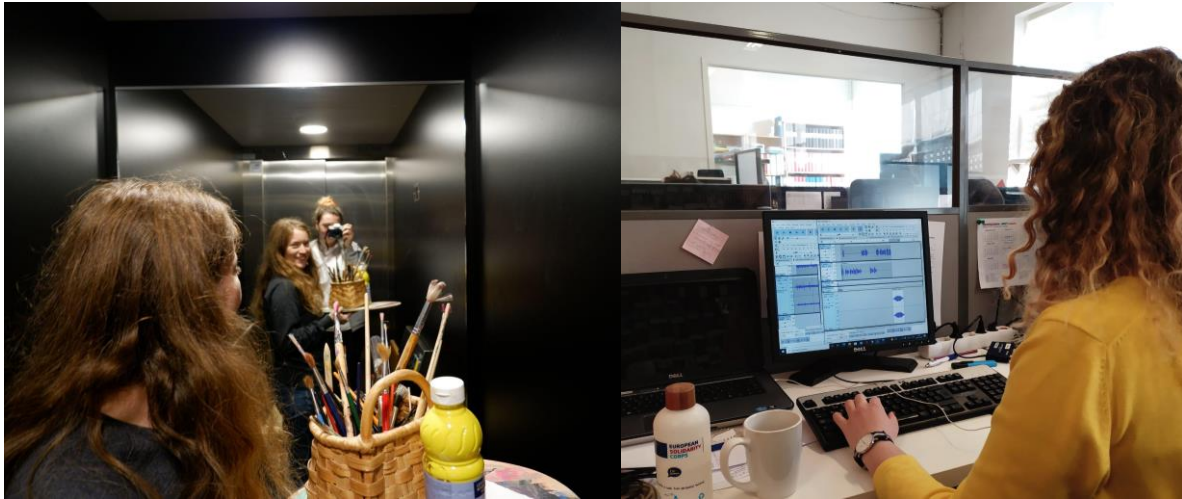
Activities for volunteers:

The volunteer's role in this project is to assist in arranging activities and developing projects as well as help out with administrative tasks connected to different projects.

Examples of tasks:

- Create promotional material about our activities such as flyers, posters and invitations
- Update our social media and create content for our Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok accounts
- Plan, prepare and arrange local activities for open to the public
- Write smaller project applications and reports
- Plan, prepare and arrange presentations about ESC and international projects in different places in the region (employment office, schools, youth organizations)
- Document the volunteers project through films, podcasts, pictures and texts
- Move furniture or appliances to or from different volunteer accommodations

→ You will also join other teams of Network SIP during your volunteering, such as the maintenance team. Throughout that you get the chance to develop more skills and meet other people working in our house. These can include more practical tasks like constructing, screwing, painting or driving with a trailer. In total it can be 5 weeks when you will work manually (2 weeks of preparation and 3 weeks when you will be leading a group of young people which we call "summer workers" and work manually with them).



We are looking for a volunteer who:

- Is interested in international projects and cultural exchanges
- Enjoys working in a team with people with different backgrounds
- Likes to work with youngsters
- Is flexible and creative
- Enjoys both office work (planning, meetings, brainstorming, administration) but also likes organizing activities with young people such as info-presentations, meetings, workshops, etc
- Is interested in digital and social media
- Open to do their own projects or take their own initiative to start bring new ideas into action
- Is not scared of manual work

Food, accommodation and transportation:

The volunteers will cook on his/her own. Therefore he/she will receive food money and pocket money every month. The pocket money will be **180 euros/month** and the food money will be around **2500 SEK/month**.

In the office, you can eat your homemade lunch together with colleagues or other volunteers in our lunch room, and there are private spaces to change into working clothes if needed. Apart from that, everything in terms of tools and equipment is provided by us in Globala Kronoberg or Network SIP for any task that is carried out by the volunteer.

The volunteer will live in a shared house/apartment with other volunteers, students or workers. He/She will have a single room and is sharing the bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen and other common areas. There is wifi in the accommodation. The housing is either situated inside the city of Växjö or in the surrounding towns of Växjö. The volunteer will be provided with a yearlong bus card or a bicycle to travel from home to the office, depending on the distance in between them.

About Växjö and Kronoberg:

Växjö is a municipality of **80.000 inhabitants** in the region of Kronoberg, in the region of Småland in the south of Sweden. It is situated 3 hours by train from Copenhagen, Denmark and 4 hours from Stockholm, Sweden. Växjö municipality has been awarded several international awards for its **environmental** work, including the European Green Leaf Award 2018 from the European Commission. Find out more about [Växjö](#), the greenest city in Europe, and [Småland](#).



Check out blog posts from Globala Kronoberg volunteers and volunteering in Sweden in general:

Monika, 2019/20: [The truth revealed: What is it like to be a volunteer at Globala Kronoberg](#)

Irene, 2020/21: [Living four seasons in Sweden](#)

Andrea, 2021/22: [How to prepare yourself for volunteering](#)

Isabelle, 2021/22: [Hej Sverige, what a shock?!](#)