



## Call for Participants

### Study Session on New Trends in International Voluntary Service (IVS)

The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE), Service Civil International (SCI), and the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA), in collaboration with the European Youth Centre (EYC), will organise a Study Session on **'New Trends in International Voluntary Service'**.

#### Curious about where international volunteering is heading?

Join us for a collaborative Study Session, where you'll connect with people from around the world to explore what's next in International Voluntary Service (IVS). Together, we'll look at how volunteering has changed and what trends are shaping it now – from the classic 'workcamp' model to the new European Solidarity Corps, which is opening doors for young people everywhere to make a difference.

Here's what we'll dig into:

- Why volunteer now? Learn why many young people like you are choosing to volunteer and how it's impacting our interconnected global realities.
- What's changed? See how volunteering has evolved over the years, what structural factors are holding it in place, and what that means for us today.
- The challenges: From voluntourism to social media's role, we'll look at the ups and downs of volunteering in today's world.
- The Big Picture: Explore decolonization, climate justice, and sustainability – and how you can be part of building the future we want by planting seeds in the present.
- Future-focused planning: Work with other young changemakers to map out strategies, practice collaborating on shared futures, and imagine what comes next for volunteering.

#### Where?

[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)



Please note: the venue and accommodation are wheel-chair accessible and we encourage participants with different accessibility needs to apply. Please indicate your particular needs in [the application form](#).

## When?

3–7 February 2025 (Arrivals: 2 February, Departures: 8 February)

## Aims and objectives

The **aim** of the study session is to explore the currents and emerging trends of the IVS.

### The **objectives**:

1. To enhance understanding of participants about the emerging trends in IVS, including decolonisation, climate justice, and the impact of digital tools (e.g., AI) on volunteering.
2. To encourage participants to apply Futures and Foresights methodologies to anticipate and navigate emerging trends in youth volunteering and social engagement.
3. To strengthen participants' ability to anticipate and respond to future challenges in youth work and volunteering.
4. To develop innovative proposals and prototype initiatives aimed at empowering CCIVS members to better align with the evolving needs of young participants.

## Participant Profile

The Study Session invites 25 young people aged 18–30 from [Council of Europe member states](#). We are looking for participants who are:

- Eager to learn and contribute;
- Familiar with IVS networks and organisations;
- Knowledgeable about current volunteering trends and ready to engage in critical reflection on the future of the IVS movement;
- Ready to contribute to the development and potential implementation of follow up activities;
- Able to communicate effectively in English as this will be the working language of the study session.



At CCIVS, we are committed to promoting diversity and inclusion. We welcome applications from all individuals regardless of gender, nationality, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristics. We strive to create an environment where all participants feel valued and respected.

## Financial conditions

- A 50 EUR participation fee is required by the European Youth Centre [if this is an obstacle to your participation please contact us];
- Food and accommodation during the seminar will be provided;
- Travel costs will be reimbursed after the seminar at a maximum of **350 €**.
- We strongly encourage green travel. We will give you advice on this, if needed;
- Other necessary expenses, such as visa fees will be reimbursed after **approval** by organisers.
- For any and all expenses, we need supporting documents in order to reimburse, such as the invoice/ticket/receipt showing the date, invoice issuer, description of service (full itineraries), price

## Follow-up Actions

Participants are expected to propose and implement follow-up activities, which could include:

- Contributing to ongoing research
- Piloting new volunteering models
- Joining a CCIVS working group on youth trends
- Applying to join the CCIVS Youth Committee

## How to Apply

To apply for the Study Session, please complete the online form by **1 December 2024**:

<https://forms.gle/CN32F3Ha4rGdaALD8>

For any questions, please contact: **secretariat@ccivs.org**