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OUR VOLUNTEERS

This month we visited two of our volunteers to see what they do in their projects. Keep reading to find out!

AURELIE - FRANCE

"Hi, I'm Aurelie, I'm from France I'm work at the Junction as a volunteer for YMCA building services.

My work is manual and versatile: I paint, do carpentry, put the wallpaper and fix all things.

I love this role because it helps me to relax and to be creative, if I have to decide which is my favorite activity in my job it is painting.

I am really happy with this experience because I am learning to do a lot of things and I am increasing my skills."



JUAN - SPAIN

"Hi, I'm Juan from Spain, I'm a volunteer in the Somerford Youth Centre, I work with kids after school, I play and I have fun with them and provide a safe space.

I also help with the Pantry, a low-cost market for the community, I arrange the food that is delivered from the warehouse.

I love to help make a difference for the community."



SUPPORTING SOMERFORD YOUTH CENTRE

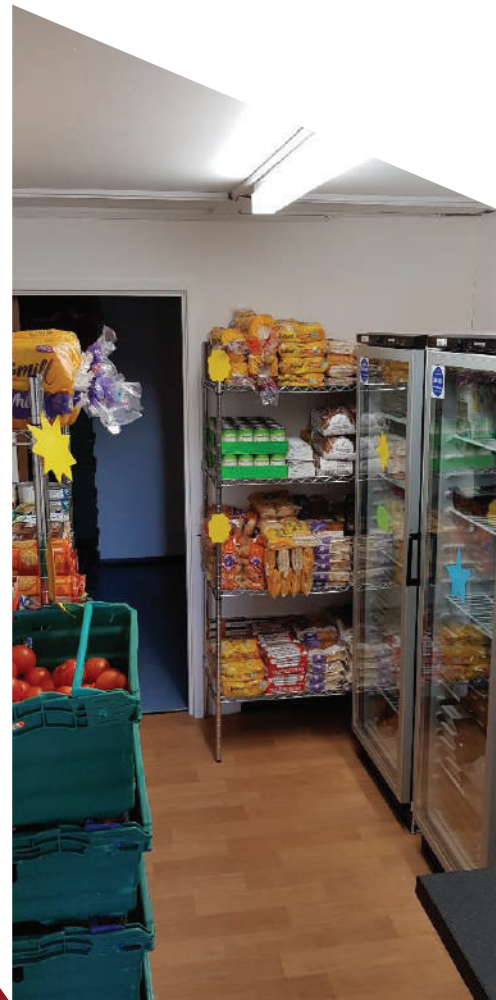
This month we visited the Somerford Youth Centre and spoke to Jae Harris about the work they do there.

There is not much money in this area so we help the community by providing different **services** and **programmes** such as after school or activities during the holidays.

In general we help the community, we help families with the People's Pantry which is a low-cost service for families who are experiencing food poverty. We also run other services for young people such as mentoring and mental health support and we have rooms at the centre that are available for lettings.



Volunteers are helpful and there are several projects they can participate in: playing with children, food stalls, managing and looking after the building. Sometimes we also have 60 children in the centre that volunteers have to take care of. Every week we have food delivery and volunteers help us to arrange it in the warehouse



ARE YOU READY TO PLAY?

WHICH VOLUNTEERING IS FOR YOU?

Which activities do you like to be a part of?

- a) Educational support activities
- b) Activities with people at risk
- c) Civic or recreational acts
- d) Community recreation activities

Do you like to ...

- a) Do activities with children
- b) Provide knowledge
- c) Do cultural activities
- d) Spread culture

What is your goal?

- a) That the public learn something new to apply
- b) That the public can follow traditions
- c) That the public have a good time
- d) That the community unites for it's development

What field of action interests you or attracts you the most?

- a) To educate with my values trying to make the world a better place.
- b) To get involved in a project at the local level, where I can transform existing problems in my community.
- c) New technologies and the digital world.
- d) Workcamp. Live together within a developing community collaborating on humanitarian issues.

Which phrase best describes you?

- a) I want people to grow by developing their way of seeing the world.
- b) I like to help selflessly within my community.
- c) I like to express myself in an artistic way.
- d) I want to move to other countries and help with projects taking place there.

What skills or abilities make you stand out?

- a) I know how to listen and communicate. I am patient, understanding and tolerant.
- b) I am very observant, nothing escapes me!
- c) I am very handy. Give me something broken and I will fix it!
- d) I am empathetic. I love to help people to have a better life.

RESULT: which letter did you choose the most?

- A) Educational
- B) Social
- C) Cultural
- D) Community

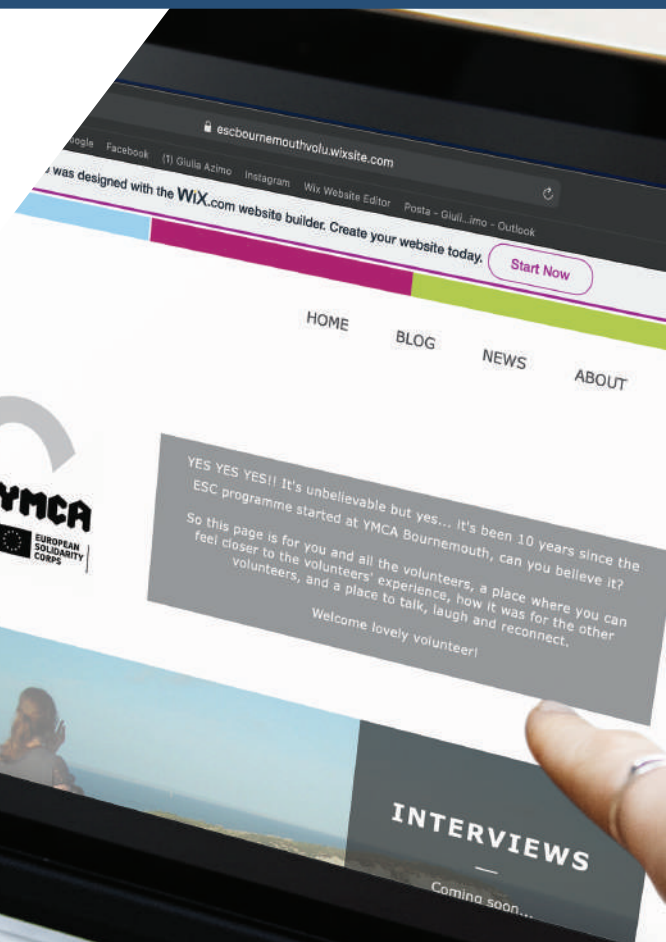
10th ANNIVERSARY



It's unbelievable but yes... it's been 10 years since the ESC programme started at YMCA Bournemouth. Can you believe it?

So we have made a website where you can get closer to the volunteers' experiences, how it was for them a place to talk, laugh and reconnect.

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GIULIA AND GRETA



Greta is an ESC Coordinator in Italy and best friend of our volunteer Giulia.

She started participating in European projects when she was 10 with a local organisation "*Amici del Villaggio*", working within children's rights and active citizenship. Over time she became the coordinator of some activities.

When Greta was in her first year of university she participated in a training course in Iceland on how to organise and manage Erasmus projects. From that point on she became

Coordinator of Erasmus and ESC projects.



"Coordinating my best friend is very simple because there is no barrier that exists when two people know each other. Of course she asks me questions without any problem.

Giulia became aware of European projects thanks to me, I didn't have to explain to her how it works because during these years I always told her what I was doing.

Now I'm in Lyon participating in an ESC project and I manage all the activities remotely."