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## Online Short study Visit “Open space for youth”

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### Table 3, Individual Volunteering-Volunteering Teams



#### ■ Invited Experts

- Gabi Kircher-Stuttgart, Stuttgarter Jugendhausgesellschaft, MITMACHEN Ehrensache: Participation is a matter of honour.
- Aleks Koleva-Stuttgart, Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg-Coordinator: Supporting and hosting Individual Volunteers, supporting Volunteering Teams.
- Clément Dolisi-Strasbourg, Municipality of Strasbourg - In charge of the European Mission and European projects.
- Annegreth Warth-Stuttgart, Municipality of Stuttgart-Coordinator Education for Sustainable Development.
- Anika Junge-Stuttgart, Municipality of Stuttgart-department for Environmental Protection.

#### ■ Documentation: [https://padlet.com/Stadtjugendring\\_Stuttgart/hz7v1yccvh8gssjl](https://padlet.com/Stadtjugendring_Stuttgart/hz7v1yccvh8gssjl)

Nobody from Menzel Bourguiba joined that group. We can only document the ideas coming from Strasbourg and Stuttgart attendees.

### I. How is international and local volunteering promoted and perceived by young people from different social backgrounds in our cities?

#### 1. Motivation-Conclusion: Similarities in Strasbourg and Stuttgart

Young people are willing to volunteer if they can see a good purpose. They would like to decide by themselves which organisations or projects they support in order to get a feeling of active participation. Added to this, volunteering should be easily accessible and feasible in a reasonable period of time.

The self-efficacy expectations give young people the feeling of having the means to make a change in society and being useful. As a consequence, these experiences enhance their self-confidence also by often building long-lasting friendships during their volunteering activities.

#### 2. Promotion

All participants agreed that the promotion of volunteering activities needs a reboot after the COVID-19 Pandemic.

##### 2.1. Promotion: Similarities in Strasbourg and Stuttgart

- Open calls
- Social Media (Facebook/Instagram/ Twitter etc..)
- Word of mouth communication
- Peer to peer communication to promote local and international volunteering
- Information events.

##### 2.2 Promotion- Different concepts

#### ■ Strasbourg

Promotion is done in the streets, at Tram stations or in the neighbourhoods aiming to reach target groups who would rather not apply for International volunteering and who have never been abroad (mainly promotion of volunteering teams in partnering cities) where most of these young people don't know the opportunities of the European programs. The method of the promotion is the following: Small teams address young people directly in the streets by distributing flyers with further information and contact details. These activities are mainly supported by associations.

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This concept was developed after an evaluation of the target groups applying for International volunteering. Mainly youth with international experience applied to participate in the volunteer services. The new concept is to be proactive and go to the places where these young people meet and advertise the opportunities of International volunteering teams.

Volunteering teams offer a safer space for young people with fewer opportunities than an Individual volunteering. The activity is shorter when it comes to its duration and carried out with a group of young people from abroad and locals.

Noting an example from Strasbourg: Groups of 10 locals and young people from Strasbourg are volunteering in Fez (Twin city of Strasbourg).

#### ■ Stuttgart

Bringing the example of Mitmachen Ehrensache (participation is a matter of honour) - A volunteering activity-working one day for a good purpose: The earned money will be donated to a social project/organisation where young people select the beneficiary Organisation.

After the end of the volunteering activities, young people can attend training to become Ambassadors who will be promoting the volunteering opportunity of MITMACHEN Ehrensache at schools.

#### II. In which local solidarity projects could Volunteering Teams or Individual Volunteers be involved? How can we ensure an effective participation and variety of profiles involved?

##### 1. Topic based volunteering projects could be interesting for young people/ future collaboration ideas:

##### 1.1. How can we meet the interests of the young people coming from different social backgrounds?

(See motivation, promotion parts).

The following are ideas based on Feedback and Survey responses from groups or individual young people:

- International Volunteering teams/local solidarity projects allow young people to experience project management in the frame of their own idea/chosen topic. E.g. Health prevention.
  - **Contact person:** Aleks Koleva, Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg.
- Exchange regarding both peer-to-peer promotion concepts: “The Ambassadors” - Stuttgart Mitmachen Ehrensache and the “Street Work“- Strasbourg could be an interesting topic for an international exchange.
  - Possible formats:** Seminars for future ambassadors, Job Shadowing.
  - **Contact person:** Clément Dolisi, Strasbourg/Gabi Kircher, Stuttgart.
- Offset your Carbon footprint / Cooperation with twin cities, e.g. By planting trees....  
Further project ideas are welcome if these projects contribute to a climate neutral city by involving other activists (e.g. Fridays for Future movement).
  - Partner – Municipality of Stuttgart, department for Environmental Protection.
  - **Contact person:** Anika Junge, Stuttgart.
- Possible volunteering projects: More space for youth in public space. Based on the recently published youth survey (City of Stuttgart): What makes a youth- friendly city?
  - **Contact person:** Clemens Kullmann, STJG and other partners in Stuttgart.

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- Volunteering activities in the framework of the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).  
Networking with youth organisations and schools : A new network “Experience nature Stuttgart “ by supporting activities regarding „Education for Sustainable Development“.
- A first glance in German (please use the translator: [www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)): <https://www.stuttgart.de/leben/bildung/bildungsgerechtigkeit/handlungsfelder/handlungsfelder-bildungsgerechtigkeit.php#bildung-natuerlich>.
- **Contact person:** Annegret Warth, Stuttgart.
- Individual volunteering opportunities in Strasbourg at the municipality: By bringing 2 volunteers to work in the House of Europe.  
Find further and current opportunities at: School and The Student life Department.
- **Contact person:** Clément Dolisi, Strasbourg.
- Possible individual volunteering at Stuttgart e.g.
- **Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg:** By hosting and supporting individual volunteers/ supporting volunteering teams.
- **Contact person:** Aleks Koleva.
- To reboot the cooperation between Clément Dolisi/Projektwerk Tim Velinsky Stuttgarter Jugendhausgesellschaft.
- **Contact person:** Clemens Kullmann, Stuttgart.
- The Protestant youth Stuttgart is interested in hosting and supporting Individual volunteers in the future.
- **Contact person:** Simon Honegg, Stuttgart.
- Stadtjugendring Stuttgart will host and support volunteers and Volunteering Teams by the year of 2022.
- **Contact person:** Bettina Szotowski, Stuttgart.
- Creating a concept for a common Online-platform, or by thinking of another idea to facilitate International Cooperation between the partnering cities in terms of matchmaking between Organisations and young volunteers also by sharing best practices of local solidarity projects.
- **Contact person:** Bettina Szotowski, Stadtjugendring Stuttgart.

## 2. Suggestions for further cooperations on local and international levels

### 2.1. Local level

- To organise local networking meetings among representatives from youth organisations and different departments from municipalities interested in getting to know the opportunities concerning the new program line - European solidarity Corps- as a benefit for young people, for organisations and the local community. Also by reflecting on how to restart volunteering after COVID-19.
- To find cooperation partners and possible projects for volunteering teams in different areas (e.g. Environment, Health, Education, Renovation works, etc..).
- To set up a community network of organisations who will host or/and support individual volunteers/volunteering teams. By providing good practice exchange on how:
  - To promote volunteering among young people from different social backgrounds.
  - To prepare and accompany the young volunteers in their learning process etc.
  - To empower the international volunteers to “arrive” in the local community.
  - To stimulate cooperation with different youth organisations mainly working at the local level to offer international/local volunteering for a wider participation of different target groups.

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- To promote the opportunity of local solidarity projects in the frame of the European solidarity corps (maybe a start of a potential international thematic project).
- To evaluate the benefit of the volunteering projects for the participating young people organisations, local community.
- Communication with policy makers about the needed youth policy framework.

#### 2.2. International level

- Exchange about the different local agreements and networking possibilities.
- International exchange/capacity building e.g. About the different concepts on how to promote volunteering among youth from different social backgrounds:
  - See above: “Mitmachen Ehrensache”- Stuttgart and “StreetWork”- Strasbourg.
  - Possible formats: Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Seminars, Job shadowing; Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Cooperation partnerships-concept on: How to increase the quality of youth work in the field of Volunteering and cross-sectoral cooperation.
- To create an overview of hosting/supporting Organisations in the field of Individual Volunteering and Volunteering Teams in the twin cities.
  - Link to their current calls for individual volunteers or volunteering teams
  - Blogs of volunteers

In close cooperation with the department for External Relations of each city based on the experience between the cities of Strasbourg and Fez.

- Evaluation of the cooperation between the twin cities among youth Organisations, Departments of the municipalities. Feedback provided to local councillors of the respective cities as well.

#### ■ Funding opportunities

<https://www.erasmusplus-jugend.de/>  
<https://site.erasmusplus-jeunesse.fr/>

[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_fr](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_fr)  
[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)

<https://www.ofaj.org/programmes-trilateraux-a-l-ofaj/programmes-trinationaux-avec-des-pays-du-pourtour-mediterraneen.html>  
<https://www.dfwj.org/das-dfwj-und-das-trilaterale/trilaterale-programme-mit-mittelmeeranrainerstaaten.html>

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