

Dansk ICYE
International Cultural Youth Exchange

ACTIVITY DATES:
1ST MARCH 2027 - 17TH DECEMBER 2027

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
8TH JANUARY 2027

2 VOLUNTEER POSITION

VESTJYLLANDS HØJSKOLE

Garden - Permaculture - Youth Community

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

WELCOME

Vestjyllands Højskole is a Danish folk high school on the wild West Coast — close to the sea, the dunes and open skies. We are a residential, non-formal learning community where students and volunteers live, work and learn together. Our approach is hands-on: creative practice, community life and ecological stewardship.

Number of residents: 50–70 (most aged 18–30)
Language: Danish, with English support for international participants

WHAT IS A HØJSKOLE

A folk high school (højskole) is a non-formal, residential school without exams or academic entry requirements. Teaching is practice-based and dialogue-driven. Stays typically last several months; participants receive a diploma of attendance.



VOLUNTEER MISSION

Volunteers assist the garden and maintenance teams and become part of everyday school life.

Main responsibilities:

- **Garden work** — sowing, planting, weeding, harvesting, crop care
- **Soil health** — compost, mulching, fertility management
- **Animal care** — basic feeding and pasture tasks (seasonal)
- **Carpentry & maintenance** — small builds, repairs and upcycling projects
- **Community contribution** — help with events, kitchen support and shared tasks

Volunteers with specific skills (carpentry, permaculture design, art projects) are encouraged to lead or initiate small projects.

We are looking for people who are:

- Interested in regenerative farming and permaculture
- Prepared for practical outdoor work in all weather conditions
- Flexible, initiative-driven and able to cooperate in groups
- Comfortable working independently when needed
- (Optional) Experienced in gardening or carpentry — a bonus, not required

We value curiosity, responsibility and a willingness to learn.

OUR GREEN PROFILE

Vestjyllands Højskole has a long, documented commitment to ecological practice.

- **Organic kitchen** — 90–100% organic meals, much produced on site
- **Renewable energy** — wind and solar power cover most of our needs
- **Regenerative farming** — permaculture design and soil-building as core methods
- **Certifications & awards** — Green Flag, Fairtrade, Rav-Aage Prize (Thise Mejeri)
- **Community projects** — mentoring, Nordic collaborations and local partnerships
- **Sustainability is lived daily** — in the food, energy, building, workshops and curriculum.

LAND AND GARDENS

Total area: 10 hectares

Garden systems (designed on permaculture principles):

- Market garden — vegetables for the kitchen
- Forest garden — perennial polyculture
- Alley-cropping fruit field — integrated tree/field systems
- Biodynamic garden — run with local community participation
- ea & herbal garden — medicinal and culinary herbs

Other site features: windmill, solar panels, outdoor kitchen, compost toilet, sheep field, crop area, and student-built tiny houses (natural & reused materials).



CONDITIONS

- **Accommodation**: Private room in school housing
- **Meals**: Three organic meals per day (mostly from school gardens and local producers)
- **Facilities**: Access to workshops, music room, dance hall, library, gym and outdoor areas
- **Language**: Main language Danish; English used where needed — good English recommended



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration: 1st March 2027 - 17th December 2027
Working hours: depends on season & tasks — typically shared between morning and afternoon garden shifts with evenings free for workshops and community life.
Safety & orientation: Induction provided on arrival. Basic tools and personal protective equipment supplied where needed.

APPLICATION

Please note: We only accept applications through our official application form, which must be sent to our email address **esc.incoming@icye.dk**