

ESC TEAM VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

VOLUNTEERS

VISION OF INCLUSION & SOLIDARITY

6th of June – 20th of June 2026
Point Blanche, Sint Maarten

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dear potential VOLUNTEER!

We are excited that you are interested in the opportunity for the ESC Team Volunteering project **V.O.I.S. – Vision Of Inclusion & Solidarity**.

This international activity brings together young people to create a positive impact through workshops, expression, and teamwork in a unique setting – working with residents at **Point Blanche Prison** in Sint Maarten.

This volunteering project is organized by **Tur Cos Ta Posibel** and funded by the **European Solidarity Corps** programme through the Dutch National Agency (Nederlands Jeugdinstituut), with additional support and co-financing from **UNODC** (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), and in collaboration with Point Blanche Prison. The project will take place in **Sint Maarten** from **6th June** to **20th June 2026**.

Get ready to step into a challenging, meaningful environment where your presence, creativity, and dedication can help build **safe spaces** for expression, personal growth, and **inclusion**. You will connect, learn, and share meaningful moments with people from different backgrounds, all united by one goal: contributing through volunteering and creating a positive impact in a community that often goes unseen.

Open minds for **impact**, open hearts for **connection**, and open arms to embrace this **life-changing** experience.

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What is ESC?



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

The **European Solidarity Corps (ESC)** is an initiative by the European Union that provides young people with opportunities to volunteer or work on projects that benefit communities across Europe and beyond. Through ESC, participants can engage in activities that promote solidarity, social inclusion, community development, and personal growth. The programme covers accommodation, food, transport, and a daily allowance for volunteers, making it accessible to young people regardless of their financial background. ESC projects allow participants to develop skills, gain international experience, and make a positive impact on communities while promoting cultural exchange and cooperation.

Eligibility / Requirements

- 18–30 years old (standard requirement for ESC volunteering projects). **BUT**, some projects may set a higher minimum age due to the nature of the work or the requirements of the hosting institution – for example, projects like this in sensitive environments such as prisons may require participants to be older. *For this project, the requirement is +23.*
- Must be a resident of an EU country or an eligible partner country
- Able to commit to the full duration of the project
- Motivated to participate in volunteering or solidarity activities
- Open-minded, flexible, and willing to learn from intercultural experiences
- Willing to work in a team

Watch the video [HERE](#), created by the European Commission, to learn more about the European Solidarity Corps (ESC).



Who are we?



Tur Cos Ta Posibel (English: Everything is Possible) is a non-profit foundation based in Aruba. What began as an informal youth initiative became an official foundation in 2019, and today we focus on youth, sport, arts, culture, and social inclusion. Our small but dedicated team uses non-formal education methods to empower young people and local organizations to reach their full potential. We aim to create equity of opportunity, especially for those with fewer resources or access.

By building strong local and international networks, we support young people in developing skills within their communities and later accessing European opportunities through Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps. Through these programs, we make international mobility, volunteering, and cultural exchange accessible to all young people in Aruba. Our main target group includes young people who have had experiences with the justice system, particularly those from prisons or similar institutions.



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how come this project?



Our organization, Tur Cos Ta Posibel, has been delivering a variety of activities in Aruba National Prison (KIA) over the past years, hosting both short-term and long-term projects. We started by bringing sports volunteers to deliver a few sessions in KIA, and gradually expanded to art, yoga, music, dance, and creative workshops. Currently, we are hosting four long-term volunteers in KIA, focusing on art, sports, music, and mental health.

Over the years, we delivered three major projects in Aruba National Prison:

AMIS – Arts and Music in Inclusion Settings

First, in May 2024, we ran AMIS involving young people from the youth department and 10 international volunteers. Over the course of two weeks, participants created three murals in the sports area and a music album.

Click [HERE](#) for AMIS video

FAIS – Fashion and Arts in Inclusion Settings

In October 2024, we delivered FAIS in the women’s wing. Here, women from the department and 10 international volunteers spent two weeks on jewelry workshops, clay, painting, mosaics, fashion design, and rebuilding the kitchen, culminating in a fashion show.

Click [HERE](#) for FAIS video

SIS – Solidarity in Straf

Finally, our last KIA team project in May 2025 called SIS brought 10 volunteers to the male adult department, where they delivered sports sessions, collaboratively created a mural with the inmates, barbering, and did the KIA Olympic competition with different challenges along the way.

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GOALS of the PROJECT

CREATE SAFE SPACES

for expression and dialogue within Point Blanche Prison, fostering mutual understanding, challenging stereotypes around incarceration, and promoting social inclusion

SUPPORT

personal growth by developing empathy and practical skills for facilitating workshops that empower self-expression and marginalized voices.

ENCOURAGE

teamwork and reflection, enabling participants to contribute meaningfully to the community while exploring opportunities for creativity and positive change.

why VOIS.

VOIS represents Inclusion and Solidarity, but also echoes “voice” - giving space for everyone to be heard, express themselves, and be seen beyond their labels.

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ABOUT participant profile



The project is open to young people who are motivated to step outside their comfort zone and engage in a meaningful, challenging volunteering experience. Ideal participants are open-minded, respectful, and ready to listen and learn from people with diverse life experiences. They should be curious, adaptable, and willing to work in a unique environment where patience, empathy, and collaboration are essential. No prior experience in working with incarcerated individuals is required, but a genuine interest in social inclusion, personal growth, and creating positive change is key. Participants will benefit most if they are committed to teamwork, reflective practice, and actively contributing to workshops and activities designed to empower residents of Point Blanche Prison.

We are looking for volunteers who are resilient, adaptable, and genuinely curious about the world and the people in it. This project will take place in a prison environment and involves working directly with detainees through various activities. It may be challenging at times and will likely push you in unexpected ways. If this idea feels uncomfortable or overwhelming, this project might not be the right fit for you. However, if it sparks your interest and you feel motivated to learn, grow, and contribute, then you might be exactly who we are looking for.

We are looking for participants who are not only committed but also ready to embrace the responsibility of being part of something new and impactful. We value good communication, creativity, and the ability to think outside the box, as well as a strong sense of social responsibility. We are looking for volunteers who choose this project for the impact they can make, not only for the location. Participants should be 23+ and motivated by purpose, teamwork, and the opportunity to contribute to meaningful change.

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volunteers we Are Looking For



+ 23 years old



SKILLS in **ART** (painting, drawing, clay, music, hip-hop, rap, writing, or similar)



SKILLS in **PHOTOGRAPHY** camera use, composition, storytelling, editing, or similar)



SKILLS in **SPORTS** (basketball, group exercises, recreational games)



Interest in sharing some **COOKING SKILLS** from their own culture



Willingness to **FACILITATE** or **CO-CREATE** workshops and activities



Ready to engage in **CHALLENGING** environment with an **OPEN HEART**



PHOTOGRAPHY

Participants will learn basic photography skills and capture moments and stories. The photos may also serve as documentation of the prison, with a final exhibition.



INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK

Volunteers will cook together, sharing dishes from their cultures and learning new recipes. The result will be the Point Blanche international cookbook with recipes and stories.



NON FORMAL ACTIVITIES

The program will include non-formal educational activities and interactive games that promote participation, teamwork, and a positive group dynamic.



ART SESSIONS

Art activities focus on self-expression through drawing, painting, clay, and similar. These sessions encourage creativity, and everyone can leave with specific skills.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Sports activities will bring participants together through friendly games and physical exercise, such as football, basketball, and others.



MUSIC

Participants will create music through songwriting, rap, freestyle, and production. The focus is on creativity, and self-expression, resulting in a shared musical piece.



SKATEBOARD SESSIONS

In collaboration with SXM Skate Sessions, participants will be introduced to skateboarding through basic practice while creating an exciting atmosphere.

TYPES of activities

LOGISTICS

This project is funded by the European Solidarity Corps programme, which covers participants' accommodation, food, and return flight for the full duration of the activity.



Participants will also receive a daily **pocket money** allowance of **7 euros per day**. This allowance is intended for personal expenses, as all meals are already provided. The full amount of the pocket money will be either given to you in cash or transferred to your personal bank account at the beginning of the project.

You will be staying in a **shared house** close to Point Blanche Prison, sharing a room with other volunteers, and transport will be organized for you. Please note that single rooms are not available, as accommodation costs in the Caribbean are very high, so only apply if you are comfortable sharing a room with others.



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- 1 Download the application form from [THIS](#) link and complete it.
- 2 Make sure to register on the European Youth Portal to receive your ESC number. You can follow [THIS](#) video for step-by-step instructions on how to register.
- 3 Once your application is completed, send it to info@turcostaposibel.eu with the subject line: "**VOIS – Application**" until **04th of April 2026**.

how to apply?

We will invite shortlisted candidates to an info session on the **10th of April 2026** at **17:00 CET**. Only shortlisted applicants will receive the link via email prior to the session.

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Through this work, I've learned that each of us is more than the worst thing that we've ever done; that the opposite of poverty isn't wealth, the opposite of poverty is justice; that the character of our nation isn't reflected on how we treat the rich and the privileged, but how we treat the poor, the disfavored, and condemned.

Bryan Stevenson

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hope to meet
you soon!

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