

CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS

SEASON
2025 - 26



ABOUT THE ÉCOLE DE CIRQUE DE BRUXELLES

1- Get to know us !

For over 40 years, the Ecole de Cirque de Bruxelles has developed its own methodology and pedagogy for the circus arts. We believe that the circus arts can be used as a tool for education, teaching and integration. Circus workshops are given to around 1,000 students a week: children, teenagers and adults, with or without disabilities, from disadvantaged or more privileged neighbourhoods.

In addition to these weekly workshops, we run a number of pedagogical and artistic projects:

- The Handicirque sector: we have developed an inclusive approach to circus adapted to work with people with disabilities;
- Cirque Social: we run social cohesion projects using circus arts for the public in the Quartier Maritime area where we are based;
- Creation Workshops: our young circus enthusiasts specialise in the technique of their choice and meet every week to create a collective show;
- Pedagogical Training: for one year full-time, 14 students acquire a complete set of pedagogical skills, as well as an in-depth knowledge of the art of the circus, in order to become circus trainers;
- The Centre Européen de Funambulisme: we teach everyone the art of walking on a wire using a balancing pole, and offer local and European training courses and performances.

Since 2011, we have welcomed several European volunteers each year as part of the European Solidarity Corps. For 12 months, they take part in the life of the school and become an integral part of the team.

Each project is built around the expertise and expectations of the volunteers, in line with our proposals. The project will evolve over the year, and each experience is unique and individual.



2- Where are we?

We are located at Rue Picard 3, 1000 Bruxelles.



We also offer circus classes in Maison des Cultures de Saint-Gilles : Rue de Belgrade 120, 1060 Saint-Gilles

3- Highlights of the year September 2025

- Back to school for the Pedagogical Training students, Handicirque and Volunteers
- Back-to-school meeting - Welcome evening
- Festival d'arts de rue

March 2026: Cabaret des Ateliers de Création

May 2026: Open House

June 2026: Chapitô FP



A YEAR AT ECOLE DE CIRQUE DE BRUXELLES VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Starts: 1st
September 2025
/ Ends : 28th
August 2026

Frame Work: 30
hours per week,
spread over 5 days.
The distribution of
hours may vary
according to the
school's missions
and events.

Holidays: 2 days
holiday per month
(which can be
cumulated)

For this year 2025–2026, we are looking for 2 volunteers:

Circus arts pedagogy: The volunteer should have a circus background and enjoy working with children. You will be part of the pedagogical sector, supporting the trainers during circus workshops and activities.

The school events: The volunteer will support the external coordinator in organising the school's events (Open Days, Chapitô FP, Cabaret des Ateliers de Création, etc.), and one-off projects. You will support and take part in the day-to-day activities of the school, and should feel comfortable with having some office time.

The activities we propose are the basis on which each volunteer builds his/her own experience. The activities can be mixed and matched, and you will have the opportunity to discover all aspects of the School during your time with us.

We also encourage initiative and new ideas! If you wish, we will help you to develop your own personal project.

How does it work ?

- We help you find accommodation when you arrive, and we pay for the rent.
- We give you a monthly allowance to cover your food, local transport costs and pocket money.
- We pay for your travel to and from Brussels, and any expenses relating to visa fees.
- You will be covered by HENNER's European complementary insurance.
- You will have unlimited access to the free OLS language support platform, to perfect your French or any other language of your choice.



HOW TO APPLY

- Applications open until April 30th 2025
- Selections in May and June.
- To apply, send your CV and cover letter by email to volunteer@ecbru.be

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Speak French
- Enjoy working in a team
- Be motivated by the project, the school and its values!



SENDING ORGANIZATION

You are officially resident of Belgium and want to apply for a volunteering experience abroad? Ecole de Cirque de Bruxelles can help you !

We can be your sending organization and guide you through the whole process: finding an opportunity, applying and getting ready for departure. Contact volunteer@ecbru.be.

