

# Call for participants



## Venue

Utøya, Norway

## Theme

Civic education against extremism

## Requirements

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must have volunteered actively for AFS or EFIL for at least one year, excluding your exchange
- You must be able to work independently in English
- You must take part in all programme activities
- Your participation must be confirmed by your national office
- You should have an interest in the topic

## Costs

The fee for this year's VSS is 290 EUR (tents), 330-370 EUR (cabins), 710 EUR (double bed room) and 820 EUR (single bed room). Great accommodation, meals, welcome package and programme activities are included in the participation fee.

## Date

The VSS will take place from Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## Apply

To start the application process, please visit the VSS website, log in and fill out the form. The application is open from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

## Info

For more information about cancellation policy, application process and the VSS in general, see the VSS website. You can also follow the VSS on Facebook (EFIL Volunteer Summer Summit), Instagram and Snapchat (both @efilvss).

<http://efilsummersummit.org>

The European Federation for Intercultural Learning is happy to invite you to the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Volunteer Summer Summit hosted by AFS Norway. The VSS is EFIL's largest training gathers almost 200 volunteers of all ages every year from all over Europe and beyond for a 4-day event of training, best-practice sharing, intercultural learning, networking and fun.

This year's VSS will take place on the island of Utøya in Norway and will focus on the topic of "Civic education against extremism". Although this might seem like a bold choice, a long reflection has gone into why it is appropriate to host the event there. After the tragic events that took place in 2011, Utøya has been reopened as both a place of memory and a workshop for democracy and civic education; it now hosts organisations to empower people to stand against extremism through learning, reflection, dialogue and the purposeful re-habitation of the island in the face of extreme violence. The theme has been thoughtfully chosen to reflect the history of the island and to act as a catalyst for an open and honest discussion about extremism in its many forms, and how to counter it through civic education. As an AFSer, committed to creating a more just a peaceful world, and an active citizen, you have a role to play in making our society less polarized, less extreme, less violent, and more inclusive. At the VSS you have the chance to gain motivation, knowledge, tools and most importantly relationships to have a real impact.

The programme of the Summer Summit is designed to offer many different settings and activities to explore the theme, get to know each other, learn more about Norway, about Utøya and give back to our host community.

Through a track system you will be able to choose 2-4 workshops that will focus on one aspect of the topic and explore it from different specific angles. Following a track will give you the chance to go in depth and guide you on a coherent journey through the topic. The rest of the program includes: a local night, a community project, the famous Bazar, several leisure activities, an exhibition, and an amazing Goodbye party to wrap it all up in Norwegian style. To ensure that you get what you want out of the VSS, the team encourages you to be interactive and take ownership of the event, through activities like I can teach you or the development of follow up projects.

We will be thrilled to welcome you in Norway.

Your Prep Team,

Alma, Cátia, Franzi, Gert, Nic, Sercan, Thea and Valentina



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