



# ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

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## ESU Volunteering Positions

### Volunteer description & person specification

Volunteer position:	<b>ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition Judge</b>
Reporting to:	Your Regional Performing Shakespeare Competition Coordinator (volunteer) AND ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition Lead Organiser (staff member)
Hours of work:	1 hour training and guidance 3-4 hours per heat judged (plus travelling time)
Location:	Based within specified ESU region Travel will be required

The ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition allows young people (age 11-14) across England and Wales to practise their oracy and drama skills. Join our team of committed regional volunteers who run the competition across England and Wales.

### Overview

To judge and offer feedback at one area final of the ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition (age 11-14).

### Responsibilities

- Support and promote the charitable objectives of the ESU, acting as a representative for the organisation
- Judge at Performing Shakespeare competitions and follow the ESU guidelines
- Use the mark sheet provided by the ESU and follow the ESU guidance
- Provide high quality and constructive oral feedback to the students that participate
- Work collaboratively and professionally with other judges
- Adhere to the ESU's equity policy and safeguarding guidelines
- Dress appropriately and to speak respectfully
- Positively promote and encourage others to participate in future competitions
- Attend events punctually and inform the ESU immediately when unable to attend

### Person specification

#### *Essential*

- Commit to a minimum of one academic year
- Complete and pass the online Performing Shakespeare judge's training
- Ability to communicate effectively with young people, peers and colleagues
- Access to a vehicle, or willingness to travel by public transport
- Keen interest in promoting oracy/performance skills in young people

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### *Desirable*

- Experience in performance, theatre or drama
- Experience in working with young people in an educational context
- Previous participant in ESU programmes/competitions

### **The English-Speaking Union**

The English-Speaking Union delivers education programmes and competitions across England and Wales that enable a wide range of young people to 'discover their voice'. Central to our mission is a commitment to working with schools and young people to narrow gaps in opportunity and achievement.

Most competitions are judged by ESU Volunteers who are based regionally and allow us to reach more young people across England and Wales.

### **Note**

This job description is not a contract but is provided for a volunteer's guidance on the way in which the duties of the post are to be carried out. The content of the job description may change from time to time and the volunteer will be consulted over any substantial changes. As a volunteer, you may be required to perform work not specifically mentioned above commensurate with the scope of your role within the ESU.

The ESU is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Therefore, we expect all employees and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks, including identity checks and signing of a volunteer agreement and the ESU's code of conduct.

### **To Apply**

In order to apply to be a judge, you must complete the online training module [here](#). An ESU staff member will then be in touch with you to follow up.

You can also contact the ESU's volunteer management staff at [volunteering@esu.org](mailto:volunteering@esu.org) to find out more about the role.

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