

### Volunteer Opportunity Description

<b>Opportunity Title</b>	Performing Shakespeare Judge (online and in-person)  The ESU's Performing Shakespeare Competition brings the joy of interpreting and performing Shakespeare together with the development of acting and oracy skills in young people (age 11-14/Years 7-9).
<b>Supporting</b>	ESU Education Team and Performing Shakespeare Competition Coordinator (& Branch Chair, if applicable).
<b>Commitment Requirements</b>	The Performing Shakespeare Competition heats take place each year between April and May. Heats typically take place in schools 4pm – 7pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two-hour training session (online)</li><li>• Three-four hours per heat (plus travelling time)</li></ul>
<b>Expenses</b>	Payable as per policy
<b>Where You'll Be Based</b>	The competition takes place in 13 regions across England and Wales. The application form will ask you how far you are happy to travel for a competition heat.
<b>DBS Requirement</b>	N/A

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To be an ESU Performing Shakespeare Judge you will need great oral communication skills, an ability to summarise objectively and the capacity to put young people at ease. Through constructive feedback, you will help to develop young people's confidence, knowledge, and skills in performance and oracy.

You will be equally at ease working independently or as part of a team. Your attention to detail will ensure you can also capture and return results in writing via the competition matrix in a timely fashion to aid the smooth running of further heats.

In return you will be part of a wide network of volunteers and get to see first-hand the power of voice and the positive impact it can have on young people.

#### **Opportunity Summary**

You will:

- Judge (in-person and where relevant on Zoom) the ESU Performing Shakespeare Regional Finals
- Provide positive, constructive, and high-quality oral feedback to participants
- Record competition results using the ESU guidelines and marking criteria
- Work collaboratively and professionally with other volunteers
- Actively promote other ESU programmes and membership to the teachers you meet
- Promote the English-Speaking Union's aims and objectives and following safeguarding and equity policies

#### **To Take Part, We Need You To:**

- Have a keen interest in Shakespeare and performance
- Have good oral communication and listening skills
- Be happy speaking to an audience
- Have a friendly personality
- Have access to a computer. This is both so you can access the Zoom events and so we can share details of current opportunities with you and so that your branch coordinator can reach you

Whilst some experience of performing arts, literature or competitions would be advantageous, full training will be given

#### **Our Commitment to You**

Throughout your time volunteering with us you will receive support from the ESU, including full training for your specific role. Keeping you updated is important to us, and so we'll send you regular bulletins.. There will be social opportunities to meet with other volunteers, including an annual recognition event, as well as Branch activities (as applicable).

You won't be out of pocket and can reclaim your approved travel expenses (car mileage, bus or train) in line with the ESU's travel expenses policy.