

Volunteer Opportunity Description

Opportunity Title	School Liaison Officer (online and in-person) The English-speaking Union's prestigious Schools' Mace, Public Speaking Competition and Performing Shakespeare Competition allow students to practise and excel in different skills. Our debate, public speaking and Shakespeare programmes help young people to engage with the world, to speak more confidently and to listen to and understand different points of view.
Supporting	ESU Education Team (& Branch Chair and Branch Competition Co-ordinators, if applicable)
Commitment Requirement	The Schools' Mace, Public Speaking, and Performing Shakespeare competitions take place each year between November and May. We start promoting the competitions to schools at the end of the prior academic year (June/July time). Registration closes on 1st October. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two-hour training session (online)• One hour per week corresponding with schools and volunteers
Expenses	Payable as per policy
Where You'll Be Based	The competitions take place in 13 regions across England and Wales. The application form will ask you how far you are happy to travel.
DBS Requirement	N/A

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To be an ESU School Liaison Officer you'll need an ability to develop relationships with schools; have great organisational and planning skills; and an understanding of education. Through relationship building, you will help to encourage schools to participate in our competitions.

You will be equally at ease working independently or as part of a team. Your attention to detail will ensure you collect accurate information from schools and communicate these to the ESU Education Team and to Branch Chairs and Branch Co-ordinators (as appropriate).

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:

- Contact local schools about ESU competition opportunities
- Act as an ambassador for ESU programmes in interactions with schools
- Maintain accurate, detailed, and up-to-date information on the schools contacted
- Regularly communicate with schools, volunteers and ESU HQ
- 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 follow safeguarding and equity policies

To Take Part, We Need You To:

- Be passionate about education
- Have excellent organisational and planning skills
- 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. What's more, 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.