ONE Youth Ambassador Role Description

Application deadline: End of Friday, 22 December 2023

Location: Online and offline in Belgium. We only accept applicants living in Belgium for the duration of the programme.

Interview dates: January and February 2024

Compensation: Voluntary role with reasonable expenses paid when taking part in ONE activities

Time commitment: 1-2 hours per week, until December 2024

Age requirement: 18-35 year olds

About this role

ONE has a network of Global Activists – in Africa, Europe and North America – fighting against extreme poverty and preventable diseases. In Belgium, the Youth Ambassador programme is a one-year volunteer programme and we’re looking for new activists to join us for 2024.

As a Youth Ambassador in Belgium, you would be joining a group of like-minded 50 Youth Ambassadors, working with 300 Youth Ambassadors from across Europe and thousands more activists from around the world. You will advocate for, represent and feed into ONE’s campaigns.

We’re seeking motivated young individuals aged 18 to 35 to join us in advocating for a better world by campaigning and engaging your EU political decision makers on a variety of issues, such as the climate crisis, global financial reforms, global health, and much more. With the EU’s upcoming parliamentary elections in 2024, it’s a crucial time to make sure that the issues we care about are top priorities for decision makers.

Each Ambassador will receive training, access to high-profile events, in-depth policy briefings, as well as dedicated support from ONE’s expert team. They will carry out a variety of campaigns and advocacy actions and will be expected attend events both online and offline. This role is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to build their skills in campaigning and advocacy and to get some experience in the international development field.

If you agree that everyone should lead a life of dignity and opportunity everywhere, then join us to make a difference in the fight against extreme poverty!

What can you expect from the Youth Ambassadors program?

This year, our volunteers will have some exciting opportunities ahead as we dive into campaigning for the 2024 European Parliamentary elections. It’s a chance for you to make a real impact and ensure that your voice holds significant influence. When you join us, here's what you can expect:
• Engage with MEPs, EU policymakers and high-level decision makers throughout your campaigning year and attend events & conferences representing ONE.

• Develop practical skills and knowledge such as public speaking, how to pitch your story to journalists and (local) media, & policy knowledge on EU politics, international development, international climate finance, and global health.

• Raise awareness and inspire change on our issues on social media, in (local) media, in universities, and at festivals.

• Plenty of time for socialising with your fellow Youth Ambassadors with monthly meetings, and a great network to help you with your future careers and studies in Brussels.

• A written confirmation of your volunteering and a certificate after completion of the programme.

What have ONE’s Youth Ambassadors achieved in the past?

• Transformed education systems for more than one billion girls and boys, by helping to secure €700 million from the European Commission for the Global Partnership for Education.

• Contributed to secure €715 million from the European Commission for the Global Fund to fight aids, malaria, and tuberculosis.

• Ensured that the EU helps to create a fairer world regardless of where you are born, by helping to protect the EU budget for development cooperation from cuts.

• Guaranteed that ONE’s mission of equality is reflected in EU decision-making by actively campaigning during the European elections and securing the support of over 200 MEPs in the European Parliament that aid its mission to end extreme poverty and preventable diseases worldwide.

• Campaigned to put climate adaptation finance at the forefront of the EU’s fight against the climate crisis, helping to provide funds for low-income countries in addressing the already tangible effects of climate change.

• Leveraged the skills and networks that they built up during the program to pursue flourishing careers in Brussels after the program – ranging from EU institutions to NGOs in international development, foreign policy, and communications.

Does that sound like music to your ears? Please submit your application on our website by the end of Friday, 22 December 2023. We will be in touch soon after to let you know if you've been selected for an online interview. Do you have a question or want more information? Do not hesitate to contact us via email: oneyouthambassadorsbelgium@one.org

ONE does not discriminate in its selection and volunteer practices. We are an equal opportunity employer and all volunteer applicants will receive consideration to join our Youth Ambassador programme. To learn more about our diversity and inclusion work and priorities, visit https://www.one.org/us/about/diversity/.