

Volunteer Opportunities in Madrid for Everyone

If you're looking for ways to get involved in the Madrid community and help out – from donating clothes to teaching English in city jails – here are a few non-profit organizations recommended by international volunteers who live here. While some require long-term commitments and knowing Spanish, others can benefit from just a few hours of your time and have no language barriers.

So whether you're new to the city or have very little spare time, there are plenty of ways to give back – even the smallest gesture can make a difference.

[Casa Solidaria](#)

While Madrid operates government-run food banks for its residents in need, there are many people who can't take advantage of this service due to lack of paperwork. **Casa Solidaria** aims to fill this void, organizing volunteers who prepare food in their own homes and deliver to 150+ people in **Plaza de Tirso de Molina every weekday at 8:30pm**. Each person gets a hot meal, a sandwich and a piece of fruit.

One volunteer said: "For most of these people, this is their primary source of food for the day. Without this, they are at serious risk." With no regular funding, the charity—which also operates in Barcelona and Lleida—is always always looking for [volunteers and donations](#).

- [Website](#)

[Robin Hood Restaurant](#)



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Another noble organization feeding the hungry of Madrid is the Robin Hood restaurant on Calle Eguilaz. During the day, Robin Hood is run like a typical Spanish café. But **by night, the chefs and waiting staff use the profits to feed Madrid's most in need residents.**

At this catholic charity-run eatery, the idea is to offer the homeless of Madrid not only their daily bread, but also the civility of dining at a restaurant. Father Ángel García Rodríguez told [NPR](#), "I want them to eat with the same dignity as any other customer. And the same quality, with glasses made of crystal, not plastic, and in an atmosphere of friendship and conversation." The restaurant is attracting the talents of celebrity chefs and staff from the city's top hotels.

Support Robin Hood by dropping in for a bite to eat—just be sure to make a reservation first as it's booking up months in advance.

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CONCAES (Confraternidad Carcelaria Española)

CONCAES is a Madrid-based NGO that works to provide support to people affected by crime, whether they're prisoners, victims or family members. One of their main initiatives is giving educational workshops for inmates, to provide or increase skills and help with rehabilitation. English classes are currently run in two different penitentiary centres and give inmates the opportunity to learn English, or improve their level with native teachers.

As a volunteer you are responsible for planning and leading the classes, while you are accompanied by other volunteers or coordinators. According to one volunteer, "It can be challenging at times but it is without a doubt the most rewarding thing that I've done since moving to Madrid. In my experience the students are very motivated and the classes have a great atmosphere. The English workshops take place on Friday mornings so it's easy to combine with work. It can take a while between signing up and getting permission to enter the centres so this is definitely one for people who are in Madrid for more than a few months."

- [Website](#)

Madrid for Refugees



Madrid for Refugees is run by a group of international volunteers who work closely with refugee centers in the Comunidad de Madrid. Their main goal is to help refugees from all over the world to build a life for themselves here in the city, from finding housing to work. One way to support Madrid for Refugees is by attending a **Chefugee event – monthly dinners organized where the entire menu is prepared by a refugee** seeking work opportunities in Madrid's culinary scene. Other ways to get involved include donating clothes and doing language exchanges as well as running errands and being a chauffeur. You can also attend their fundraising events and concerts which are announced on the [MfR Facebook page](#), and all benefits go to helping refugees.

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[Serve the City](#)

Serve the City is an international volunteer movement that

began in Brussels in 2005, and is now located in over 95 cities around the world. It aims to connect people with local opportunities and events in their cities, so they can show kindness in practical ways to people in need, including refugees, the homeless, orphans, victims of human trafficking, the disabled and the poor. Serve the City believes that even the smallest efforts can make a big difference, and we agree.

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Know of any other organizations to add to this list? Let us know!