

EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020

L'ancienne gare du Creux-des-Biches, Le Noirmont (French speaking area)

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2020 – 30th August 2020 / 6 months

Website of the Hosting Organisation: <http://www.creux-des-biches.ch>

Requirement: Basic knowledge of French and experience or interest in one or some of these practical fields: general maintenance - building/constructing - agriculture - gardening - house keeping and cooking for guests



General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

- This project would be **granted from the Swiss government** and not the EU, because Switzerland is officially no more a full member of Erasmus +.
- The volunteers will live **in the project**. The candidate should be motivated to share the life of other volunteers and the community of the project and live an intercultural exchange with them.
- The contributions for **international travel costs are CHF 400**.
- The volunteer will be insured through the **ICYE group insurance**
- The volunteer will receive a **pocket money of CHF 300 per month**
- The volunteers will work about **30 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is **6 months**
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

L'ancienne gare du Creux-des-Biches is a little open-minded community in the great landscape of the Jura mountains in the west of Switzerland. It is situated in an old train station surrounded by meadows and forests with free running horses in summertime. L'ancienne gare du Creux-des-Biches is running a centre of permaculture and a guesthouse offering seminars and workshops about ecological and spiritual growth. The community is living with chicken, ducks, cats and four wonderful horses which are the best trainers in personal development. It has also a place for meditation or yoga.

The community consists of 2 fix staff working and living in the project as well as 2-5 short and long term Swiss and international volunteers. This project is in the french-speaking part of Switzerland. Staff and volunteers try to speak french as much as possible - but as it is a multicultural place they also speak many different languages.

In the project, volunteers can learn about permaculture, house maintenance, cooking, horses and other animals, harvesting healing herbs and transform them to health products and herbal teas.

Structure of the daily life for the whole team (obligatory)

- Regularity in the working hours concerning the hosting project: minimum 25 hours a week
- Optimally 5 working days per week, 5 hours a day, starting work after breakfast not later than at 9 h. Usually 3 hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon.
- Being ready to spontaneously start work earlier OR stop work later in the summer season (garden, harvest...) or depending on the personal task (horses, chicken, etc.)

Information Flow concerning the whole team

- On Monday Morning during the breakfast time: week planning
- Thursday during the meal at noon: exchange about the forthcoming of the personal tasks and aims taken in the project
- Once a month: discussion/reflexion about how we want to live, what do we aim to represent, to experiment, to „offer to the world”

Personalized tasks for longtime volunteers (options)

- Guesthouse organization (org cleaning/breakfast/meals/hosting coordination)
- Animal care (Food / Cleaning / Occupation)
- Gardening
- Help in the product manufacture (herb teas, pommades, etc.)
- Contact/organisation short time Volunteers
- Publicity, Publications, Advertisements etc.
- General maintenance

The volunteer will have his/her own bedroom and will share the bathroom and kitchen with the other members of the project. The food is mainly vegetarian.

To apply, please fill in the application form and send it until **3rd of November 2019** to lea.kolzer@icye.ch

Application Form and other information: <https://www.icye.ch/fr/volontariat-etranger/programmes/service-volontaire-europeen/european-voluntary-service/>