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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020-2021

Blindspot – Inclusion and Diversity Switzerland, Bern

(German speaking area)

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2020 – 28th of February 2021 – 12 months

Project website: https://blindspot.ch/en/

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Inklusion und Vielfaltsförderung Schweiz
Inclusion et diversité Suisse
Inclusion and diversity Switzerland

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

- This project would be **granted from the Swiss government** und not the EU, because Switzerland is officially no more a full member of Erasmus +.
- The volunteers will live with a **voluntary Swiss host family**. The candidate should be motivated to share the life of the host family and live an intercultural exchange with them.
- The contributions for **international travel costs are maximum CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- 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 between **32 to 38 hours a week**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** filled in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization, not a youth pass.

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Blindspot – Inclusion and Diversity Switzerland – is a non-profit organization that advocates for a society in which inclusion is a matter of course in all settings. Blindspot aims to achieve this by proposing and creating inclusion projects in the area of education, leisure and work.

Blindspot believes in the added value of a diverse society for everyone. In order to experience this benefits in a tangible way, Blindspot organizes experiences where people with different backgrounds can meet and develop their social and self-competence. The results of these projects are always the same: the participants agree that we all have a lot in common and that everyone wants and has the right to be part of the wider society.

Blindspot raises awareness among experts and specialists from both disabled and non-disabled areas through partnerships, cooperation, networking and lectures in Switzerland and abroad. The aim of this is to exchange best practices and to find new partners in order to combine forces and create an open, inclusive society for everybody.

The inclusion projects and work approach of Blindspot are based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The volunteer can learn how an organization that works for inclusion functions during a whole year. The volunteer will mostly be working at the restaurant, will help organizing different events and do some research on the theme of inclusion. The volunteer will also have time to develop his/her own project in the organization. The volunteer will be part of the team.

Here is the non-exhaustive list of tasks by Blindspot:

- Supporting a diverse service team in the restaurant Provisorium 46, which consists of people with and without handicap (with supported supervision)
- Assist in the preparation and execution of different cultural events
- Supporting the preparation, execution and after-evaluation of different inclusion projects (e.g. summer camp and winter camp and other new projects)
  E.g. preparing marketing and communication materials, support application-procedure, shooting photos, support social educators etc.
- Doing different research for inclusion topics (e.g. social orientation in other countries, comparison of inclusion in Switzerland and volunteer's country)
- Develop own project according to interests

The type of work and workload change according to the season, which requires the volunteer to be flexible and adapt.

Profile: Woman or man, between 18 and 30 years old, interested in working in an organization that promotes inclusion, flexible, sociable, serious, some knowledge of German would be an advantage

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/

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2019/20

L'Arche La Corolle, Versoix

(French speaking area)

EVS in Social Media and Content Management

Activity duration: as soon as possible – September 2020

Project website: http://arche-suisse.ch/larche-la-corolle-geneve/

*Requirements: **Interest in working with people with an intellectual disability** and basic knowledge of French.*

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

- This project is **fully subsidized by the Swiss government** und not the EU, because Switzerland is not member of the Erasmus+ programme.
- The volunteers will live in one of our community homes. The candidate **should be motivated to share the life of people with an intellectual disability**, members of the l'Arche community and other volunteers.
- The total amount for **international travel costs reimbursements are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- The volunteer is insured through the **ICYE group insurance**
- The volunteer receives a **pocket money of CHF 300 per month**
- The volunteer works about **32-35 hours a week**.
- The volunteer receives a **certificate** filled in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization (not a Youth Pass), as well as an employment reference.

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L'Arche proposes/offers :

The encounter with the person who has a disability :

a unique and extraordinary experience.

La Corolle is a “l’Arche community” where 42 adults with an intellectual disability (30 in houses and 42 in workshops) live in 4 homes and work together in 3 to 4 workshops.

La Corolle is an institution welcoming people with an intellectual disability, as well as a “l’Arche community”. L’Arche creates communities where the members, with and without intellectual disabilities, share daily life together. Each member receives support to grow, to attain their goals, and to contribute their gifts and abilities. In L'Arche, we try to "live with" people with a disability, rather than "do for" them, thereby breaking down the barriers in the traditional care giving relationship. Mutual care, respect and compassion transform these relationships. The persons supported and those who support them help each other reach their full potential.

Community life is based on three dimensions : the community dimension, the professional dimension and the spiritual dimension. The community dimension is characterized by our ‘living together’ in mutual and fraternal relationships. The professional dimension is necessary in order to accompany people with an intellectual disability. There is a shared spirituality in L’ Arche that includes finding mystery in the ordinary things of daily life, celebrating the unique gift of each person, and seeing our need for one another as a pathway to inner freedom, mutual care, unity, and communion.

Living in a community

As a volunteer, you live and work in a house alongside people with a disability, assistants and leaders, thereby creating a "home". Supporting the educational staff, you contribute to bringing the soul of the home to life, both through your presence and your personal qualities. You participate in everyday activities, in the home and at work: meals, celebrations, housework and relaxation activities. You accompany people in their everyday routines. In short, it's like a family where everyone helps keep the house going!

Going to encounter the unexpected

Through a supportive, people-centered approach, the volunteer sets out to discover different cultures, traditions and nationalities. Life as a volunteer in L'Arche is a journey towards acceptance of difference: it is placing the weakest person at the heart of our lives and growing with him or her. It's being ready to be overwhelmed by an unexpected encounter from which you emerge transformed. It is allowing yourself time to reflect on your life choices and expectations. The spiritual dimension of each community allows and reinforces the value of this search.

Training and taking on responsibilities

As a volunteer, you are at the heart of life in the home and are supported by a team of professionals who train you, guide you and encourage you to take on responsibilities.

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EVS Project in Switzerland

2020-2021

Ton sur Ton, La Chaux-de-Fonds

(French speaking area)

Swiss Foundation for Arts and social developments

Is looking for 2 volunteers

Activity duration: 1st of February 2020 – 31st of July 2020 – 6 months

Or

Activity duration: 1st of September 2020 – 31st of August 2021 – 12 months

Requirement for the volunteer: *Interest for social circus and/or social arts developments / in the fields of music, theater, street arts, contemporary and urban dance.*

Project website: www.tonsurton.ch

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- The contributions for **international travel costs are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- 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 **32 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is **6 or 12 months**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

So what?

Ton sur Ton is a Swiss private foundation recognised for its public utility. This is a competence center in performing and social arts training, which has provided for the past eighteen years a full and lively academic teaching in the disciplines of Jazz Music, Modern Music, Theatre, Contemporary and urban Dance and Circus Arts.

In parallel to the teachings, Ton sur Ton initiated the program Art Sans Frontière, which is a participatory mediation and social program that aspires to use circus, dance, theatre and music as integration and personal development tools. Art Sans Frontière is a collaborative network between the artists and the different art, social, educational, and medical institutions for the benefit of the social intervention and cultural mediation.

As EVS, we propose that you participate with us in the developments of activities and strategies of this cultural and social program in Switzerland.

You want a practical experience in the field of culture, collaborating in a lovely atmosphere with dozen of cultural social workers? Then welcome to Ton sur Ton! You'll undoubtedly live a special stay at 1000m altitude, in a pretty nice city inscribed as UNESCO heritage.

Volunteer's weekly plan will look like this (not exhaustive!):

- From Tuesday to Friday: He/she participates as assistant to different circus courses.
- He/She also participates in the production of the future events with the office team and other working groups. It means he/she will help us with the infrastructure (cleaning, preparation of the chapiteau, cleaning, etc)
- Thursday & Friday : he/she works with us and with our partner (La Plage des Six-Pompes www.laplage.ch), discovering others activities about the production of cultural events (planning, to do list, team building, etc)
- On Saturday the volunteer will have time to work on his/her personal project
- Sunday & Monday would be the days off.

Example of personal projects:

- Creation of a short artistic show as director, integrating EVS's focus and personal values.
- Set up dynamic mechanisms to ensure the production and/or promotion of cultural events (social media, software developments, video, photography, graphics, etc.).
- Cooperation in scenography, technical light and/or sound needs, choreography, etc…
- Composing a notebook relating and describing a cultural stay with us in Switzerland.
- Creating a working group with the task of hosting our young students during events. The mission could be to accommodate them before and after shows…
- Building a cooperation with organisations in the volunteer's own country or with the consular community of his/her home country in Switzerland…
- Imagining potential collaborations with the network of our main partner: CARAVAN Circus (www.caravancircusnetwork.eu)
- …

Important: all activities will depend on the skills and on the motivation of the volunteer. The week agenda will be organized after discussion with the volunteer.

Profile: Woman or man, between 18 and 30 years old, Interested in culture and social arts, especially in circus area, flexible, sociable, serious.

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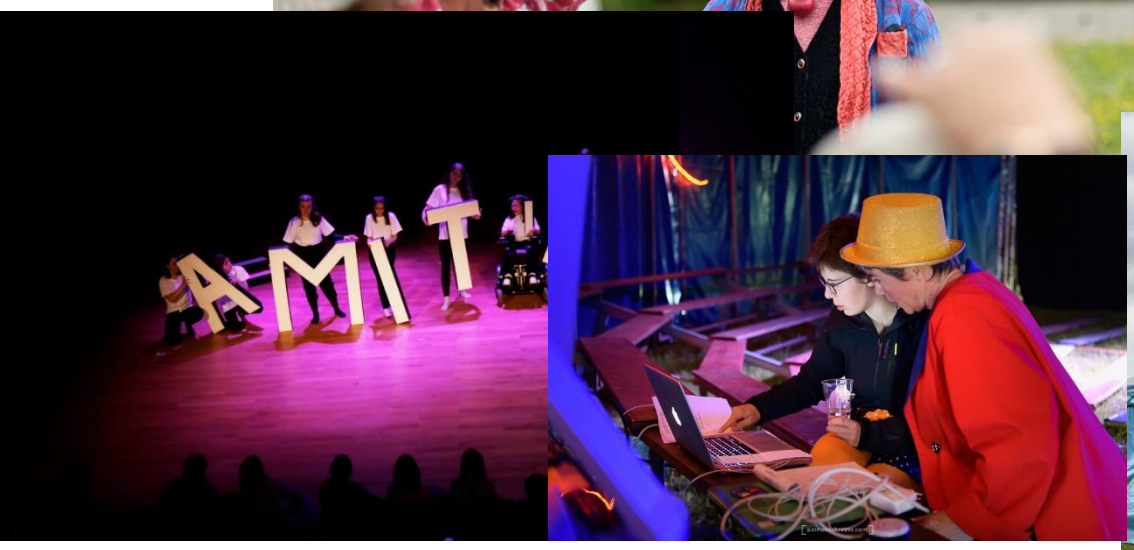

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION

Synergy Village, Feldbach

(German speaking area)

is looking for **3** volunteers!

2 volunteers from 2nd of March 2020 – 28th February 2021 (12 months)

1 volunteer from 2nd of March 2020 – 1st of December 2020 (9 months)

(one volunteer can also start in April/Mai 2020)

***Requirements**: Interest in manual work outside, working with people and basic German knowledge.*

Website of the Hosting Organisation: www.synergy-village.org

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

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- 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 between **32 to 38 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is 9 or 12 months.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** filled in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

Synergy Village is a family-and friends-based non-profit association. It's situated on a centuries-old property, which was used as a traditional farm back in the days. It's a beautiful place with a magic grotto, idyllic gardens, green farmland, and old traditional houses. Also a private spot at the Lake of Zurich is part of the property.

The aim of Synergy Village is to welcome guests and visitors on the property and to use the space for cultural, social and sustainable events. As the name Synergy Village indicates, many of the activities are based on the principle of "creating synergies" by creating win-win situations on a non-monetary basis. As an example, volunteers contribute to the place with their work and knowledge, while they have the opportunity to learn new things, develop their own ideas, immerse into a new society and meet people from all around the world.

The place is a meeting place for people from all around the world. In the summer months, the main house is run as a **guesthouse** for international visitors and larger groups. From autumn to spring, all the rooms are rented out to long-term tenants. The house has then the feeling of a shared housing community. The principle of Synergy Village is that everyone who visits is part of the community that is always set up by the current visitors (guests and volunteers).

Furthermore, Synergy Village rents out function rooms in the renovated barn for all kind of events, such as cultural, social and creative events, workshops, corporate or private events. In addition, Synergy Village also organizes its own events, such as a yearly open day, a market or a summer night BBQ.

The organization Synergy Village consists of 3-4 board members and a number of active members who regularly help on the property.

Volunteers have many opportunities to get involved:

- Help in guesthouse with guest check-in, prepare rooms, laundry, cleaning etc. (only in summer months)
- Help at events with preparations and running events
- Outdoor maintenance such as lawn mowing, lake leaves, harvesting, pruning etc. (depending on season)
- Gardening for vegetables and flowers: weeding, planting, irrigating, harvesting etc.
- Landscape gardening: digging, make paths, stairs, walls etc.
- Creative and decoration work
- Help with renovations
- Cooking and baking for community and events

Synergy Village aims to be a "Place of Inspiration" where people can be creative, try new things and learn from each other. Therefore, volunteers are encouraged to bring in their own ideas and work on their own project, beside the daily tasks.

The type of work and workload change according to the season, which requires the volunteer to be flexible and adapt.

The Volunteers stay in a shared room for 2-3 volunteers. The food is vegetarian. There are two friendly cats on the property that also stay in the house.

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020-2021

Mère Sofia foundation, Lausanne

(French speaking area)

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2020 – 28th of February 2021 – 12 months

Requirement: Motivation to be in contact with person in precarious situations, like practical work.

Website of the Hosting Organisation: www.meresofia.ch

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

- This project would be **granted from the Swiss government** und not the EU, because Switzerland is officially no more a full member of Erasmus +.
- The volunteers will live with a **voluntary Swiss host family**. The candidate should be motivated to share the life of the host family and live an intercultural exchange with them.
- The contributions for **international travel costs are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- 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 **10 months**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

The foundation Mère Sofia based in Lausanne is a welfare organization which helps the most impoverished. They have different departments that aid people in need. The volunteer will work mainly at the soup kitchen and may also support the itinerant social service.

About 30 co-workers, 3 interns and 220 volunteers work for the foundation Mère Sofia.

The EVS volunteer will have the opportunity to have an insight in one or two of these departments during his-her EVS, depending of his-her interest and French knowledge.

The EVS volunteer will mainly work at the soup kitchen. In addition to providing food assistance for free every single day of the year, the welfare organization's goal is to welcome each person without discrimination and allow a social contact with a group.

At the soup kitchen, the tasks of the volunteer will be

- Preparation of the meals and help in the kitchen
- Collaboration with voluntary co-workers
- Distribution of the meals
- Logistical help and maintenance work
- Social support during the evening.

In this environment of work, the volunteer should be empathic and open minded. She-he should not be afraid to become invested in the lives of the impoverished people taking part in the soup kitchen. Moreover, the volunteer should be able to coordinate a group and to collaborate with the team.

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020-21

LivrEchange Intercultural Library, Fribourg

(French and German speaking area)

Activity duration: 16th of March 2020 – 20th of December 2020 – 9 months

Project website: www.livrechange.ch

*Requirement for the volunteer: French knowledge and **driving license (obligatory)***

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

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- The volunteers will live with a **voluntary Swiss host family**. The candidate should be motivated to share the life of the host family and live an intercultural exchange with them.
- The contributions for **international travel costs are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- 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 **32 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is **9 months**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

The intercultural Library LivrEchange is an association which aims to promote the linguistic and cultural diversity of the population. They organize different activities to promote the reading in the

different mother languages, facilitate the intercultural meetings and exchanges and facilitate the integration of the migrant population of the region. The activities take place in the library and also outside. The volunteer will help mainly in activities taking place outside.

The Library provides books in more than 265 languages different languages as well as **different activities for adults and children.**

- Borrowing books
- Intercultural animation for children and youth (telling tales for example)
- Workshops for adults to learn French and German
- Organization of intercultural events for adults: literature nights, conferences and exhibitions
- Reception of classes and groups, Internet Café, Software for studying Languages
- Participation in the intercultural events of the region.

The tasks of the volunteers will be:

- Help during the intercultural animations for children.
- Help with the organization of intercultural animation for adults
- Bringing material with the car to the different workshops.
- Administrative work at the library and more interesting tasks….

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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

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- 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.

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020/21

Kinder im Mittelpunkt, Allschwil

(German speaking)

Children and Youth work

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2020 – 28th of February 2021

Requirement: Interest in working with children and basic German knowledge.

Website of the Hosting Organisation: www.jugendland.ch

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

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- 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 **32 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is 12 months.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

KiM – Kinder im Mittelpunkt is an organization that is active in the children's and youth work. KiM mainly operates as a meeting-place for children and young people in Allschwil, the “Jugendland”. Children and young people can spend their free time on five afternoons and one evening at “Jugendland”. They are being looked after by two staff-members. The offer does not cost anything, with few exceptions. For the offers where a fee is charged, a social fund is established, so that the contribution should not be an obstacle for children or adolescents that cannot afford a participation-fee. The “Jugendland” offers children and young people a wide range of craft and game facilities, the possibility (if feasible) to realize their own ideas, to be creative, to exchange themselves in conversations with each other and with the leaders. In addition there are 2 camps per year and several other special events.

5 employees work at the Jugendland sharing 80 working hours per week. The team consists of a team leader, a deputy and 3 further team members. The team meets regularly for planning activities, for evaluation and for setting working time tables and vacations. In addition the team gets external supervisions regularly.

Jugendland is supported by many volunteers who sometimes help with the daily work but especially help at holiday camps, major events and special projects.

Tasks of the volunteers:

- Organization of activities for children: plays and handicrafts.
- Work with the children
- Participation in camps
- Cleaning and maintenance work
- Different administrative tasks

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020/21

ICYE Switzerland, Berne

(German speaking area)

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2020 – 28th of February 2021 – 12 months

Project website: www.icye.ch

Requirement for the volunteer: German and English knowledge, Interest in working in a small non-profit organisation

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- The contributions for **international travel costs are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
- 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 **32 hours a week**.
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- They send Swiss youths abroad for short (1-4 months) and long-term (6 or 12 months) voluntary services.
- They host youth from all over the world for long term exchanges (6 to 12 months).
- During their exchange programs, these young people work as volunteers in local institutions and live with a host family.

The team of ICYE Switzerland consists of 4 part time employees, 1 trainee and 2 EVS volunteer. The programs are implemented with the help of many voluntary co-workers.

The volunteer will have the opportunity to get insight into all the fields of the organization and to have his/her own project which corresponds to her/his competencies. He/she will have the opportunity to have contacts with the co-workers of ICYE as well as with the Outgoings and Incomings volunteers.

What the volunteer can gain:

- insight into all the various and interesting tasks of a non-profit organization
- deepen his/her German - English and French knowledge
- competences in intercultural learning and communication
- Experience in office administration and project management

Activities of the volunteer:

- support for the long-term Outgoing program
- helping to organize and participation in camps and activities for the Incoming and Outgoing volunteers
- everyday administration work
- helping with the marketing work: information evenings, workshops, packaging of marketing documentation
- creation of additional leisure activities for the ICYE volunteers
- Development of own project depending on interest and competences

To apply, please fill in the application form (see link below) 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/

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EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020/21

ICYE Switzerland, Berne

(German speaking area)

EVS in Social Media and Content Management

Activity duration: 6th of April 2020 – 4th of April 2021 – 12 months

Project website: www.icye.ch

Requirements for the volunteer:

- *Interest in working in a small non-profit organisation*
- *Good German or French knowledge as well as English knowledge*
- *Interest and/or knowledge in Content Management and Social Media*

Instagram

facebook

General information concerning the EVS program in Switzerland

- This project is **fully subsidized by the Swiss government** und not the EU, because Switzerland is not member of the Erasmus+ programme.
- The volunteer lives with a **Swiss host family, providing board and lodging**. The candidate should be motivated to actively take part in the host family's life and understand living with them as an important part of an intercultural learning experience.
- The total amount for **international travel costs reimbursements are CHF 400**.
- The transportation costs from the project to the host family are covered.
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- The volunteer receives a **pocket money of CHF 300 per month (about 275 EUR)**
- The volunteer works about **32 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is **12 months**.
- The volunteer receives a **certificate** filled in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization (not a Youth Pass), as well as an employment reference.

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- experience in Content Management and Social Media.

Activities of the volunteer:

- Support with the development and editing of the website www.icye.ch (Content Management System Typo 3) and search engine optimization (SEO).
- Help with the development and supervision of our Social Media channels (Facebook, Instagram and Linkedin) together with a small team of voluntary co-workers.
- Production and marketing of thrilling target-group-oriented stories about the ICYE world for online communication.
- Development of own project depending on interest and competences

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