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EVS Projects in Switzerland: 2018/19

From March 2018 (for 6, 10 or 12 months)



The EVS group project will be submit for the 11th of October 2017 for 7 hosting projects



Deadline for the applications: 5th of September 2017

Descriptions of the 7 hosting organizations

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Activity duration, 6 months: 15th of January – 15th of July 2018.

Project website: www.fri-son.ch/

Requirement: Interest for music, like practical work and ready to work by night.

2. Page 4: ICYE Switzerland, Berne (German speaking area), International Youth Exchanges, 2011-CH-8

Activity duration, one year: 2nd of March 2018 – 28th of February 2019

Project website: www.icye.ch

Requirement: Interest in coordination work in an international field, knowledge in German and English.

3. Page 5: Insieme Vaud, Lausanne (French speaking area), camps with people with mental disabilities, in accreditation procedure.

Activity duration: 10 months 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019

Project website: <http://insiemevaud.ch/>

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Activity duration, one year: 2nd of March 2018 – 28th of February 2019

Project website: www.jugendland.ch

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

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Activity duration, 10 months: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019

Project website: <http://www.livrechange.ch/>

Requirement: French knowledge and driving license

6. Page 8: Mère Sofia foundation, social work, Lausanne (French speaking area)

Activity duration, 10 months: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019

Project website: www.meresofia.ch/

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

7. Page 9: Théâtre du Crochetan, theater, Monthey (French speaking area) 2013-CH-5

Activity duration, 10 months: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019

Project description: www.crochetan.ch

Requirement: Interest in art in general, especially in theater.

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 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 (about 275 EUR)**
- The volunteers will work about **32 hours a week**.
- The duration of the activities is **6 to 12 months**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

Description of the 7 Hosting Projects in Switzerland

1. Fri-Son, Fribourg (French and German speaking area), Music club, 2012-CH8.

Activity duration: 15th of January – 15th of July 2018 – 6 months

Project website: www.fri-son.ch

Requirement for the volunteer: Interest for music, like practical work and ready to work by night.



Fri-Son (Fribourg, Switzerland) is a music club, which exists since 1983. It is managed by a nonprofit organization called «Association Fri-Son » which is organized by a committee elected by the General Assembly. The committee is in charge of the strategy of the organization and hires the 6 office staff (administrator, booker, accountant, bar manager, infrastructure manager, technical manager) while the office is in charge of the executive. The office works with about 13 working groups (security, bar, cloakroom, photography, cooking, cinema, evening organizer, decoration, book, sound, light, display, flyering). A total of 200 volunteers and staff work for Fri-Son. Most of our volunteers are aged between 16 and 35 years.

Fri-Son hosts more than 50,000 spectators a year and allows 110+ Swiss and international bands to perform either on the big stage (up to 1300 people) or on the little one (up to 250 people). The arrangement and adaptability of the venue enable the organization of more than 130 events per year, for example: live gigs, special artistic events, cinema, dj nights.

The volunteer can learn how a venue like Fri-Son functions during a whole year. The volunteer will be mostly working inside the venue. The tasks will be more “manual work” than “office work”. He-she can try most sector of work (bar, security, infrastructure, technique, cooking, decoration). He-she will be trained by the office team for the organization of events. The volunteer will be part of the team.

Her/his weekly plan will look like this (not exhaustive!):

- Tuesday & Wednesday: He/she participates in the production of the weekly events with the office team and other working groups. It means he/she will help us with the infrastructure (cleaning, preparation of the venue, backstage), cleaning and ordering the bar and the decoration.
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday: he/she works at night or during the day discovering the others activities concerning the evening organization, like decoration, security, bar service, hosting artists.
- Sunday & Monday would be the days off.

Example of project: the volunteer could create a working group with the task of hosting the artists. The mission would be to prepare the backstage and to accommodate the artists during the day they spend at the venue. Important: all these activities will depend on the skills and on the motivation of the volunteer. The week agenda will also be organized with the consent of the volunteer.

Profile: Woman or man, between 18 and 30 years old, Interested in culture, especially in music (rock, pop, electro, hip hop, reggae, dj party), flexible, sociable, serious.

2. ICYE Switzerland, Berne (German speaking area), International Youth Exchanges, 2011-CH-8.

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 – 28th of February 2019 – 12 months

Project website: www.icye.ch

Requirement for the volunteer: German and English knowledge



ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange) aims to connect people from different cultures and backgrounds. Getting to know a different culture through working as a volunteer in a social or cultural institution and living with a local host family widens one's horizon and supports people's personal development while encouraging understanding and respect between different societies and cultures.

ICYE tries to achieve these goals through its cultural exchange programs:

- 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 1 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.

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
- intercultural learning
- work experience in office administration

Activities of the volunteer:

- everyday administration work
- support for the short term Outgoing program in Costa Rica
- helping to organize and participation in camps and activities for the Incoming and Outgoing volunteers
- helping with the marketing work: information evenings, workshops, booths, Facebook page
- creation of additional leisure activities for the ICYE volunteers ICYE Switzerland

3. Insieme Vaud (French speaking) camps with people with mental disabilities, in accreditation procedure

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 –2nd of January 2019 - 10 months

<http://insiemevaud.ch/>



Insieme Vaud is a nonprofit association with more than 55 years experience in the field of mental disability.

There principal missions are to:

- **Defend** people with mental disability and their families.
- **Inform** about mental disability: with researches and organization of conferences.
- **Support** the families and organizes camps and activities for people with a mental disability.



The volunteer will support the association at the office and during the camps. He-she will be part of the team and will be able to develop a personal project.

Tasks during the camps:

- Instructor during the camps, with people of all ages living with different kind of mental handicap.
- Individual support of one or two persons during the camps. Support for the daily actions.
- Participation in the camps activities and in the meetings with the team.

Tasks at the office

- Administrative tasks in relationship with the camps.

- Preparation of the files and material for the camps.
- Management of the local of material, lost items, follow up of the stock at the departure and at the return.
- Support for the preparation of the meetings before the camps.

What the volunteer can gain:

- Vision and knowledge in the field of mental handicap
- Riche and intense human experience with people with mental handicap.
- Varied learning in different work environments (camp and office).
- Experience in administrative work in a nonprofit organization.
- Intercultural exchange with a young a dynamic team.

4. Kinder im Mittelpunkt: Allschwil (German speaking) Children and Youth work, 2012-CH-9

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 –28th of February 2019 – 12 months

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

www.jugendland.ch



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.

The tasks of the volunteers are:

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

5. LivrEchange Intercultural Library, Fribourg (French and German speaking area).

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019 – 10 months

Project website: www.livrechange.ch

Requirement for the volunteer: French knowledge and driving license



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 Library provides books in 255 different languages as well as **different activities for adults and children.**

- Intercultural animation for children and youth (telling tales for example)
- Organization of intercultural events for adults: cinema nights, literature nights and conferences.
- Borrowing books
- 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
- Administrative work at the library and more interesting tasks....

6. Mère Sofia foundation, social work, Lausanne (French speaking area)

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019 – 10 months

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

www.meresofia.ch



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.

When the volunteer has improved her-his French knowledge, he-she can support the **itinerant social service. The tasks will be:**

- Psychological support for people with social and financial insecurity
- Support for the itinerant social service

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 either the soup kitchen

or the itinerant social service. Moreover, the volunteer should be able to coordinate a group and to collaborate with the team.

7. Théâtre du Crochetan, Monthey (French speaking area) 2013-CH-5

Activity duration: 2nd of March 2018 – 2nd of January 2019 – 10 months

Requirement: Interest in art in general, especially in theater, Interest in learning French.

www.crochetan.ch



The theater of le Crochetan presents 40 different shows and plays each year. They mainly consist of performing arts and music.

The theater tries to present a broad selection of the best artists from the region and from Europe. As they are a public institution, they are concerned with giving cultural minorities, young -and poorly educated people access to art. They collaborate with several associations implicated in education and integration. The *Théâtre du Crochetan* belongs to the cultural department of the city. The other cultural institutions of the city of Monthey are: the library, the concert venue, the gallery, the music and contemporary art festivals. The Theatre and all these institutions work together closely. They organize a lot of public events, like theatre, dance and music performances, conferences and readings.

In the theatre, five people work in the administration sector (communication, promoting events, accounting, direction) and four persons on stage (light and sound designers, technicians). In the cultural department, 2 persons work at the concert venue, 10 at the library, 1 at the gallery, 2 at the Festivals. 20 volunteers of the city and of the region collaborate regularly at the Théâtre du Crochetan and at the concert venue.

The volunteer will accomplish several tasks that he/she certainly never did before, mostly developing his skills in the social relations. But principally, she/he will acquire a great sense of autonomy and responsibility (under supervision). In accordance with the needs and the personal interests of the volunteer, they will define the activities he/she will doing in the Theatre with him/her directly. The volunteer will be working in the *Théâtre du Crochetan* and also in the other institutions of the cultural department: the library, the concert venue, the gallery and the art festivals. First, she/he will have a role of assistant of the collaborators in their tasks. Rapidly, he/she will be a force of proposition.

Examples of activities:

- Reception of the artists
- Interviews of the artists for social media
- Reception of the public

- Ticketing
- Promoting events
- Assisting technical staff.

The volunteer should be widely interested in art and curious about culture in general. Ideally, he/she should be interested in often changing tasks and functions. He/she should be comfortable with meeting a lot of different people (artists, public and media).