

# *EVS Project in Switzerland: 2018/19*

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

**Activity duration: 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 – 12 months**

Project website: [www.icye.ch](http://www.icye.ch)

*Requirement for the volunteer: German and English knowledge*

## **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 (about 275 EUR)**
- 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.



**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