

EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE  
2023-2024

# BLINDSPOT - INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY, BERN, SWITZERLAND

(German speaking area)

Project Duration: 12 months

Their website: <http://blindspot.ch/en/>

## BLINDSPOT

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## GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EVS PROGRAM IN SWITZERLAND

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) is an exchange programme financed by the Swiss government and not the EU because Switzerland is not member of the Erasmus+ programm. It is open to young people between 18 and 30.

The volunteer will work about between 32-38 hours per week for 12 months. S/he will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the volunteering period.

The European Voluntary Service programme is managed by the Swiss Agency for Exchange and Mobility, Movetia.

The scholarship covers the following benefits:

- Travel expenses (400CHF)
- Board and lodging
- Pocket money (250 CHF/month)
- Language support
- Liability, health and accident insurance



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## BLINDSPOT - INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY SWITZERLAND

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.

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## HERE IS THE NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF TASKS BY BLINDSPOT:

- Supporting a diverse service team in the restaurants Provisorium 46 and Fabrique28, 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:** Person 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.

INTERESTED?

[Application form and other information](#)

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