

# *EVS Project in Switzerland: 2019*

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION

**Centre la Maison de Paille, Epiquez (French speaking area)**

**Activity duration: 1st of April 2019 - 30st of November 2019 – 8 months**

*Requirement: Basic knowledge of French and motivation to work outside. Like nature, farm environment, meditation and spiritual activities.*

[www.lamaisondepaille.ch](http://www.lamaisondepaille.ch)



## 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 (about 275 EUR)**
- The volunteers will work about **30 hours a week**.
- The duration of the EVS is **8 months**.

- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** fill in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization not a youth pass.

The “**Centre la Maison de Paille**” (the straw-bale house) is located in a farm area in the Swiss canton Jura. The Centre fosters a sustainable **organic and ecological way of producing food** and hosts courses and seminars on **health, well-being, spirituality, education and permaculture** with the aim of fostering a bigger and deeper awareness of the changes that need to be done in order to live sustainable on the planet. In summer, the tipi village is also hosting workshops: bow building, wild basketry and rope handycraft with material from the forest nearby with simple tools. The Centre conveys the possibility of experimenting and concretely live out ecological alternatives to modern society. It aims at being self-sufficient (production of vegetables, fruits, bred, cheese, natural products, heating with wood, etc.)

The community consists of 1 fix staff, 5-6 Swiss long term volunteers (youngsters, adults sometimes accompanied by their children) and 1-2 short term international volunteers living in the project. In the project many young and international people already volunteered and by directly using their hands and intellect learned how to live in a more sustainable way.

The objectives of the project for the EVS volunteers are to give an alternative and concrete way of non-formal learning through its many and diverse activities.

**At the “Centre la Maison de Paille”, the tasks of the volunteer will be:**

- Collaboration with staff and volunteers in a collective lifestyle
- Working in the vegetables and fruits gardens (permaculture)
- Ecological building (development of the straw-bale house)
- Cooking, preparing natural products (marmalade, etc.), backing bred
- Supporting educational and spiritual events
- Indoor and outdoor maintenance

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

To apply, please fill in the form and send it to [evs-sve@icye.ch](mailto:evs-sve@icye.ch)