

 **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

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 **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.

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/>

