



# EVS Project in Switzerland: 2020-2021



## Blindspot – Inclusion and Diversity Switzerland, Bern (German speaking area)

Activity duration: 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020 – 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 – 12 months

Project website: <https://blindspot.ch/en/>

### BLINDSPOT

Inklusion und Vielfaltsförderung Schweiz  
Inclusion et diversité Suisse  
Inclusion and diversity Switzerland



### 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 maximum 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 between **32 to 38 hours a week**.
- The volunteer will receive a **certificate** filled in by ICYE Switzerland and the hosting organization, not a youth pass.

Supported by the Swiss Confederation.

**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.

#### Here is the non-exhaustive list of tasks by Blindspot:

- Supporting a diverse service team in the restaurant Provisorium 46, 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:** Woman or man, 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

To apply, please fill in the application form and send it until **3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019** to [lea.kolzer@icye.ch](mailto:lea.kolzer@icye.ch)

Application Form and other information: <https://www.icye.ch/fr/volontariat-etranger/programmes/service-volontaire-europeen/european-voluntary-service/>