

## Erasmus+ volunteering with Läbensschuel / school of life in Steckborn (Switzerland) – 2021/22



The Läbensschuel / School of life is a project within the community of Schloss Glarisegg. The Läbensschuel started in August 2016 with 15 children, in 2019 we had 37 children registered. There is a Waldkindergarten for children from 4 up to 5 years old and then there is 1st to 9th class (from 6 until 16 years old). The idea of welcoming EVS in our project comes from the wish to open the project to different cultures for the children and the team to get them to know people from all over Europe. As we work with non-formal education and self-reflection we think the Läbensschuel is perfect match to the EVS program.

The project starts the **1st of August 2021** and is for 12 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program “European Voluntary Service (EVS)”. More info about the EVS program you find [here](#).

### Activities

You will be able to participate in all the different classes if you wish. As you prefer, you can also choose to work more with small children or to work more profoundly with our teenagers.

Main activity within the EVS is to support accompanying the children in their learning journey. All the activities take place at Schloss Glarisegg community. We have different places within the community, we sometimes work outside (forest, beach, neighbour farm or garden), sometimes in the ‘Montessori’ room, other times in the main school building where we have a kitchen, a workshop, a library, a technic room and a main room. The smallest children are mostly spending their time in the forest. One day a week, the children go to Mammern (neighbouring village) by bicycle to do sports in the gym of the local school.

As a volunteer in this project, you will meet, cook together and even live in the same flat as the other 2 volunteers from Schloss Glarisegg. You will attend the same weekly community circle and have the

possibility to have a closer look at the other's project.

As we use alternative methods of teaching, you will learn a lot about non-formal education, for example also working with emotions and the body. The team of the school will help you to discover your competencies and strengths. You will be given opportunities to choose and/or propose activities that you would like to do with the children.

You will also be able to learn more about technical tools from different pedagogies (inspired by Montessori, Freinet, Waldorf, André Stern, Gerald Hüther). Within this frame, you will learn a lot about yourself and others in the frame of education but also in the field of teamwork, relationships and social and emotional topics. During the time when the children are not in school, you'll be able to work on your own project, developing your own personal tools. The team will be present to help you to find out about the goals and means of your project. It could be a particular subject that you would like to deepen. Then you and the team will find out how, when, how long, which content, and so on it contains.

## Requirements

Participants are motivated to live and work in a rather remotely located place within an existing community consisting of teachers, international students and other volunteers. Since you will be working with children, basic German language skills are very important for this position.

## Basic conditions offered to long-term volunteers

- Accommodation and all meals.
- Erasmus+ Program provides health insurance and travel expenses, plus training seminars at arrival and mid-term.
- Weekly German lessons (optional)
- Pocket money
- Continuous mentoring and support since arrival and throughout all the stay.
- Final certification about the work done and competences acquired.
- The practical and logistic matters will be handled by your sending organisation. SCI Switzerland will organize all administrative matters like insurance and visa.

Please write to [evs@scich.org](mailto:evs@scich.org) if you are interested in becoming an Erasmus+ volunteer. Please note that you can only apply if you are between 18-30 years old and if you have not volunteered through the Erasmus+ before.

Send your application via email to your Sending Organisation with the subject **EVS-Application Lábenschuel, Switzerland**, and include all the following documents in English:

- 1) CV, Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Specific motivation letter for the project

Deadline for the application: **as fast as possible**

## Genossenschaft ECO-VILLAGE Sennrüti, SWITZERLAND

2 volunteers for 1 year (01.08.2021 – 31.07.2022)



**Description:** The Eco-village in Degersheim, a holistic community project that promotes sustainable living, will offer 2 volunteers the possibility to participate in organic gardening, kitchen work, homecare, ecological building construction or refurbishing and event management, public relations and childcare. Beside all this, the volunteers will be encouraged and supported in developing their own ideas, initiatives and independent working. They can learn how and where they can contribute to all aspects of community life.



The Eco-Village community area is located near a small village in the canton St.Gallen in a rural setting with beautiful nature surroundings. The area consist of several buildings with apartments, communal rooms, a library, guest rooms, dining room, art workshops, dance and yoga rooms, a garden with fire pit, sauna, children play grounds, yurts, lots of fruit trees, berries and a vegetable garden. The community is organized in several working groups with members from different cultures, ages and backgrounds. Volunteers can participate in open community events and meetings and get to know social

aspects, conflict solution tools, group dynamics and organizational skills for more information please visit <https://sennrueti.ch/>

The project starts the **1rst of August 2021** and is for 12 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program “European Voluntary Service (EVS)”. More info about the EVS program you find [here](#).

**Accommodation:** Single bedrooms and a shared room and kitchen within the eco-village.

# HERZFELD SENNRÜTI

**Requirements:** Participants are motivated to live and work in an ecological and open community with children, young people, adults and elders. We expect them to agree and live in accordance with our common grounds <https://sennrueti.ch/common-grounds>

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## 9-12 months volunteer service in the Swiss mountains

### A financially covered intercultural program for young adults

Are you between 18 and 30 years old and up for an adventure in the Swiss mountains? Do you love to work outdoors and are you motivated to learn traditional handicrafts? Would you like to explore Swiss culture? Do you love winter sports and want to learn how to ski?

Then we have the perfect volunteer experience for you! The project starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021 and is for 12 months.

### Who are we?

Association **Naturkultur** is an organisation for intercultural youth exchanges in Switzerland, Israel and Ireland (“Building Walls Breaking Walls”). The exchanges always have an intercultural as well as a nature component and the aim is to get to know the natural environment of the exchange location and its locals. Through the European Volunteer Service (EVS) program, it would like to give 2-4 young adults the opportunity to experience nature and culture in the Swiss mountains.

The partner organisation in the Bern Alps is the Foundation "Stiftung Urgestein" in the picturesque village of Guggisberg in the Gantrisch mountains region, part of the world famous Swiss Alps. Through the coordination of the foundation you will volunteer in social, agricultural and nature institutions that operate both in summer and in winter.

### What are your tasks?

There are **different tasks during your stay**. Most of the tasks is focusing on working outdoors in the mountains, some of the tasks are in a social institution:

#### Work in Gantrisch Nature Parc in the Swiss Mountains

- Work and renovate a dry stone wall up in the mountains:
- Improve the habitat of countless animals and plants
- Work for the local community
- Help to organize the work with the local community and the professional builders



#### Work in a social institution with disabled adults

- Help out in the Christmas cookie factory process
- Work with shepherds and farmers in the mountain regions
- Daily and weekly outreach to the local farming community
- Putting up and taking down fences
- Farming
- Wood chopping
- Other handicraft work outside

#### Work in the ski resort there during the winter season

- Taking care of the little children in the ski school

- Help in the office of the ski school
- Work around the lifts and trails

### Environment and benefits of this program

You are going to live on the Alp Walop / Kaiseregalp, near Plaffeien- Boltigen, and later on in one of the villages in the Gantrisch region up in the Swiss Alps.

On top of that you will experience the following things:

- Loads of outdoor sports: hiking, biking, climbing and more
- Learning how to ski, snowshoe walking, cross country skiing and loads of more winter sports
- Travelling around in Switzerland: We will pay for a half-fare travelcard, which allows reduced fares for public transport
- German language course: you will get a language course for free in order to get to know the culture even better
- You will get a certificate that documents all your working and cultural experience which you can add to your personal CV



**Accommodation:** For the renovation the first two month you will live in a group accommodation for the workers and volunteers on the Kaisereggalp/ Alp Walop (this is the property of the community Plaffeien belonging there). For catering you have to cook yourself. In addition, you get a budget for food. The organization is also going to take care of your flight and insurance expenses and you will get some pocket money for every month.



**Requirements:** You are between 18-30 years old and available for the full 6 months. You have good knowledge in English and ideally in German. You are motivated to work outdoors in all weathers and would like to get to know the Swiss mountains and their culture.

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More information about the project you find here: [www.nakultur.ch](http://www.nakultur.ch)