

EVS VACANCY 2022

CENTER OF UNITY SCHWEIBENALP, SWITZERLAND

1 VOLUNTEERS FOR 7 MONTHS (01.04.2022 – 31.10.2023)



Description:

In the midst of the Bernese Oberland Alps, on a plateau at 1100m above sea level with view on the turquoise Lake Brienz, lies the Center of Unity Schweibenalp. As a living and working community we manage the seminar business and the alpine permaculture gardens (4 ha). As a part of the Global Ecovillages Network (GEN), we consider ourselves as one of the emerging models for a holistic cultural transformation. At the Center of Unity Schweibenalp we contribute since more than 30 years to the development of an integral life culture and universal spirituality.

We are offering you the opportunity to be with us and to experience community living, community building, conscious living with each other and nature, as well as running a seminar business together. The aim of volunteering is to encourage personal and spiritual development, to give an inter cultural experience in community living, to gain knowledge and practical experience about permaculture and sustainable living, and to be a positive inspiration how to live now on our planet Earth. We are living and working together on Schweibenalp and we share the place with our many guests of the seminars and other volunteers. You will be working in the various possible areas: permaculture garden (herbary, vegetable, nursery, seed garden); housework, kitchen, maintenance.

You will be encouraged and supported to have your own project. Approximately a day a week will be put aside for this, and specific mentoring for it will happen from skilled people, depending the topic you choose. You are welcome to join different working groups according to your talents, and you will be taking part at the different events of the community. While working in the various areas, we welcome clarity and openness with other people, a good ability to communicate, flexibility and please don't forget to pack your humor, independence and self-responsibility. For more information please visit <https://www.schweibenalp.ch>

The project starts the 1st of April 2022 and is for 7 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program "European Voluntary Service (EVS)". More info about the EVS program you find here: <https://scich.org/en/european-voluntary-service/>

Accommodation:

Shared rooms (!) with shared bathrooms. The EVS volunteers live together with other volunteers (short & long term) in multiple shared rooms on the upper floor of the main building. There are common rooms that can be used by all volunteers as well (e.g. small living room, library, meditation room, etc.). The volunteers will cook and eat together with the community and seminar guests (vegetarian, vegan and partly ayurvedic kitchen).

You must be between 18 and 30 years old and never volunteered as an EVS or ESC before.

Requirements:

Participants are motivated to live and work in a remotely located ecological, spiritual and open community of all ages and cultures. You don't mind living in a shared bedroom and you agree and want to live in accordance with our common grounds (<http://www.schweibenalp.ch/en/vision-2>).

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 French 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.

How to apply

Please write to evs@scich.org if you are interested in becoming an Erasmus+ volunteer or if you have some questions. 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: “**Center of Unity Schweibenalp 2022**”, 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**

