

Erasmus+ volunteering for half a year in the Swiss mountains – 2020/21

For two young adults: Start of the program in September/October 2020.

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!

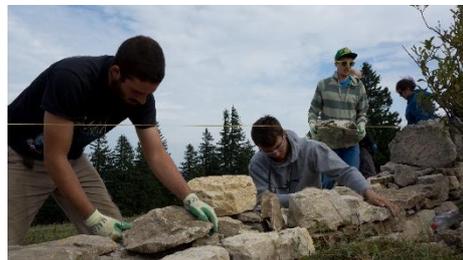
Who are we?

Verein Naturkultur is an organisation for intercultural youth exchanges in Switzerland and abroad. 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 EVS program, it would like to give 1-2 young adults the opportunity to experience nature and culture in the Swiss mountains.

What are your tasks?

Work in Gantrisch Nature Parc in the Swiss Mountains:

- Improvement of hedges, forest edges or riverbeds
- Improve the habitat of countless animals and plants
- Help to organize school and company projects together with the Nature Parc locals
- Help out on and off the slopes for cross country and skiing (winter)
- Build hiking and bike trails (summer)
- Help out on local farmers
- For one month you get the chance to know the Solothurn Jura as a second mountain area of Switzerland and to renovate a dry stone wall as a traditional cultural heritage with professionals



Region and benefits of this program



You are going to live in an area in the Swiss alps called Gantrisch region and in the region of Solothurn.

The areas are known for loads of outdoor sports: hiking, biking, skiing, cross country skiing, climbing and more

Travelling around in Switzerland: the organization 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 the chance to coo-coordinate of our intercultural projects weeks

Accommodation: For your accommodation, the association will look for a host family so that you are in contact with the local people from the very beginning. Depending on your assignment, the association could also rent you a room in a local accommodation. 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.

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.
- 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 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 Verein Naturkultur, 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**

More information about the project you find here: www.nakultur.ch