

Erasmus+ volunteering with Ecole d'Humanité in Hasliberg (Switzerland) – 2020/21



The Ecole d'Humanité is a progressive, international boarding school in the heart of the Swiss Alps (in the winter ski area Meringen-Hasliberg) that fosters the discovery and development of individual talents in an atmosphere that encourages self-determination, innovation, and tolerance. 120 Students and 50 teachers from over 20 different countries live together in a dynamic community overflowing with academic, artistic, practical, athletic, and social opportunities. Whether admiring the beauty of a poem, projectile motion in a calculus-based physics class, performing an original piece of guerilla theatre or summiting a 4000 meter peak, Ecole students are challenged to actively discover and pursue their passions, and share them with others.

The project starts the **1st of September 2021** and is for 11 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program “European Voluntary Service (EVS)”. More info about the EVS program you find [here](#).

Activities

As an EVS volunteer, you will have the position as “Artist in Residence”. Therefore, you get the chance to work as an artist at the Ecole d'Humanité and be at the same time a part of the Ecole-community and take part in the community life within the so called “Ecole Families” (consisting of 2-3 teachers and 4-10 students, who live and interact with each other under one roof).

The Ecole offers you a great infrastructure to use. By mutual agreement, your work could be in the following areas:

- work as artist (metal & wood studios, stage and practicing studios, graphics studio)
- work pedagogically: giving afternoon classes in a certain topic depending on your talents or work in so called “intense weeks” together with small groups of students
- networking: among the network of former students of the Ecole, there is a great amount of artists, working in different areas, who are often willing to cooperate for projects

- communications: work in the public relation activities of the Ecole
- manual work (garden work, caring for the pets, housework)
- intercultural dimension: The daily interaction with community members from over 20 countries helps to learn more about interculturality, in which we offer also professional trainings

Accommodation

Rooms are doubles and are simply and purposefully outfitted. Living together closely can mean both welcome support and unexpected challenges. Sometimes lifelong friendships are formed, sometimes only bonds of convenience. In the small unit of the room social learning plays an important role. When conflicts arise, the teachers (who supervise the Ecole Families) are there to help resolve them. We eat our daily meals together in a communal dining hall. Students, teachers and volunteers share things like cleaning duties in the Ecole. The beautiful surroundings of the Ecole offer great outdoor activity possibilities (hiking, skiing, climbing, biking).

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. You should not mind living in a shared bedroom and you are willing to integrate within the structures of the community.

Basic conditions offered to long-term volunteers

- Accommodation and all meals.
- Basic Accidents and Liability Insurance.
- 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 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 Ecole d'Humanité, 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**