

EVS Projects in Switzerland: 2016 17

The EVS project will be submit for the 1st of October 2014, for this 2 hosting projects, for 10 or 12 months.

General conditions for the EVS volunteers

- 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 volunteers will work about 32 hours a week.
- The duration of the EVS will be 10 to 12 months.

Deadline for the application: 30th of October 2015

Description of the 2 Hosting Projects in Switzerland

1. Foundation Mère Sofia, Lausanne (French speaking area), in accreditation procedure

2nd of March 2016 – 2nd of January 2017

www.meresofia.ch



The foundation Mère Sofia based in Lausanne is a welfare organization which helps the most impoverished. They have got different departments for this action: a soup kitchen, an itinerant social service and a residence for youth between 14 and 18.

About 30 co-workers, 3 interns and 220 volunteers work for the foundation Mère Sofia.

The EVS volunteer will have the opportunity to have an insight in one or two of this departments during his-her EVS, depending of his-her interest.

The tasks of the volunteers will be:

- Preparation and distribution of the meals at the soup kitchen
- Psychological support for people in social and financial insecurity
- Support for the itinerant social service
- Maintenance work
- Social work with youth from 14 to 18 years old

The volunteer should be empathic and open minded.

2. Kinder im Mittelpunkt: Allschwil (German speaking) Children and Youth work, 2012-CH-9

2nd of March 2016 – 29th of February 2017

www.jugendland.ch



KiM – Kinder im Mittelpunkt is an organization that is active in the children's and youth work. KiM operates mainly a meeting-place for children and young people in Allschwil, the "Jugendland". Here children and young people are offered to spend their leisure time on five afternoons and one evening. They are being looked after by two staff-members. The offer does not cost anything, with few exceptions. For the offers where a fee is charged, a social fund is established, so that the contribution should not be an obstacle for children or adolescents that cannot afford a participation-fee. The "Jugendland" offers children and young people a wide range of craft and game facilities, the possibility (if feasible) to realize their own ideas, to be creative, to exchange themselves in conversations with each other and with the leaders... In addition there are 2 camps per year and several other special events.

5 employees work at the Jugendland sharing 80 working hours per week. The team consists of a team leader, a deputy and 3 further team members. The team meets regularly for planning activities, for evaluation and for setting working time tables and vacations. In addition the team gets external supervisions regularly.

Jugendland is supported by many volunteers who sometimes help with the daily work but especially help at holiday camps, major events and special projects. They also accompany people who want to find their way back into a working process after an addiction treatment.