
EVS Opportunity in an Ecovillage in Spain

In September 2017, our partner organisation will invite 4 EVS volunteers in Los Molinos ecovillage, Southern Spain, to participate in our six month long European Voluntary Service. This programme will enable you to engage actively with communal life, discover new skills and sharpen your passions through practical activities within Sunseed's nine departments, and work closely with passionate and inspirational individuals committed to low-impact, intentional living.

These six months will allow you to deepen your practical knowledge of off-grid, community living, develop personal projects in areas such as organic and biodynamic agriculture, natural eco-construction, drylands management, appropriate 'low-tech' technologies, environmental campaigning, and more.

A lively hub for individuals passionate about alternative culture, you'll spend the six months developing a project under the supervision of our international staff team, and will act as an assistant in one of our departments, eventually supporting the delivery of educational programmes for short-term volunteers, and helping to shape the future of this 30-year-old project.

Interested? Read on!

What is EVS?

EVS is the European Voluntary Service, a programme allowing young people to go abroad, learn and contribute to a better world with support from Erasmus+ funding. It provides an opportunity to join meaningful work and experiential learning while your food, accommodation, traveling, pocket money, insurance and mentorship are fully covered.

We especially support and encourage individuals to apply who may have experienced social and/or economic hardship, whose first language is not English, or persons who, for whatever reason, have not previously had the opportunity to explore environmentally conscious, community living.

When?

This EVS project will take place for 6 months between 1st September 2017 and 31st March 2018.

Where?

The programme will be held in the ecovillage of Los Molinos del Rio Aguas, near Almeria, Spain. The first month of the programme you will experience working in all of our nine departments to give you an overall feel of the project. After this, you will be supported by your mentor to select a department to spend your remaining five months.

You will likely be living in a two-to-four-person room for the entire volunteering period. Monday to Friday you can eat all your meals - breakfast through dinner - communally with the rest of the community.

On weekdays our activities are collaboratively timetabled so community priorities are covered, individual projects are known to all - and participation can be offered if appropriate - and all communal requirements are allocated, such as cooking and cleaning. You will be invited to our weekly community meetings, where we use consensus-decision-making to collectively decide on community developments. In this way we learn how to live together.

At weekends you are free to choose how to spend your time, you may wish to eat in a smaller group, go into the local town of Sorbas for a pizza and a beer, take one of many hiking trails to explore this geologically unique region, or chill out with friends after a busy week.

Who?

Young people between the ages of 18- 30, who have not participated in an EVS programme before, from Belgium.

We are looking for motivated candidates with a proactive, creative and problem solving attitude, good knowledge of English and organisational skills. You will also have the opportunity to develop your Spanish skills in Los Molinos, but you are not required to possess a good command of Spanish before arrival.

If you resonate with or have previously worked on issues related to social, economic and environmental justice, and have a keen interest in community living, we'd love to hear from you!

What?

Both volunteers will work to support one of our nine departments. Specific involvement may vary slightly as your project/s will be tailored to a combination of your passions and Sunseed's priority. Our nine departments fall within three overall focus areas:

Practical

- Organic Gardens
- Drylands Management
- Sustainable Living

Technical

- Appropriate Technology
- Eco-Construction
- Maintenance

Office

- Education
- Communications
- Facilitation

How can I apply?

If you are interested in applying, please complete the [application form](#) before 20st March.

After completing the application form, please also send your **resume** to erasmus@servicevolontaire.org with the **respective Commitment** and **the other application form** you will find enclosed.

For applicants who reach the next stage, we plan to hold skype conversations the week of 3rd April. Please inform us in your application if you will not be available to speak during that week.

Thanks for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you soon!