# Long Term Volunteering

Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.

(Chinese proverb)

## Vacancies List

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## Chapter 1

## Asia

### 1.1 Indonesia

### 1.1.1 IIWC Indonesia

### 1.1.1.1 Borobudur Young Guardian in Action Project

**Theme:** Art, culture, history

**Location** Borobudur Village, Magelang, Centra Java

**Project start:** 2011-11-15

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay for at least 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** Other

### **Project Description:**

The world heritage volunteer program runs under the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Program since 2008. The activity mostly consists in raising the awareness about the necessity to protect, preserve and promote cultural and natural heritage in general, and the inscribed or potential world heritage sites in particular.

This project furthermore aims at demonstrating the value of non-formal education as an approach to disseminate the values and expertise developed at intergovernmental level.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: \* Organize school based activities in 6 senior high schools in Magelang regency involved in the Young Guardian for Borobudur Temple and World Heritage

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\* Together with local stakeholder, prepare the training for Young Guardian in Action Batch 4 2012.

- \* Support the bilateral and international workcamp organized in Borobudur temple (Summer 2012).
- \* Create and disseminate the educational material together with the senior high school students.
- \* Organize campaigns and direct outreach to the visitors of the temple for short discussions and to raise awareness.

Requirements: Motivated, passion, can work both independent and in team, knows and understands English (oral and written), knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia will be very helpful. We encourage the volunteers to learn Bahasa Indonesia in their home countries before departing to Indonesia. Also knowledge of history and/or world heritage sites will be very helpful.

**Food:** provided by host family. If the volunteers like to cook, sometimes he/she can cook together with the host family. Please let us know if you are vegetarian and/or have specific allergy.

**Accommodation:** Boarding house in Indonesian family with simple bedding, shared kitchen and bathroom. Please note that the Indonesian life style is very modest compared to the European or American way.

Pocket money: None

**Insurance:** IIWC will not cover any health insurance. Volunteer has to organize the insurance by him/herself.

**Fees:** 150 EUR per month for meals, accommodation, administration cost, orientation, supervision and evaluation, police letter.

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

First long and middle term volunteering project organize by IIWC involving other stake holders of world heritage in Indonesia.

### 1.1.1.2 IKIP PGRI Semarang

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Location Semarang city
Project start: 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months. **Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: Other

### **Project Description:**

Organized together with IKIP PGRI, the volunteer will assist the English lecturer in the class. The students need to practice their English. Since the political and economical situation of Indonesia makes it difficult for universities to hire native speakers, they partially rely on international volunteers. Also it is quite difficult to invite the native speakers due to the travel ban from some English speaking countries.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: \* Assist lecturers for the English courses at the university.

\* Run and manage the English conversation club

**Requirements:** \* Letter of recommendation about previous teaching of English is preferable.

- \* University background, cheerful, patient and highly motivated
- \* familiar with confidence building techniques

**Food:** cook by yourself or buy food in food stalls around the university/boarding house

**Accommodation:** Boarding house provided by university

Pocket money: 900000 IDR per month

**Insurance:** Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

Fees: None

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.3 Mangkang Environment Project

Theme: Environment

**Location** Mangkang Semarang

**Project start:** 2011-06-01

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months. **Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 2

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** Other

### **Project Description:**

Preserving natural diversity and sea shore from abrasion. The main reason for abrasion are the lack of mangrove and the occurrence of too strong waves from the ocean. This project is organized by IIWC to answer the need of preserving the coastal side of North Java Sea in Mangkang Semarang.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: \* Planting mangrove at coastal/green belt in muddy habitat, organizing environmental educational activities with local schools, planning and running a campaign about environmental issues.

- \* Raising awareness of the mangrove issue in some universities and organizing weekend workcamps for mangrove planting and education
- \* Raising awareness among the local community
- \* Contributing to and joining the workcamp in Mangkang

**Requirements:** High motivation, patient, prepared to cope with Indonesia's basic sanitation and muddy streets!

**Food:** Cook by yourself or buy food in food stalls.

Accommodation: Volunteer house

Pocket money: None

**Insurance:** Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

**Fees:** 150 EUR per month for meals, accommodation, administration, orientation, monitoring & evaluation, police letter.

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.4 SD Koalisi and Bangjo Street Children Shelter

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Location Semarang City
Project start: 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: Other

### **Project Description:**

SD Koalisi Nasional Ngaliyan is a public elementary school. Because of the national standard, they need to offer better English classes for the students to allow them to improve their English in order to access higher education.

\* Bangjo Street Children Shelter is a project run by ASA PKBI supported by Pertamina Foundation. The aims are to provide a place especially for street children to study in a non-formal environment and access health and nutrition services.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The volunteer will assist the teachers during standard English classes for 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Furthermore, he/she will be involved in the intensive English class for the 6th grade as well as the English class for teachers and school staff.

The volunteer will work at the school 3 days per week. He/she will do activities with ASA PKBI at the Bangjo Street Children Shelter for 2 days per week.

Requirements: \* good in English, cheerful, patient and high motivation.

- \* familiar with confidence building techniques
- \* Volunteer needs to be able to adapt to and switch between 2 different environments (school and shelter).

Food: provided by host family or you can cook by yourself

Accommodation: Host Family about 700 meters from the project (pick up is available if it is needed)

Pocket money: None

**Insurance:** health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

Fees: None

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by

the volunteer.

Others: If the volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.5 SD Muhammadiyah Semoya Brebah

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Location Sleman Regency, Yogyakarta

**Project start:** 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months.

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** Other

### **Project Description:**

SD Muhammadiyah Semoya Brebah (Muhammadiyah Semoya Brebah Elementary School) is a private Islamic elementary school. The school would like to increase the activity of international volunteers. The spirit and motivation brought by volunteers are expected to raise the motivation of the students to study more for their future. There is a need to have international experiences for the students as well as the teachers to increase their knowledge and soft skills in term of non-formal education approaches combined with the formal education at school.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Volunteer will assist teachers during English classes for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Furthermore, he/she will be involved in English classes for teachers and staff. The volunteer is expected to spend as much time as possible with local people for cultural exchange.

**Requirements:** \* Good English. Letter of recommendation about teaching English classes is preferable.

\* Volunteer has to be cheerful, patient and highly motivated.

\* familiar with confidence building techniques

**Food:** provided by the host family or cooking by yourself

Accommodation: Host family

Pocket money: None

**Insurance:** Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

**Fees:** 150 EUR per month for meals, accommodation, administration, orientation, monitoring & evaluation, police letter.

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.6 SMPN 1 Tegal basic education

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Location Tegal Central Java

**Project start:** 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** Other

### **Project Description:**

The first junior high school in Tegal with the motto "Superior in quality, humble in behavior". It is located on Java North Sea main road. Tegal is a small town 3 hours from Semarang (Central Java Province Capital city). This junior high school reached the Indonesian National Standard and is still improving to reach the International Standard. It has 3 grades and the students are from 12-15 years old.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: \* Teach math and natural sciences in English. \* Teach English and organize additional supporting activities for other school subjects.

**Requirements:** Be able to teach math and natural sciences (biology and physics) in English.

**Food:** together with host family or cook by yourself

**Accommodation:** Host family

Pocket money: 600000 IDR per month

Insurance: Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will

not cover any insurance.

Fees: None

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by

the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.7 SMPN 7 Tegal basic education

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

**Location** Tegal Central Java

**Project start:** 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** Other

### **Project Description:**

SMPN 7 Tegal is one of the state junior high schools in Tegal. It's located on Java North Sea main road. Tegal is a small town 3 hours from Semarang. This junior high school is one of the schools that reached Indonesia National Standard and that is still improving to receive the International Standard. It has 3 grades and the students are from 12-15 years old. The problem with the standardization is that the school has to start English in some subjects, but does not yet have the needed human resources to do so.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: \* Teach math and natural sciences in English. \* Teach English and organize additional supporting activities for school subjects.

**Requirements:** Be able to teach math and natural sciences (biology and physics) in English.

**Food:** together with the host family or you can cook by yourself

**Accommodation:** Host family

Pocket money: 600000 IDR per month

**Insurance:** Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will

not cover any insurance.

Fees: None

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa

abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.8 UAD Yogyakarta

Theme: Children, teenagers, elderly people

LocationYogyakartaProject start:2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteers should stay at least for 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: Other

### **Project Description:**

Ahmad Dahlan University (UAD) is an Islamic private University in Yogyakarta. The university is named after the founding father of Muhammadiyah, an important person in the Islam Organization in Indonesia.

### **Detailed Information:**

**Work:** \* Teaching English \* Encourage English conversation among students and lecturers.

**Requirements:** The volunteer must have good level in English both in speaking, writing and listening. Volunteer does not have to be Muslim. There will be an introduction to decent behavior in a Moslem university for the volunteers to help them get used with the working environment.

Food: cook by yourself or eat in food stall around boarding house and university

Accommodation: boarding house

Pocket money: 620000 IDR per month

**Insurance:** Health insurance should be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

Fees: None

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa abroad every 120 days.

### 1.1.1.9 YPAC Special School Project

Theme: Disabilities
Location Semarang City
Project start: 2011-09-07

**Duration:** Volunteer should stay at least 2 months

**Application:** Volunteer will get a decision about his/her appli-

cation within 2 weeks

Vacancies 2

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: Other

### **Project Description:**

Organized together with YPAC (Yayasan Penderita Anak Cacat – children with special need association), the volunteer will assist the teachers during English classes. Since the children have special needs and difficulties in studying, it is very challenging for the volunteers to work together with them. Furthermore, the different languages in the project site have to be underlined as well.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Assist teachers during the English classes in the school. Assist skills class and play with the children during their free time.

Please note that the "one to one" approach might be needed to run activities with the children.

**Requirements:** \* Recommendation letter for teaching experience with children with special needs is more preferable.

- \* Volunteer has university background, is cheerful and patient.
- \* familiar with confidence building techniques
- \* The volunteer needs to have a very high motivation and creativity to work with children.

**Food:** provided at the boarding house by the YPAC

**Accommodation:** Boarding house or dormitory of YPAC

Pocket money: None

**Insurance:** health insurance to be organized by the volunteer. IIWC will not cover any insurance.

**Fees:** 150 EUR per month for meals, accommodation, administration, orientation, monitoring & evaluation, police letter.

Visa: Volunteer can get a socio-culture visa index 211 for 60 days. It can be extended twice (each extension for 30 days). Visa invitation letter will provided by IIWC. Costs related to visa (extension: 375000 IDR) have to be covered by the volunteer.

Others: If a volunteer stays more than 4 months, he/she needs to renew the visa

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abroad every 120 days.

### 1.2 Japan

### 1.2.1 SCI Japan

### 1.2.1.1 Kanazawa Farm

Theme:	Environment
Location	Yaita, Tochigi
Start:	2011-08-01
End:	2011-10-22
Application deadline:	2011-07-20
Decision date:	2011-07-23
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	Japanese
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	Japanese

### **Project Description:**

Kanazawa Farm is a private organic farm in a rural area, 150km east of Tokyo and only 100km away from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. Ms. Kanazawa grows rice, vegetables and chickens for eggs. She is inviting volunteers to help her with farming and day-to-day house-keeping work.

### **Detailed Information:**

**Work:** The volunteer helps at the farm. S/he is also expected to coordinate weekend workcamps.

The volunteer gets a day off per week plus extra 5 days off during her/his service. **Requirements:** Speak basic Japanese or motivated to learn to communicate with Ms. Kanazawa as she does not speak English. Interested in organic farming and fond of animals.

Food: Eat with Ms. Kanazawa

**Accommodation:** An old farm house, sometimes with a volunteer from WWOOF.

Pocket money: 10000 JPY per month

**Insurance:** SCI Insurance

Fees: None

Visa: Basically, only 3 months' tourist visa is possible. However, English, Irish, German, Swiss, Austrian and Mexican volunteers are probably able to extend the visa for another 3 months according to the bilateral agreements between the governments.

Others: The life is very frugal and simple at the farm, in contrast to the affluent

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and materialistic Japanese society.

The volunteer gets two roundtrips by local train between Tokyo and Yaita.

## Chapter 2

## Europe

### 2.1 Croatia

### 2.1.1 Volunteers Centre Zagreb

### 2.1.1.1 Velebit Association Kuterev

Theme:	Environment
Location	Kuterevo, Velebit Mountain, Croatia
Duration:	6-12 months
Application:	Looking for vols for 2012, application is to be submitted on 1st of November deadline. Preference will be given to vols with fewer opportunities.
Vacancies	4
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	Croatian

### **Project Description:**

The project is realized by Velebit Association Kuterev. Its main aims are the preservation of natural and cultural heritage in the region. The main activities of the organization are the care of resident bears and the bear facilities within the Bear Refuge, informative and educational work with visitors as well as running the Volunteers' Station.

**Notice:** This is a European Voluntary Service (EVS) project for which the funding has not yet been granted. Restrictive rules concerning the age and country of residence of the participants apply. You may be asked to help with administrative tasks for the grant application procedure. Please contact an SCI branch, group or partner organisation in your country for further information.

2.1 Croatia

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Vols will be involved in 1 or more activities associated with 1 of the 3 main areas that the organization deals with: nature conservation, local community, culture and volunteering. According to preference, experience and motivation, vols will be involved in some of these activities:

- 1) Nature conservation projects: Bear Refuge Project; Non-invasive sampling for brown bear population genetic analyses; Road mitigation measures on amphibian populations; Bear Walking Trail
- 2) Preserving indigenous knowledge: Collecting and documenting ethnological and natural values; Using different forms and methods (interviews, photography, video)to create a collection that will be used for educational purposes
- 3) Volunteer projects: Coordination of groups during the workcamp season (April-September); Animating kindergarten and school children

Work:5 days/week (about 30 hours)

**Requirements:** We are looking for volunteers who can cope with living a calm and uneventful life but also working in big teams with a lot of people around them and in a very dynamic, intensive and challenging environment. We do not have special demands for volunteers or requirements for particular skills or knowledge.

**Food:** Most of the meals will be prepared together with other volunteers.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will live in the village of Kuterevo in the mountain of Velebit, on the border of the Nature Park. They will be accommodated within the village in an apartment, where they will have a private room or share a room with another volunteer.

Pocket money: 95 EUR per month Insurance: AXA Insurance Company

Fees: None Visa: -

Others: This project will be hosted by VUK (Velebitska Udruga Kuterevo), a partner organisation with which we are working together for several years.

Preference will be given to volunteers with fewer opportunities.

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### 2.2 Great Britain

### 2.2.1 IVS GB

### 2.2.1.1 Earth Connections

Theme: Environment

**Location** Isle of Eigg, North West Scotland

**Duration:** minimum one month

**Application:** Applicant will be contacted directly by Norah

Barnes, either email or telephone

Vacancies 2

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: English

### **Project Description:**

The Earth Connections Centre is a new environmental project on the Isle of Eigg, started by Norah Barnes and Bob Wallace. It will be an exciting venue for residential courses on practical sustainable living covering topics such as ecobuilding, food growing, climate change and global issues, wilderness exploration and more. Courses are being planned to start in summer 2011, but we need practical help to finish the building and get accommodation ready for visitors.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: We are renovating an old building and need help with many jobs painting and decorating, cleaning, sorting out stores, woodworking, repairing equipment etc. We also have an organic garden and work there includes planting, weeding, fruit tree care, fencing, and collecting seaweed from the beach for fertilizer.

The Centre, and the whole island, is run on renewable energy (wind, solar and hydro) so there will be opportunities to help with looking after these systems and learn more about them.

We work full days, but are also flexible with hours depending on family and job needs and weather! Saturday afternoons and Sunday is time off.

Requirements: We would like someone interested in environmental issues and wanting to learn more about practical sustainable living. Needs to be enthusiastic and willing to help out with a variety of jobs. Practical experience is preferred, though help will be given where necessary. We have 3 children (aged 8,6 and 4) so volunteer needs to get on with young people and be part of family life.

**Food:** All meals will be provided. Food is vegetarian and vegan -we try to bake our own bread and grow our own vegetables.

Accommodation: You would be living in the Centre with us, and will be expected to share household and cooking chores with us. Volunteers will have

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their own bedroom and shared bathroom.

Pocket money: None

Insurance: Volunteers must have their own travel and health insurance, unless

covered by the EEU.

Fees: None

Visa: IVS will issue a certificate of sponsorship for anyone living outside the EEU and who requires an entry visa. Details of how to do this are given to each volunteer by IVS.

Others: This project is on-going. Dates above are approximate.

Eigg is a beautiful and remote island, with a 100 people and a strong history and community. It is 1.5 hours boat journey from the mainland. Weather can be very wet, cold and windy, so be prepared for that.

### 2.2.1.2 The Edinburgh Cyrenians

Theme:	Socially disadvantaged
Location	Edinburgh, Scotland
Duration:	Volunteers should stay for at least 3 months
Application:	Volunteer will be contacted directly by the Edin-
	burgh Cyrenians
Vacancies	11
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

Cyrenians has two residential communities. Each community has up to eight residents aged 16-30, who come to live in the communities as a result of being homeless. Volunteers are peer mentors to the community residents. Volunteers and residents live within our community facility. It's hard work and very challenging, but a memorable experience.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Volunteers are peer mentors to the community residents and do not substitute the work of paid staff. Volunteers and residents live within our community facility and manage the day-to-day domestic tasks and decisions within the building, which is their home. The process of being involved in decision-making empowers residents and helps to develop their confidence, skills and abilities. We endeavour to create equality between community members (residents and volunteers), but volunteers must note that the young men and women who come to live here come as a result of their need for support. Volunteer support for a resident may include: \* Accompanying a resident to the job centre \* Helping a

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residents to cook a meal for the whole community \* Acting as a sounding board for a problem or difficult situation \* Offering mature and calm guidance

**Requirements:** Because the project is working with vulnerable people, there are very specific criteria. Interested volunteers will get the full information upon request.

Food: Provided

**Accommodation:** All accommodation and food costs are met by Cyrenians.

Pocket money: 30 GBP per week

Insurance: yes
Fees: None

**Visa:** UK Border Control requires that people living outside the EEU require a visa. IVS GB will provide sponsorship letter/certificate.

Others: As the post involves working with vulnerable young people, volunteers will need to obtain a letter or certificate of approval to confirm that they are fit to work with young people. Acquisition of this form of approval will vary from country to country.

Holiday allowance at the three-month stage and contribution towards travel expenses to the community when you first arrive.

### 2.3 Switzerland

### 2.3.1 SCI Switzerland

### 2.3.1.1 Center for asylum seekers in Belfond

Theme:	Antiracism, antifascism, refugees, ethnic minori-
	ties
Location	Belfond, Jura region, near Saignelégier
Start:	2011-08-01
End:	2012-01-31
Application deadline:	2011-07-05
Decision date:	2011-07-08
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	French
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	French

### **Project Description:**

The centre for asylum seekers in Belfond is the place that welcomes all asylum seekers received by Canton Jura. The centre can host 80 asylum seekers from various origins including families with children. The centre is run by AJAM, the association responsible for the asylum seekers in the Canton Jura.

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### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Spending time with the asylum seekers and helping them in daily life, organising recreational activities, helping the centre team. The main tasks (supported by the staff member) will be the organisation and development of recreational activities for the asylum seekers and for the kids when there are some (e.g. sports, cultural and educational activities, etc.). The volunteer will work 40 hours per week and may be asked to work during the weekends (but gets 2 days off per week).

**Requirements:** to be very motivated, autonomous, self-reliant, responsible and interested in asylum seeker issues. Driving license needed. The volunteer should have enough French knowledge in order to communicate with the asylum seekers and the staff.

**Food:** Provided in the centre. The volunteer gets 15frs/day when he/she is not able to eat at the centre.

Accommodation: Since the centre is located in a quite isolated area, the volunteer will have a flat in the village of Saignelégier (15 minutes by bus from the center) to have a more active social life outside of the project.

Pocket money: 200 CHF per month

**Insurance:** SCI insurance

Fees: None Visa: – Others: –

### 2.3.1.2 Mandat International (welcome centre for NGOs)

Theme:	North-South solidarity
Location	Bellevue (Geneva)
Start:	2011-09-15
End:	2011-12-15
Application deadline:	2011-07-20
Decision date:	2011-07-25
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	French

### **Project Description:**

The Welcome Centre for NGOs and delegations aims to encourage the participation of non-governmental delegates at international conferences held in Geneva and to create a place of exchange between delegates from different geographical regions and fields of work. The Welcome Centre gives priority to delegates coming

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from least developed countries and developing countries. By helping delegates in their daily tasks and reducing their accommodation costs, we hope to restore more equity in North-South relations and turn Geneva into a truly democratic forum that is accessible to all.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The volunteer's work falls into 3 categories (in order of importance): 1. Help to run the Welcome Centre: cooking a meal once a week for delegates (around 10 people), shopping, occasional cleaning, shuttle driving, etc. 2. Help to welcome delegates: check-in, administration, support and possibly organization of cultural activities. 3. If possible, the volunteer gets the opportunity to join some international conferences as an observer. The volunteer will work 40 hours per week.

**Requirements:** Be autonomous and well organised, responsible and sociable. Driving license and working experience is an asset. English and French are essential, Spanish is an asset.

**Food:** provided by the Welcome Centre

Accommodation: a single room in the Welcome Centre, shared bathroom and

shower

Pocket money: 200 CHF per month

**Insurance:** SCI insurance

Fees: None Visa: -

Others: longer stays are possible

## Chapter 3

## North America

### 3.1 Canada

### 3.1.1 SCI-IVS USA

### 3.1.1.1 Camphill Onatrio Community

Theme: Disabilities
Location Ontario
Duration: 12 months.

**Application:** decision within 2-4 weeks

Vacancies

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

We are a community of 60 people on 300 acres of woodlands and fields with a river running through, located about 90 km north of Toronto. We have 6 houses with up to 10 people in each. Recently we acquired a house in the Large city of Barrie, approximately 25 minutes away. We hope to build up an urban day centre there. We are a life sharing community. We live and work together helping each other where needed. Our involvement with each other is like a family, which means from morning to evening. One of the challenges is to be aware of each other's needs and to help each other to meet them.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: There would be possibilities to do domestic work, cooking, and helping the disabled adults with their daily routine, etc. You may also find yourself working in one of the workshops - weavery, woodshop, and bakery or in the summer food processing. We also have a farm, a garden, maple syrup production, forestry,

general land maintenance and a small store.

**Requirements:** Sensitivity to the needs of others, willingness to offer some physical care for people with special needs, driver's license (not required but it helps). Everyone is expected to support all aspects of our life including the religious and cultural expressions. must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

Accommodation: in the houses, usually a private room, shared bath

Pocket money: 200 CAD per month **Insurance:** provided after 3 months

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide the documents for Visa

Others: Our life is inspired by Anthroposophy and Christianity as developed by Rudolf Steiner. We have an ongoing adult education program for our entire community plus an orientation program throughout the Fall and Winter season for new volunteers, based on an introduction to Anthroposophy and the philosophy of Camphill. The orientation course starts the beginning of October.

You will also get some money for vacation if you are here for a year.

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#### 3.2.1 SCI-IVS USA

#### 3.2.1.1 American Conservation Experience

Theme: Environment Location Flagstaff, Arizona **Duration:** 12-week minimum **Application:** decision within 2 weeks Vacancies

Languages:

**→** Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: English

### **Project Description:**

American Conservation Experience (ACE) is a volunteer program for both international and American participants who want to make a difference in their world. ACE is grounded in the philosophy that international understanding and goodwill can be achieved through cooperative labor on meaningful conservation projects. By attracting a corps of conservation-minded volunteers, ACE contributes to the breakdown of cultural barriers while advancing ecological awareness on a global scale.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: ACE volunteers come from many nations around the world to work in small teams on direct service projects for the National Forest Service, National Park Service and other land management agencies throughout Arizona, southern Nevada, and southern Utah. Typical projects include trail construction and maintenance, native plant revegetation, exotic species removal, fence construction, erosion control, and wilderness restoration. International volunteers contribute their energy and enthusiasm in production-oriented atmosphere in which participants are encouraged to take pride in their team's accomplishments.

Requirements: \* very physically fit, ability to work in unpredictable weather conditions \* accustomed to the rigors of tent life \* must speak at least intermediate English

**Food:** not provided on days off unless there is some left from the field work

Accommodation: Provided. Tents during work periods.

Pocket money: None Insurance: provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: British volunteers cannot join this project through SCI.

No drugs ever! No drinking on projects, even after hours; no smoking or drinking

in accommodations or vehicles.

### 3.2.1.2 American Conservation Experience – Santa Cruz

Theme:	Environment
Location	California
Duration:	minimum 12 weeks
Application:	decision within two weeks
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

diverse project opportunities in a range of settings and ecosystems in Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Park State Parks along the coastline Redwood Forests

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: trail construction and maintenance planting native species weed removal fence construction erosion control wilderness restoration

Requirements: This project is only open to US Residents from 18-35 years old. Must speak at least intermediate English, very physically fit, capable of hard

work (10 hr. days, 40 hrs.a week). 3 days off each week. Projects in remote locations require 8 consecutive days of work followed by 6 straight days off.

**Food:** provided on work days not provided on free days plan \$10.00-\$20.00 on average of 3 days per week

Accommodation: tents on work days youth hostels and student dormitories

during free time

Pocket money: None Insurance: provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: No drugs ever! No drinking on projects, even after hours; no smoking

or drinking in accommodations or vehicles

### 3.2.1.3 Cadmus – Christopher House

Theme:DisabilitiesLocationMassachusettsDuration:Six month minimum. Starting May 15 2012Application:decision within 2 weeksVacancies1Languages: $\ominus$  Project:English $\ominus$  Local:English

### **Project Description:**

A home in a small New England village where three generations of a family live with two people with special needs. Presently we have two milk cows and a calf, several chickens, two dogs and a cat in our care as well. Although there is plenty of work, we always make time for fun and relaxation.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Mainly assisting in the program of our newest resident, a 27-year-old man, who needs to swim or hike every afternoon. He needs to be taken to the local community center and supervised for two or three hours while he swims laps or works in the gym. Since he will need help in the locker room, it would be helpful in our volunteer is a male.

**Requirements:** Driver's license, willingness to learn and to work with people with disabilities. First Aid and CPR trainings are helpful. Police background check required must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

**Accommodation:** Private bedroom, shared bath, room.

Pocket money: 150 USD per month

**Insurance:** provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.4 Cadmus – Feill Sheathain

Theme:DisabilitiesLocationMassachusettsDuration:minimum 6 months; one year or more preferred.Application:decision within 2 weeks; Police background check report requiredVacancies1Languages: $\ominus$  Project:English $\ominus$  Local:English

### **Project Description:**

Nestled in a sleepy neighborhood in Great Barrington this is a household full of life and activity offering a home to persons with disabilities. The neighborhood is within walking distance of the town center. With nearly an acre of garden to enjoy and a dog and cat to love and care for us, we feel blessed to live in the Berkshires where cultural opportunities and friendly people enrich our daily lives.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Helping in the running of the household, driving persons with disabilities to activities, helping persons with disabilities participate in classes or activities, helping residents with cooking, household chores, participating in therapeutic activities such as swimming and exercise, attending concerts or plays, helping residents achieve independence in daily living skills and personal tasks such as bathing and dressing. There will also be on-going projects such as crafts, gardening, building or organizing that will enhance the quality of life of our residents. The volunteer co-worker will have one set free day per week, several evenings free per week and other potential holiday opportunities when disabled residents are away on vacation.

Requirements: Willing to help care for adults with disabilities, enjoys children, responsible enough to be left alone and in charge of the house, in possession of International or U.S. driver's license (at least 6 months driving experience and driving record copy for insurance). No smoking inside the house. Must speak at least intermediate English Police Background Report Required

Food: provided

**Accommodation:** Private bedroom with shared bath.

Pocket money: 125 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: Volunteers must pay for international phone calls but internet access is

available.

There is an ongoing course in English as a second language available locally.

### 3.2.1.5 Cadmus – North Plain Farm – Life needs co-op

Theme:	Disabilities
Location	Massachusetts
Duration:	6 to 12 months
Application:	decision within 2 weeks, Police background check
	report required
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

In a large rambling farmhouse, dating back to 1720, about 20 people work daily at being a community. Seven of us have special needs. We believe that the most important thing in life is relationships. Everything else is how we give substance, value, and meaning to those relationships. "Everyone is perfect in their essential being and everyone is handicapped in bringing that perfect essence to expression."

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Helping with the needs of others and work around the house. Helping with the needs of others can be giving someone a ride to a therapy or to work, helping someone take a bath, learn to write or make a phone call, doing their laundry or attending a play or concert. Our social awareness extends beyond the house, to neighbors, friends, and community needs, so we are active in recycling, hospice work, community clean ups, etc. Working around the house can be repairs, cleaning, garden work, cooking, building, making a compost bin or organisational or administrative work. We are very flexible. Our aim is to create a network of strengths to support our various weaknesses so that as a group we can achieve a productivity we can all enjoy.

**Requirements:** openness, willingness to join in, driver's license must speak at least intermediate English Police background check required

Food: provided

**Accommodation:** In the house, private bedroom, shared bath.

Pocket money: 120 USD per month

Insurance: yes Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: An ongoing course in English as a Second Language is available locally.

Smoking only outside the house.

### 3.2.1.6 Cadmus - Shadowood

Theme:DisabilitiesLocationMassachusettsDuration:6 months 1 year preferredApplication:decision within 2 weeksVacancies1Languages: $\ominus$  Project:English $\ominus$  Local:English

### **Project Description:**

Shadowood House is the home of an extended family. The configuration of the family changes from time to time as different people come and stay with us for a while. The house is owned by Nina. Living with her full time are Steven, Ginny and Peter, three adults with various mental and physical challenges.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: We are looking for a person who is self motivated, interested in learning and able to live openly with others. Work varies with the seasons and people's individual directions. There is the ongoing work of life like cooking, cleaning, laundry, gardening and helping people with personal care. There are many activities in the area that people take part in, so taking people to these requires a good bit of time. This life is always changing so flexibility and a good sense of humor are essential. Free time is one day a week and flexible time as needed.

**Requirements:** Driver's license Police background report required must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

**Accommodation:** Private bedroom and shared bath.

Pocket money: 150 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: An ongoing course in English as a Second Language is available locally.

Non smokers preferred.

### 3.2.1.7 Camphill Soltane

Theme: Disabilities
Location Pennsylvania

**Duration:** 12 months preferred decision within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

A college experience for young adults with disabilities. We build community with young adults with developmental disabilities, recognizing the dignity, spiritual integrity and contributions of each and every individual. For over 60 years, Camphill communities like ours have challenged the notion of what it means to be developmentally disabled, and shown that each of us is a unique and essential link in the circle of humanity.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Life is full and challenging and we need our volunteers to be willing to help in all areas. We have a strong sense of teamwork and mutual support. Volunteers live in a family home and share in the work of the home and community. This would include cooking, helping in the weavery and woodworking studios, orchard work and processing recyclables. We have a wonderful cultural and social life where members join in creating and sharing celebrations, festivals and events in and beyond the community.

**Requirements:** Smoking is allowed only outside the buildings. Illegal drugs will not be tolerated. At least intermediate level of speaking English

**Food:** provided

Accommodation: private room in a house, shared bath

Pocket money: 170 USD per month

**Insurance:** after 3 months

Fees: none

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: Americans may join us as AmeriCorps members to qualify for the Ed-

ucation Award of \$4725 after one year of service.

### 3.2.1.8 Camphill Special School

Theme: Disabilities
Location Pennsylvania

**Duration:** Commitment of 1 year preferably starting in Au-

gust.

**Application:** decision within two weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

A large Camphill Community committed to students with special needs. The school runs from grades 1-12. Volunteers live in the homes with a family and the special needs children.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The coworkers are a part of a team of 4-5 coworkers and are expected to integrate themselves as active members of the house community.

**Requirements:** Independence, maturity, and a sense for responsibility would be important personality traits for these positions, as well as humor and patience.

Food: provided

**Accommodation:** In one of the homes, private room, shared bath.

Pocket money: 160 USD per month

Insurance: yes Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.9 Camphill Special School Transitional Program

Theme: Disabilities
Location Pennsylvania

**Duration:** A year or more, starting late August 2009.

**Application:** Application to the project partner is required in

addition to SCI application.

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

Beaver Hill is a large house community for young adults from 18 to 21 with developmental disabilities. Most of the volunteer caregivers live at the house. It celebrates special events and other activities together. Care is continuous at Beaver Hill (no shift changes). Living together like this does not constitute a job so much as a way of life. The house community plays a key role in providing stability in human relationships and engendering a warm, positive, and well structured environment.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The work is varied - cooking, cleaning, laundry and other community living support tasks for people with disabilities including person l care, recreational activities and household routines.

**Requirements:** Sensitivity to the needs of others, energy and enthusiasm, English speaking. Willingness to offer some physical care for people with special needs; driver's license No smoking, drugs or alcohol allowed.

Food: Mostly organic foods provided

**Accommodation:** Private room, shared bath.

Pocket money: 160 USD per month

Insurance: provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.10 Camphill Village Kimberton Hills

Theme:	Disabilities
Location	Pennsylvania
Duration:	12 months starting in late august 2011
Application:	decision within 2-4 weeks
Vacancies	22
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
→ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

A vibrant farming and handcrafting community that includes adults with developmental disabilities. Kimberton Hills residents, living and working side by side, create a dynamic and caring community for people of all ages and varied abilities. Weekdays are structured by the morning and afternoon work sessions and three family-style meals shared in each house. Weekends have their own pace, including outings and trips, folk dances, concerts or other special gatherings.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: At Kimberton Hills, community members live together as expanded families throughout the village, fostering relationships based on respect and mutual support.

Requirements: must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

Accommodation: private room and shared bath

Pocket money: 130 USD per month

**Insurance:** health coverage provided after 3 months

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.11 Community Homestead

Theme: Disabilities
Location Wisconsin
Duration: 12 months

**Application:** decision within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

A community out in the country with people with disabilities. Established in 1995, we are now a lively group of about thirty-nine people in six households, just south of Osceola in rural north-western Wisconsin. Nestled into the rolling river bluffs of the St. Croix, we are centered around an organic dairy farm and garden.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: daily activities include garden, farm work, wood shop, crafts, baking, cooking, housework, volunteer work in town. Varied cultural activities in the evenings and weekends

Requirements: Police background report must speak at least intermediate En-

glish

Food: provided

Accommodation: private room shared bath

Pocket money: 100 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: No drugs or drinking and no smoking in houses

### 3.2.1.12 House of Possibilities

Theme: Disabilities
Location Florida

**Duration:** 6-12 months as soon as possible

**Application:** decision within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  Project: English  $\hookrightarrow$  Local: English

### **Project Description:**

A home for (currently) one autistic woman. This is a great experience for a volunteer looking for hands on experience of the way a human soul can shine through a severe disability. This experience can restore your faith in human nature.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Help with personal needs laundry, driving resident to activities, cooking and willingness to help in other ways when requested

Requirements: Drivers License must speak at least intermediate English non-

smoker preferred **Food:** provided

**Accommodation:** private bedroom, shared bathroom

Pocket money: 160 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.13 Innisfree Garden Intern

Theme:	Environment
Location	Innisfree Village, Crozet VA
Start:	2012-04-01
End:	2012-09-30
Application deadline:	2012-03-01
Decision date:	2012-03-15
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

Innisfree village is a community for adults with mental disabilities. The garden workstation manages a CSA from April to September that requires a garden intern.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The intern will be responsible for harvesting and planting organically grown produce, natural weed and pest control, and the general well-being of the individuals who benefit the most from our project.

**Requirements:** Applicant must be flexible to long hours at times that will fluctuate with the season. must speak at least intermediate English

Food: meals including produce from our gardens

**Accommodation:** a room in one of our family style houses or cabin shared bathroom

Pocket money: 250 USD per month Insurance: provided by Innisfree

Fees: None

Visa: SCI or Innisfree will send documents for visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.14 Innisfree Village

Theme: Disabilities Location Virginia

**Duration:** One-year minimum stay - the beginning time is

not set - ever changing.

**Application:** Separate application in addition to the SCI one is

required. Application process: about one month

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

A residential community with adults with mental disabilities, is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Coworkers (residents with developmental disabilities), volunteers and staff create a dynamic lifestyle on 550 acres. Located near the center of our community are eight homes, a community center, weavery, bakery, woodshop, office, and gardens.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Volunteers live in family homes of 2-10 disabled adults, helping with personal care, cooking, cleaning and working in the therapeutic workstations of weaving, woodworking, gardens, kitchens, and bakery. Two days off a week.

Requirements: Willing to work in a community, patience, humour, housekeeping skills, desire to care for adults with disabilities, 21 years or older. must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

Accommodation: Each volunteer has his/her own room. shared bathroom

Pocket money: 215 USD per month

Insurance: provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: Drivers of at least one-year experience can have access to automobiles for days off and drivers of 3 years can take out residents (called co-workers).

Volunteer gets 15 paid vacation days at 35 USD/day.

### 3.2.1.15 Leander House

Theme:DisabilitiesLocationMassachusettsDuration:12 months

**Application:** decision within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

Leander House is a small residential living community for adults with developmental disabilities. It is made up of three houses in the Southern Berkshire region of New England. This is where Jennie Reins lives in a large Victorian house with her two small daughters, six mentally handicapped adults and 2 volunteer coworkers. Leander House has a relaxed atmosphere and the volunteer must be self-motivated and willing to take part in all aspects of life.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: The volunteers will to take part in all aspects of life. One set free day per week, several evenings per week free, 8 weeks per year free when the residents are away for the holidays and vacations. There is also the possibility of the coworkers offering something that they may wish to share (for example, a German language class, a cooking class).

**Requirements:** The volunteer must be self-motivated. Casual attire is more appropriate. Police background report required drivers license must speak at least intermediate English

Food: provided

Accommodation: private room and shared bathroom

Pocket money: 175 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for visa

Others: Trainings while in service include First Aid, CPR, Human Rights, Passive Restraint, Fire Safety, and an optional English Language course. Extended time traveling, should be done during vacation times (when the special needs people are away for the holidays) or before or after the end of your time with us, and at your own expense.

### 3.2.1.16 Lukas Community

Theme: Disabilities
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Duration: 12 months preferred an

12 months preferred and at least 6 months, start-

ing at various times of the year.

**Application:** decision within 2 weeks

Vacancies 1

Languages:

 $\hookrightarrow$  **Project:** English  $\hookrightarrow$  **Local:** English

### **Project Description:**

We are special community of 40 people including co-workers, families with children, volunteers and 19 developmentally disabled adults. We share our lives, work and recreation in four extended family households. We are located about ninety minutes northwest of Boston in one of the most beautiful rural ares in the country.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Within the households (supervising residents in personal hygiene, meal preparation and housekeeping as needed) and other work outside the home engaging residents in such activities, music, eurythmy, watercolor painting, and fitness activities. As challenging as the work is, it is very fulfilling. Previous volunteers, remembering their time here and the friendships made with us, have often come back for short periods of time to visit and work. 2 days off per week. Break for vacations and opportunity to travel.

Requirements: An open mind, eagerness to learn, and a sense of commitment to the needs of residents; strong sense of responsibility to themselves and the work and a willingness to take on new challenges as time progresses and be willing to take suggestions from experienced co-workers, and above all, the desire to be here is the key to a successful year.

Food: provided

Accommodation: In houses, private room, shared bath, community eating in

household.

Pocket money: 200 USD per month

Insurance: provided by Lukas

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: Automobiles for personal use are not provided, but quite often volunteers purchase an automobile to share. Volunteer will need to sign an Agreement Form before coming. We have a three month trial period which gives both volunteer and house parents the opportunity to determine if our community is the right place.

### 3.2.1.17 Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

Theme:EnvironmentLocationMinnesotaDuration:12 months preferredApplication:decision within 2-4 weeksVacancies1Languages:English $\hookrightarrow$  Project:English $\hookrightarrow$  Local:English

### **Project Description:**

An unusual opportunity to get a first hand experience of cutting edge alternative agricultural practices. Michael Fields Agricultural Institute is devoted to developing and teaching an agricultural practice that can sustain the land and its resources. As a public, non-profit learning center, we seek to revitalize farming with research, education, technical assistance and public policy.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: help with corn project

Requirements: must speak at least intermediate English Food: no large amount of pocket money to cover food Accommodation: private room and shared bath

Pocket money: 600 USD per month

Insurance: not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -

### 3.2.1.18 Mission Wolf

Theme:	Environment
Location	Colorado
Duration:	A two month minimum commitment is required.
Application:	Along the SCI application, send resume and cover
	letter. Additional information may be requested.
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

Mission Wolf is a peaceful wolf sanctuary located in the remote mountains of Colorado. Many people who visit the sanctuary are astounded by how far removed we are from civilization.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Our first priority is the needs of the wolves - food, water, living space, companionship, privacy. The SCI volunteer may be asked to help with these tasks, which may include fence building, a year round project. The primary assignment of the volunteer will be education of visitors about wolves and office work. A volunteer staff of about 5 operates and oversees life at the refuge. Each spring, summer, and fall, M:W hosts groups of volunteer workers to help with the daily operations of the refuge. The SCI volunteer will assist in leading these groups.

Requirements: The volunteers need to have energy. There is a two week unpaid probationary period. All volunteers are asked to provide their own transportation and come self sufficient with their own food, bedding, tent and other items for the first two weeks. Volunteer will be picked up in Walsenburg, Colorado. Dedicated individuals that survive two weeks on their own may qualify to fill a staff position.

Food: not provided

Accommodation: not provided scroll down to OTHERS: for more information

Pocket money: 100 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide necessary documents for visa

Others: A two month minimum commitment is required. In return, individuals may earn food privileges and secure a tipi or cabin to sleep in. A six month option may be available which provides room, board, health insurance, and a limited use of refuge vehicles.

### 3.2.1.19 Philadelphia Community Farm

Theme:	Disabilities
Location	Wisconsin
Duration:	12 months sometimes 6 months
Application:	Decision within 4 weeks.
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

Assistant Houseparent: Caring for adults with special needs and managing a community household on a CSA farm.

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Assistant Houseparent caring for adults with special needs and managing a community household on a CSA farm.

**Requirements:** Skills of the volunteer expected by the hosting project Organizational skills, cooking, cleaning, household maintenance, social skills, sense of humor, all helpful. We will train volunteers in those areas of the work that they may be unaccustomed to doing. Must speak at least intermediate English.

**Food:** Biodynamic from our own farm and organic whole foods are provided **Accommodation:** Private bedroom, shared bathroom in a community household

Pocket money: 80 USD per month Insurance: Insurance not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will send documents for visa

Others: Applications must include criminal background check from every country/state applicant has resided for the past five years. Americans may join us as AmeriCorp members to qualify for the Education Award of \$4725.00 after 1 year of service

### 3.2.1.20 The Bridge

Theme:	Disabilities
Location	Virginia
Duration:	12 months
Application:	within two weeks
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
$\hookrightarrow$ Project:	English
$\hookrightarrow$ Local:	English

### **Project Description:**

The Bridge provides a family-like living environment for the full support of adults with traumatic brain injuries

### **Detailed Information:**

Work: Provide companionship in scheduled activities. This includes accompanying residents with disabilities to physical rehabilitations and community functions. Help residents with daily skill development. Serve as liaison between

residents and the senior house counselor and the director. Plan and cook meals. Provide transportation when needed. Facilitate social interactions among all Bridge residents and support interaction between the houses.

Requirements: Drivers License

Food: provided

Accommodation: private room with shared bathroom

Pocket money: 300 USD per month

**Insurance:** not provided

Fees: None

Visa: SCI will provide documents for Visa

Others: -