



# Call for Participants 2021 Volunteering Team

**European Solidarity Corps** 

Want to live & work in a German Ecovillage for six weeks in an international group?

# What is the European Solidarity Corps?

The programme European Solidarity Corps (ESC) enables young people (18 to 30 years) to be part of a project as a team volunteer, connecting on a European level. Read more

### **Basic Facts**

Where? Ecovillage Sieben Linden, North-Eastern Germany

**What?** Joining the ecovillage as a team volunteer and

working

In the garden

In the forestry and agroforestry

In the outdoor area

When? 12th of June to 22nd of July 2021 (6 weeks)



## About Sieben Linden

Sieben Linden Ecovillage strives to be an ecologically and social model settlement. Our intentional community was established in 1997 and now we are more than a hundred adults and forty children. We aim at implementing a collaborative and holistic sustainable lifestyle that connects a small ecological footprint with a high quality of life.

The vision of Sieben Linden is a sustainable way of life where the social, ecological, economical and cultural aspects are intertwined into a holistic approach that offers space for diversity, creativity and the different needs of people. Read more







## In Detail

#### Requirements

- Interest in sustainability and community living, in a very rural location
- Openness to learn and meet new people
- Seeking an intercultural experience in a team with participants from Armenia, the Bedouin minority in Israel and Germany
- Motivation to be of service to the ecovillage

Weekly working hours 37,5 h

Working language English

**Food and** Vegan and vegetarian food, shared tents (divided by gender) with

**Accommodation** camp beds

What you receive Free food and accommodation, health-insurance, international travel

and pocket money

# Working areas

## Organic vegetable garden

This will be your main working area. Sieben Linden's organic gardens grow more than 50 different types of vegetables, fruit and herbs for the community and visitors. You will be outside a lot in different kinds of weather and help the garden team to weed, preparing beds, planting, harvesting, making compost and a lot more. You will gain experience how to grow different vegetables and to take care of plants.



#### Forest and agroforestry

To live sustainably, Sieben Linden has a lot of forest to chop trees for heating. During the summer, there is maintenance work to be done to enrich the forest ecosystem which is still dominated by a pine tree monoculture.

The dynamic agroforestry puts together various trees and shrubs to benefit each other and create a natural dynamic ecosystem which is more resilient towards climate change. The plots are still young so the weeds need to be kept in check and the plants might need extra watering.

#### **Outdoor area**

In summertime the life in Sieben Linden takes place outside a lot. Some structures for community gatherings need maintenance and many helping hands. This is a way to get in touch with other locals as well and dive into community living more.

## Housekeeping

As the meals will be cooked for you and in exchange you will need to contribute to housekeeping tasks such as cleaning and preparing vegetables or cleaning the kitchen after meals.

# Social life

## Community activities & celebrations

The community has a lot of events and celebrations which we welcome you to join and to get to know the people living together with you in the village. Singing circles in the yurt, community pub and dancing on Saturdays, cinema, yoga and dance classes are opportunities to participate in community life. We also celebrate traditional holidays like Easter and have community events for many other occasions.



#### More links to more information

European Solidarity Corps (<a href="https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\_en">https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\_en</a>)

Interested in a sustainable lifestyle? Interested in immersion in an intentional community? Interested in new work experiences? Then apply for as a team volunteer in Sieben Linden!