



Call for Volunteers

European Solidarity Corps

Interested in living and working in a German Community for one year?



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 volunteer. This opportunity offers an inspiring and empowering experience, living and working as part of a community, enabling you to engage in various projects and areas of work.

For more information see: europa.eu/youth/solidarity/projects_en

Basic Facts

Where?

Community Schloss Blumenthal, South Germany.

What?

Working in a versatile organic farm, with vegetable growing, caring about animals, cheese dairy and farm shop, Cooking and preparation of organic meals for the community, working in various sustainable projects.

When?

You can stay for at least 3 months, up to a year.

About Blumenthal

The Blumenthal Community was founded in 2007 and is a cross-generational living and working project in which 47 adults and 30 children revive, manage and maintain a listed castle complex with park and agricultural land. The five dimensions of art & culture, health & awareness, respectful social interaction, economy for the common good and ecology form the basis of all work.

The Blumenthal community considers itself as a place of diversity and experimentation and wants to use its initiatives to promote future-oriented, sustainable change in our society.

For more information see www.schloss-blumenthal.de



In Detail

Requirements

- Interest in sustainability and community living, in a rural location.
- Openness to learn and meet new people.
- Motivation to work in the community and on a farm.
- English or German language skills (German language skills are welcome but not a requirement if you speak English).
- Willingness to learn German or improve your German language skills.

Weekly working hours

Total	30
In placement	25
Individual project	5

Community & working language

German

Food and accommodation

We eat organic and vegetarian food. As a volunteer you have your own room in a shared apartment with other volunteers. You share the combined kitchen and living room as well as the bathroom. You can also use the common room, the large garden and park. And there is a "dance room", a "hanging-out-room" with billard and table tennis, meditation space and a sauna that can be used by everyone.

Covered during ESC Free food and accommodation, health insurance, pocket money (210,- Euro per month).

Placements

organic farming – from the field to the plate

In this placement you will gain insights into a diverse ecological and sustainable agriculture. We grow a lot of different types of vegetables, care for pigs and goats, make our own cheese and run a plastic-free farm shop. Our products are also used to cook lunch for the community. So your tasks in this placement are very diverse. You will grow and harvest vegetables, take care of the the animals, make cheese and help out in the farm shop. After an introduction and some practical experience in all areas, you can choose your own focus of work, depending on your interests, and you can also implement your own ideas, such as building climbing elements for the goats or creating new types of cheese. If you like working outdoors, being in contact with animals and people and enjoy processing products, Blumenthal is the right place for you!

Personal Projects

You can choose personal projects freely and use your own creativity and skills. The only important thing is that your project either has a direct connection to sustainability or a clear solidarity aspect. You can join in an existing project in Blumenthal or start something new. It is a great opportunity to try something out that doesn't have to be related directly to your work placement and to discover, use and improve your individual talents and skills. Possible projects are co-development of a sustainable energy supply in Blumenthal, planning and implementing of educational projects for children or supporting community members as needed, e.g. families, and many more.





Social life

The community has a lot of events and rituals; we welcome you to join them and get to know the people living with you. Dancing together and spending time around the campfire, practising yoga and mediation or playing board games are opportunities to participate in community life. We also celebrate traditional holidays like Easter and have community events for many other occasions. There are regular concerts, festivals and courses in Blumenthal, to which you are cordially invited. You will have the opportunity to regularly reflect your experience and talk about problems with a tutor in the community and with an outside mentor. The socially and culturally diverse city of Augsburg is half an hour away, to Munich it takes you about one hour.

Interested in a sustainable lifestyle? Interested in immersion in an inter-generational community? Interested in new work experience? Then apply for an ESC at the Biohof Blumenthal!



Application

If you are interested in applying, please fill in the online survey:
<https://forms.gle/kYaTQEyAdrP7x2Jr9>

Read more about the application process and the deadline:
schloss-blumenthal.de/biohof

Questions? Please contact Kathrin Schaefer, our volunteer coordinator for ESC: volunteers@schloss-blumenthal.de

