

## EVS Placement description

# PERMACULTURE PARK STEYERBERG

Germany



## Information about the hosting organization

### Description of the organisation

The volunteering project at Permaculturepark Steyerberg/PaLS aims to activate young adults from all over Europe for permaculture, sustainable food production in agriculture and nature conservation. The principles of PaLS are based on sociocratic values that have formed the largest ecovillage in Germany: Lebensgarten Steyerberg. This community focuses on sustainable living and health concepts, permaculture, community building and antidiscrimination. Thus the European Voluntary Service EVS offers young adults an opportunity for exchanging intercultural experiences, gain new green skills and practice-oriented knowledge in bio-dynamic agriculture.

The Permaculture Park in Steyerberg is the oldest permaculture project in Germany. In the late 1980s the Lebensgarten community and their permaculture garden was founded by Declan Kennedy, former Director of the Permaculture Institute of Europe. He brought his expertise to the research and demonstration project in Steyerberg to develop modern ecological cultivation techniques as well as sustainable energy production. Today Steyerberg has become the smallest municipality in Germany to be included in the national Climate Protection Plan 2050 and to be awarded the title of sustainable municipality.

### Website

For further details, visit <https://permakulturpark.de/>

### Language of the hosting organization

German

## Information about the EVS Placement

Duration (in months):	9 months	or	12 months
Start Date	Beginning of March 2024		Beginning of October 2024

## Activity description

There are three main educational tasks of...

1. **assisting** the permaculture garden team
2. **improving** German language with a weekly language course for free right from the start
3. **taking part** in community activities and volunteering seminars at Lebensgarten ecovillage

PaLS and ecovillage Lebensgarten offers...

- E-Bike and E-Car for free
- Meditation and Yoga for free
- Food rescue and SOLAWI (solidaric agriculture project)
- Alpaka care
- Concerts and social events during summer
- Visit nearby WWII memorial center Pulverfabrik Liebenau
- Always a helping hand

## Volunteer's profile

- interest in learning about permaculture
- a little toughness in working outdoors
- German A1 level
- age of 18 - 30
- openmindedness for exchanging with others
- (driving license recommended)

## Practical arrangements

- detailed **introduction** and **education in permaculture** plus lessons once a week
- accommodation in **tiny houses** complex: 2 volunteers share one tiny house with an own apartment each and a shared community tiny house with bathroom and kitchen
- **E-bikes** and **E-Car** usage for free
- **German language course included** starting with the beginning of the service
- two **EVS seminars** for preparation and evaluation of the learning progress
- professional **supervision** and **guidance** by educators and gardeners
- support of **individual learning goals** with the project leader

## Funding

Movetia's funding for the EVS programme covers:

- Board and lodging
- International travel costs (400CHF)
- Pocket money (7CHF per day)
- EVS Trainings

## How to apply

Send your application to [info@permakulturpark.de](mailto:info@permakulturpark.de) (ref: Dr. Sebastian Kornmesser) as soon as possible with:

- a short motivation letter
- your CV

For more information, you can contact Movetia: [evs@movetia.ch](mailto:evs@movetia.ch)