



VOLUNTEERING 2019

From now on, volunteering at the Ecovillage is integrated into the Rural Incubation program with the purpose of empowering young adults to create a sustainable and self-supporting rural experience. With this program we promote an immersion in the universe of action of the Dolmen Association based on a strong responsibility of the individual with a view to a full and rapid integration in the collective.

General conditions:

The volunteer & host together must choose one area of intervention in the project, depending on skills, needs of the moment for the project, knowledge of the volunteer and motivation

5 days / week

Pocket money that Association gives to volunteer: 100Eur / month*

First week experience (not paid)

5 action areas of your choice

Minimum duration of 2 months

* If volunteer or host decide to go, before the 4 first weeks, the host is not obligated to make the payment, The volunteer that is inside of this program should be entire Responsible & Autonomous of his/her area of intervention, following instructions of the residents of Ecoaldeia de Janas.

There will be no specific times of work, around 5 hours/day will be enough to make a good work, but if you need more or less hours it depends on the volunteer and the situation of each day.

Main Responsibilities:

1 - Field logistics

- Harvesting
- All manual field operations
- Watering systems
- Agro-forestry operations

2 - Caring & Facilities

- Housekeeping
- Prepare and serve meals
- Laundry management

- Assist guesthouse management
- Breakfast
- Firekeeper
- Care of house pets and plants

3 - Development & Management of Infrastructures

- All maintenance of infrastructures
- All building tasks

4 - Micro-Productions & Team leader

- All micro-production operations
- Animal care
- Cleaning and development of production centers

5 - Commerce assistant

- Organizations of farm products at the Coop
- Assistant of all needed coop operations
- Packaging orders
- All Digital marketing operations

Specific Responsibilities:

1 - Field logistics

- Weekly fertilization
- Follow and adjust the watering schedule
- Planting and monitoring first week of transplantation
- Wednesday general weeding
- Tuesday harvesting and possible weekend re-harvesting
- Soil preparations
- Producing compost (turning piles, worm compost management)

2 - Caring & Facilities

- Cleaning outdoor compost toilets
- Organizing tours with guests to the farm
- Monday, Tuesday and Sunday (evening) meals
- Keep food storage and fridge clean and owner labeled
- Preparing rooms for guests
- Laundry and backup toilet up to date and clean
- House cleaning (floor, windows, carpets, toilets, etc)
- Making and keeping fireplaces on
- Monitoring dormitory cleanness

3 - Development & Management of Infrastructures

- Keeping all workshops clean and organized (30 minutes before the end of the working day)
- Support building team at all activities

4 - Micro-Productions & Team leader

- 2h a day Mushroom farm: Preparing new bags, harvesting, cleaning

- Animal Care: Horse, sheep's, chickens and pigs
- Seasonal productions: Summer jams, Cider
- Brewing assistant
- Baking assistant
- Production Centers development and monitoring
- Team Leader: Filling task list for the week, promoting Friday 2pm meeting and previous peer-2-peer pitches, walkie talkies management
- Nursery management: transplanted, weeding, watering, seeding
- Welcoming new volunteers, touring and briefing them about volunteer rules

5 - Economical activities assistant

- Dishwasher assistant at peak hours
- Packaging, sealing and labelling all kind of products
- Support Workshop's organization, setting and dismantling the classrooms:
- Cleaning, tidying up and setting up rooms/facilities for the weekly events, on the evening prior to the event or early morning for all day events, before lunch time for afternoon events
- Cleaning and tidying up rooms or other facilities that were used for the events (immediately after the event)
- Preparing Coffee Breaks/welcome treats for event participants (Making coffee and tea, as well as supplying room with bowl of fruit to be served at 11 a.m for all day events and 4 p.m. for all day or afternoon events; Coordinate with person responsible for breakfast when reception is at the main house, so that coffee, tea and fruit is enough for guests, event participants, etc)
- On Thursdays at 10 am, check with Joana which and where events will be attended during the week or weekend
- Assisting teachers or students (possible translating) on some of the educational events (one the days prior to the event or during the event)
- Re-stock shop shelves
- Staff catering at the restaurant

This is an educational project, there are many activities we are happy to teach you in your spare time, for example permaculture design, natural building and carpentry, animal care and beekeeping etc.