

HELIANTO

Voluntary Card

The philosophy of the association

The Helianto association is a non-profit, non-political and non-confessional association. Its aim is to promote and support aid projects especially for children in the fight against poverty, illiteracy and disease. We manage and run projects in the field of schooling and education for children and young people in economically disadvantaged rural areas, where the schooling and literacy rate is low. We are keen to make the realities we build as independent and autonomous as possible and to involve local companies and businesses in the construction and day-to-day running of the facilities.

The purpose of the Volunteer Card

The Helianto Association's Volunteer Card was created in 2019 as a result of a discussions on the importance of providing appropriate support for volunteers in accordance with the values and philosophy of the association. At the same time, it aims to make the volunteers who work with us aware of their responsibilities in a transparent way.

Who are the volunteers?

Anyone with the motivation and willingness to become a volunteer can start this experience by following the duties and rights of the Volunteer Card. Often our volunteers are young people who wish to gain experience abroad by taking on a duty to work and collaborate in the association's projects.

The rights of the volunteers

Information

To be able to access necessary information about the volunteering process, benefiting from clear information about the association, its principles, values and objectives and the context in which you will be placed.

Definition of the duration of this experience

Agree on the duration and frequency of the volunteering commitment according to individual availability.

Accompaniment

Have a reference person within the association to turn to in order to prepare for and during the experience.

Accommodation

Accommodation in the association's house with volunteer benefits: CHF 30 per week, excluding meals.

Recognition

The collaboration and contribution made is acknowledged with a certificate of voluntary work with the association.

Curiosity

The volunteer may ask questions and be curious, in a respectful manner, about matters relating to the association and the context in which he/she will work. Therefore, it is his or her right to inform himself or herself, to get to know and discover the reality, with the possibility of arranging excursions on site and/or trips in his or her free time from voluntary work.

Duties of the volunteer

Participation

The volunteer freely chooses to contribute to the success of a project or event and commits himself or herself to the objectives set by the association.

Commitment and responsibility

The volunteer chooses independently according to his/her own motivation to participate in the volunteering experience and assumes responsibility for it (e.g. through the use of private insurance, in the event of an emergency repatriation, etc.). The individual's responsibility also extends to leisure time undertaken outside service hours at the asso-

ciation. During free time the association takes no responsibility for leisure activities undertaken by the volunteer.

Awareness and reflection

The volunteer collaborates according to a principle of mutual understanding, considering the values and ethical codes of the association and the local culture. The volunteer undertakes to pay attention to the society he/she comes into contact with, with respect and sensitivity.

Respect

The volunteer undertakes to respect the tasks assigned and the people involved in performing them, whether they are active participants, members of the public, users of a facility or professionals. The volunteer must respect the people with whom he or she comes into contact, their dignity, without prejudice, enhancing their capabilities.

Reliability and discretion

The volunteer carries out tasks in a punctual and precise way, to the best of his/her abilities and ensures dedication and regularity of the voluntary activity.

Communication

The volunteer communicates any problems, changes or withdrawals in good time. Communication also means adapting his/her communication to the context in which he/she is placed, requiring a minimum knowledge of English.

Free

The volunteer carries out the activity free of charge, agreeing the details with the association.

Meals and expenses

Meals and drinks are the responsibility of the volunteer, however before departure arrangements can be made regarding meals served within the home in accordance with Saman and his family's willingness to cook.

Additional notes

I, _____ as a volunteer in cooperation with the Helianto Association, accept the conditions of participation listed above, which I will put into practice in each activity in which I decide to take part.

President's signature

Signature of a reference person

Place and date

Volunteer signature
