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ABOUT BIOART LABORATORIES

BioArt Laboratories is an international orientated non-profit foundation focused on the Bio Arts. We specialise in the development of social and artistic projects that orientate on sustainability, innovation and the environment. Key to this is the understanding the symbiotic point of view between human ecological habitat and ecosystems. We explore the boundaries between nature, science and art/culture with a hands-on approach and linking the old with the new, as this combination leads to new insights and surprising results.

All of this takes places in the green heart of Eindhoven City in the Netherlands, where we are developing the project 'BioArt Village'.

The project takes place on an off-grid WW2 bunker-complex that looks like rural farmhouses and BioArt Laboratories is giving these old buildings a new purpose: to become an inspiring place where people can actively work on societal challenges or concepts that encompass sustainable development and practices. The location showcases projects where these practices come into fruition, such as our Living Fence that combines agroforestry, chickens and protection into one system. The project lasts until the end of August 2025 and volunteers can join us in various project lengths, such as short-term (59 days) or long-term.





ACTIVITIES

The main activity is to assist us in developing BioArt Village. Volunteers learn how to live with a sustainable, offgrid mindset close to nature, while working hands-on with the daily activities of the organization. These consists of animal care with hobby farm animals such as cows, chicken, ponies and so on; helping out in the green with permaculture or maintaining the forest area; and various renovation related tasks as we restore an old, monumental bunker into a cultural development place, like painting, woodworking and plastering.

The volunteer must be able to handle all of these activities as described.





PARTICIPANT PROFILE

We are looking for volunteers who have interest in working offgrid within nature, who loves to do practical work outside and inside while eager to explore new possibilities with a go-getter mentality and proactive attitude. The volunteer wants to make a meaningful contribution to society and thereby endorse core values such as solidarity, cooperation and mutual understanding and respect.

Keep in mind that the temperatures in the Netherlands is known for its varied climate conditions during seasons.

As such, BioArt Laboratories is looking for people with the basic of the following characteristics:

Self-motivation

A volunteer who knows exactly what he/she wants and has very clearly defined goals. He/she do not need to be pushed from behind, they are determined and do not give up easily when they hit obstacles.

Has a positive attitude

Volunteers who are successful have learned to deal with the unpleasant situations inherent avoiding adopting a cut mayonnaise attitude, maintaining a positive tone and a balanced attitude even in the most difficult moments.

A self-taught volunteer

High-performing volunteers are always curious, eager to develop, surpass themselves, adapt and understand how things work.

Be honest

It is not easy for anyone to accept that he/she made a mistake and/or to receive negative/constructive feedback. High-performing volunteers have the modesty to admit that they were wrong, to apologize, to make things right and to make sure that it won't happen again. We don't punish the mistake, we only encourage the truth.

Able to take responsibility

High performing volunteers are honest and take responsibility for their actions. If things don't go well, they simply admit it and don't blame it on others.

Not afraid to ask for help

Contrary to appearances, asking for help is not a sign of weakness but an act of courage.

**Passionate about volunteering
in general**

Passion sets the person, his/her energy and his/her brain in motion. It helps the person to translate curiosity to learn more in the field, to gain experience and help him/her overcome all the challenges inherent in the project.

Has a professional attitude

At BioArt Laboratories, we treat everyone with respect and this is something we look for in the volunteer to respond in kind. They are punctual, keep their promises, present their points of view clearly and concisely but without having an attitude.

Not be wasteful

BioArt Village is an offgrid- location where we have to be mindful with our resources such as water and energy. To get as much as possible from minimal resources. This is a mindset we are looking for in our volunteers.

In general these are some of the common sense characteristics that BioArt Laboratories' future volunteers must have or must be open to gain in order to assure for themselves the best experience with us at BioArt Village.



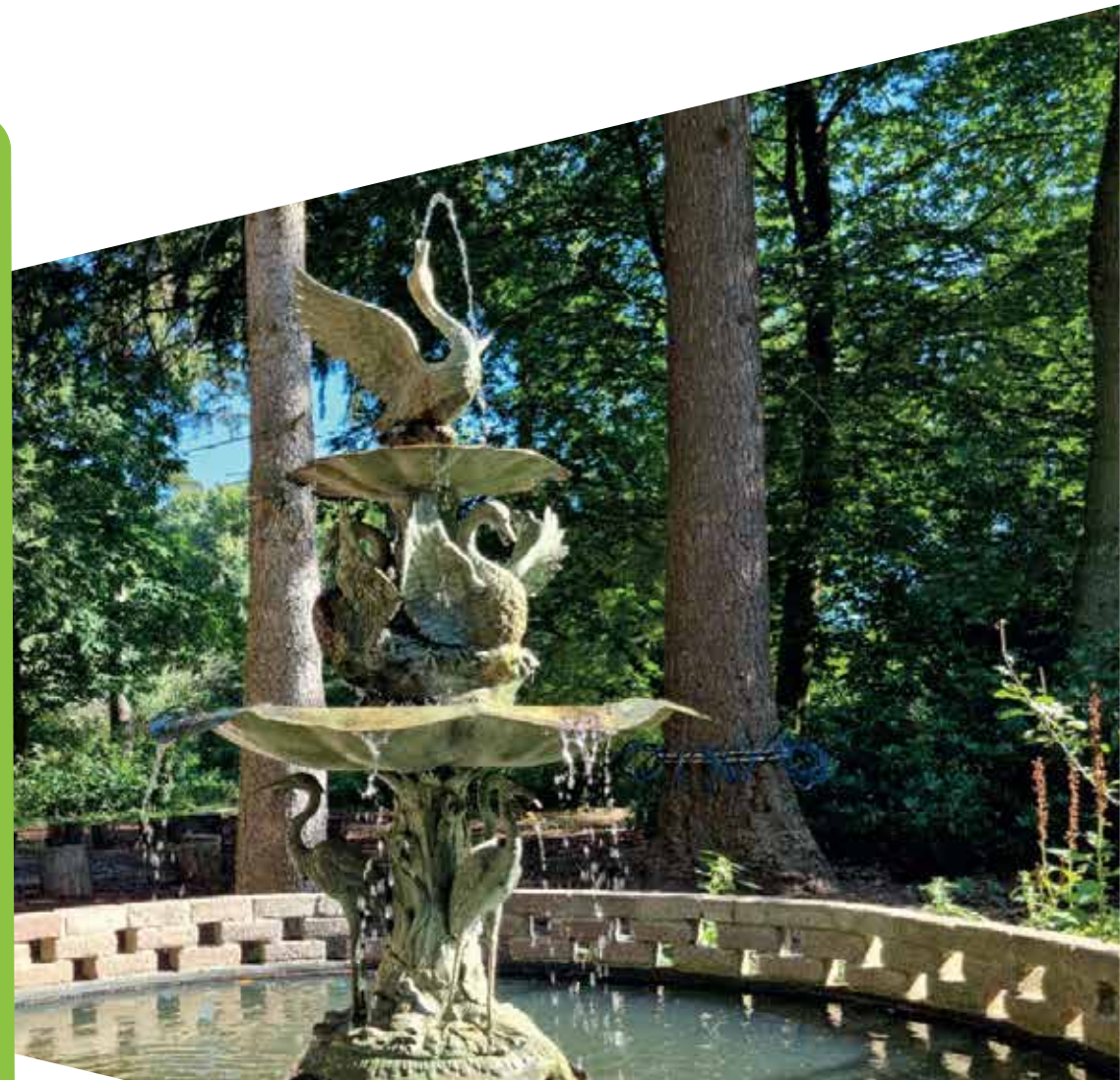
CONDITIONS

Accommodation - all the volunteers will be hosted in BioArt Village, which is 20 minutes cycling to the city centre of Eindhoven or to the local marketplace. The place is off-grid, so people have to approach this with that mindset. Bathroom, the kitchen and eating area are common area's.

Transport budget - you will receive a preset amount according to the distance band from your home city to Eindhoven established by the EU Distance Calculator platform.

You will receive food money along with pocketmoney. It is important that you have arranged a valid bank account prior to your arrival with a valid International Bank Account Number.

We provide some equipment that must be handled with care. At the end of the mobility, you have to return it all cleaned up.



You have two off-days a month besides the weekend that you can use to explore the Netherlands.

Health insurance - each volunteer will be registered for the free medical insurance of the ESC program called Henner. In case you have access to an European Health Insurance Card, you can bring that with you.

Language - You have a basic understanding of English, or are willing to understand instructions.

We expect a minimum time commitment of 7 and a half hours per day and you have a 30 minute break. During the weekends and weekly after 17:00 you have free time to discover the lovely city of Eindhoven and its surroundings.

You have to follow the house rules and able to follow instructions.

Youth Pass Certificate - at the end of the mobility each volunteer will receive his/her official certificate!



ELIGIBILITY

- Age between 18 - 30 years.
- You are coming from an EU country. or from Partner Countries according to the European Solidarity Corps.
- You didn't do a long term EVS / ESC project before that is more than 2 months.
- You have a VISA or have a double nationality with one of them EU.
- You are able to handle all the activities as described
- You do not have problems or allergies with animals



TO APPLY

Send us an email at **solidarity@bioartlab.com** with your C.V. and your motivation to join as volunteer at BioArt Village or contact us through our project page:

<https://youth.europa.eu/volunteering/organisation/77424>

The standard time period are 3 months or more. The volunteering places are really wanted, so make sure you follow each step with a complete registration and meet the criteria. We will stay in contact first by email and after by WhatsApp being faster and more personal so please be sure that you have the app on your mobile number given. For more information about BioArt Laboratories, visit our website at **<https://bioartlab.com>**

- You are motivated, open-minded and pro-active.
- You are aware that you will step out of your comfort zone and are willing to do it.
- You must respect the rules, structure and practices of the hosting organisation.





From BioArt Laboratories you can go to various places, such as the market in Eindhoven, Eindhoven Central or the Klokgebouw. All these locations are within cycling distance.

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