

EVS in Staffansgården, Sweden

PeaceWorks

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Delsbo, Sweden



organisation topics

- *Access for people with disadvantages*
- *Disabilities - special needs*
- *Creativity and culture*

description of organisation

Staffansgården was founded in 1975, as part of the international Camphill Movement and is situated in the small village Delsbo, outside of Hudiksvall. Staffansgården consists of a village where about 30 adults with different mental disabilities live together in smaller units, each in their own, self-contained, flat.

The aim of Staffansgården is to give adults with mental disabilities support in their daily life and offer them a meaningful existence. With the help of employed staff, our villagers (as the residents in need of special care are called), live and work in four different places: Staffansgården and Backvägen in Delsbo; Dellengården 13km away near the North Dellen and Mickelsgården, a farm just two kilometers outside Delsbo.

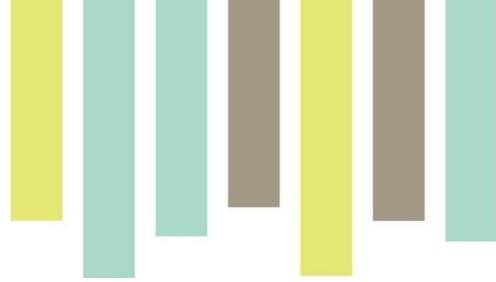
There are several daytime activities and some of the villagers work with things such as gardening, farming (there is a small farm in the village) and in different art workshops, in a bakery, weavery and carpentry/wood workshop. They have also access to several forms of therapy. There are about 80 employees at Staffansgården.

tasks of the volunteer

The volunteer will have a different role from the staff members, the most important difference being the level of responsibility. The idea is that the volunteers should have a social role and encourage understanding of other people and cultures, something that another regular staff member maybe could not do. In other words, the volunteers add value to the activities and inspire the villagers. The volunteers will never work alone, but instead always be accompanied by other staff members who will lead the work and instruct the volunteers when taking care of the villagers. The mentors will make sure that the volunteer will feel comfortable with both the villagers and the staff group, and will make changes in distribution of tasks if needed and/or preferred by the volunteers. The volunteers will participate in the villagers' daily life as well as work in different areas of activities, in the farm, the bakery, the carpentry, the weavery etc.

The volunteer will work with a few main areas:

- **support the co-workers and villagers** in baking and working in the bakery.
- **support the villagers in their work** in the **wood workshop and the weavery.**
- **support the co-workers and villagers** in the **work at the farm (cultivating, taking care of animals etc.).**
- take care of **general tasks** in the



running of the home unit where they live (contribute to cooking food for the house mates, cleaning common areas etc.).

- **take part in and support activities** and projects at Staffansgården (e.g. sports activities, cultural events etc.).
- give support to villagers depending on their needs.
- optional and if possible: **run own projects**, depending on interest and background, such as a volunteer-café or improving the communicational performance of Staffansgården (homepage, web shop etc.).

The workweek of the volunteers consists of 35 hours from Monday to Friday. Monday-Friday work starts at 8.30 with morning gathering in the hall at the main house of Staffansgården. They will stop for lunch at 13.00. After lunch volunteers take care of the dishes or take care of other tasks. Volunteers also participate at afternoon activities such as gymnastic, swimming, dancing and theater. No volunteer will need to take responsibility for the villagers. In contrast, expected an active participation in the assigned work and different activities. All volunteers are working in the various workshops such as wood-workshop, weaving, farm/garden, kitchen or the bakery. One day a week you work in “your” house and one day volunteers for example are cleaning the buses at Staffansgården. The workplace will be assigned as needed, but we try to take into consideration personal preferences. “Home

work” – i.e. washing, cleaning, shopping, cooking etc – is shared in the house community. Every working day starts with all of us gathering in the hall at Staffanshuset or Mickelsgården at 8.30 o'clock. You will receive a schedule for your work and responsibilities. You are allowed to go on leave totally 4 weeks during your year. It is important to apply in advance and make a plan for the work.

Living conditions and free time

At Staffansgården you will be a group of 4 volunteers along with the staff and the villagers. You will get your own room in one of Staffansgårdens group houses, with a share bathroom. You are responsibly for cleaning your room during the whole stay.

Meals are taken together with the villagers. Days start with preparing breakfast together with coworkers and clearing the table afterwards. Lunch Monday - Friday is served at Staffansgårdens dining room at 13.00. Dinner is cooked and eaten together with coworkers and villagers in the house. In the weekends you are free to arrange your own meals or eat together with the house.

Closest city in Delsbo is Hudiksvall where you can also spend your free time. There you have several shops, cafes and places to go out. You can borrow the vehicles from Staffansgården and have up to 70 km/month for free if you want to borrow cars/buses.

how to apply

send your CV and motivation letter to project coordinator Nasma Salim at nasma.salim@peaceworks.se with a headline “EVS in Staffansgården“ till 15/05/2018

