



Community of Eichhof

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Description of the facility

The Eichhof community is a small “village” with 12 houses, workshops, agricultural buildings and a house of encounter. 120 people with intellectual disabilities try their best to live and work together. They are supported by over 100 employees. The structures of the community and the professional work are based on Rudolf Steiner's image of man and the anthroposophy he developed.

The community was founded by parents who wanted to create a special place for their children, in which the respective skills are optimally promoted and in which primarily every person is seen as an individual with personal strengths and weaknesses - without being evaluated.

What does the work of the volunteers look like?

Accompanying the client whole day except the workshop, offering individual helps and needs: in leisure activities, e.g. during walks or activities on weekends; Supporting clients in personal hygiene; Helping with household chores (room tidying and cleaning, meals preparation, laundry care). Sometimes volunteers have to work in shared shifts (some hours in the early morning and some hours in the afternoon. In-between the volunteers has free-time.

Accommodations:

The volunteers live together in a shared flat, either on the premises of the Eichhof or nearby in a rented apartment, which is within walking distance. Everyone has their own bedroom during voluntary service period; Kitchen and living room are shared by everyone, a bathroom is usually shared by every 2-3 volunteers. During working hours, the volunteers could enjoy meals free of charge; during off hours, the volunteers have to take care of the catering themselves.

Miscellaneous:

The community is located quite remote in the mountainous village, a very scenic area, but far away from metropolis. Cities are not easy to arrive. A bus line that leads to the next town (with shops and train station) is within walking distance. There is also an organic store on the Eichhof site, where you can buy basic food, hygiene items and products that are made in the workshops.

