

How can you become a volunteer with Masorti Germany?

Send us your Europass CV and motivation letter and the contact information of your sending organisation.

We will then inform you about available projects and activity dates.

What you should know:

- *We are hosting volunteers for 12 months
- *We are offering a maximum of 3 EVS places per academic year in Berlin
- *You will be accommodated in a shared flat with two flatmates. You will receive pocket money and money for food as well as a ticket for public transportation. You also have a budget for 200€ to attend German classes.

Masorti Germany as Sending Organisation

Since 2009 Masorti Germany is also working as a sending organisation in the EVS to provide young Germans with the opportunity to volunteer for one year abroad. We are sending in projects in France, Spain, Lithuania, Romania, Norway, Estonia and other countries.

How to be sent abroad by Masorti Germany as an EVS volunteer?

- you should be living in or around Berlin
- send us your CV and motivation letter at least six months before you would like to start your project
- you will then receive more information from us
- we will meet up to talk in more detail
- in order to cooperate with us both parties will sign an agreement and you will have to pay a deposit of 250€

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“The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others”

Mahatma Gandhi

**European Voluntary
Service with Masorti
Germany**



About Masorti Germany

Masorti/Conservative Judaism is an egalitarian movement, which is fully committed to halakhah, Jewish law, being open to finding new answers to the new questions arising in the 21st century. Ideologically, the movement is located in the middle ground between Reform and Orthodoxy.

Masorti Germany is a non-profit organisation founded by Rabbi Gesa S. Ederberg and others in August 2002 in Berlin. Our goal is to provide comprehensive Jewish education and Jewish lifestyle opportunities for children, students and adults throughout Germany and Europe. This work takes place within the framework of the Einheitsgemeinde – the local Jewish communities.

In addition to its partnership with the international Masorti/Conservative community, Masorti Germany cooperates with the umbrella organisation of Jewish communities in Germany, the Central Council for Jews in Germany. Masorti Germany is the internationally recognised central Masorti organisation in Germany.

Masorti Germany gives Jews of all backgrounds the opportunity to experience Jewish learning and Jewish life in an exciting and welcoming environment. Masorti Germany also encourages Jews throughout Germany to learn more about Jewish tradition and to develop their own vision of a Jewish future in Germany.

Since 2008 we are accredited hosting, coordinating and sending organisation in the EVS:

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European Voluntary Service

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) is part of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme, promoted and financed by the European Union. A successful EVS project requires close co-operation among **a sending organisation, a hosting organisation and the volunteer**. One of the organisations involved also plays the role of the coordinating organisation and applies for a European Union grant. The status of a hosting or a sending organisation is given by the National Agency after an accreditation process.

What is the main purpose of the EVS?

EVS offers young people the unique opportunity to volunteer for 6 to 12 months in an NGO in another European country. The aim of the EVS is to develop solidarity and active citizenship and intercultural understanding amongst young people in Europe.

Who can participate?

The European Voluntary Service is open to young people aged 17 to 30 from Programme and Partner Countries.

What is included in the EVS?

All costs for travel, insurance, accommodation, food, pocket money and language classes are covered by the EU grant and the hosting organisation. No other costs occur for the volunteer. The hosting and sending organisations constantly provide support for the volunteer. The volunteer takes part in the EVS training cycle, and learns about the programme and about rules, rights and responsibilities of each partner in the project. Every volunteer has the right to receive a **“Youthpass”** as recognition of the non-formal learning during the EVS.

Masorti e.V. as Hosting Organisation

Volunteers can choose between three different activities:

Option 1: Masorti association

- *assistance with the development of materials and publications
- *assistance with events and seminars
- *conceptual work on individual projects
- *assistance with all tasks occurring in the everyday life of a non-profit organisation
- *assistance with Public Relations and Fundraising
- *assistance with EU proposal and EU projects
- *involvement in EVS projects of Masorti Germany

Option 2: Masorti Kindergarten

- *assistance to the team of the Masorti Kindergarten with all tasks of the daily life of a Kindergarten
- *taking care of children
- *assisting with kitchen and cleaning tasks
- *realising individual ideas and projects

Option 3: Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue (coordinated by Masorti)

- *assistance with the daily life in the Synagogue
- *welcoming and taking care of international guests
- *assistance with services and kiddushim
- *assistance with special events and activities

In each of these projects, the volunteer has the unique opportunity to experience Jewish Life in Germany today and to support our important educational work. The volunteer also acquires theoretical knowledge about Judaism and Jewish Life in Berlin, Germany and Europe. All three projects have a strong intercultural dimension.