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# Volunteering in The Actors Space

**The Actors Space** is a renowned International Centre of Theatre and Film, located in a XVI century farm house, one hour from Barcelona. We provide **high quality training for actors, directors, writers, teachers, students and enthusiastic beginners**. This centre is situated in a place of outstanding natural beauty, near the historic city of Vic, half way between Barcelona and the pyrenees. It has 38 hectares of land (including fields, meadows and woodland) and accommodates up to 10 people.



**Where?** - L'Espai de l'Actor, Vic, Catalunya, Spain

**When?** - from March 2025 to September 2025 - 6 mo.

**Our mission is** to cultivate and celebrate meaningful creative expression within the Performing Arts, whilst contributing deeply to a sustainable and respectful way of living with nature and each other.



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## How we fulfill our mission?

Artists and students from all over the world and particularly from Europe, have been coming over the past 25 years to train in the performing arts and celebrate creativity. We have been hosting individuals from 18 to 70 years old and from all walks of life on our international theatre workshops.



We are currently **developing permaculture and ecological projects** at the Centre. Over the past years, young volunteers (between 20 and 30 years old) have been coming to help **create forest gardens** and **organic vegetable gardens** which we aim to develop further. We also want to develop other ecological, sustainable projects, such as tree planting and sustainable irrigation systems.



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**We call young volunteers to be a part of this change and participate in this project.** We offer hands-on experience on sustainable practices such as: organic horticulture, syntropic agroforestry, tree propagation and care, water management and animal care (chickens). At the same time, we offer the Wild Theatre events project, which involves performing outdoors using the natural landscape as a stage(s) for performance. We want to inspire young artists to **research and create meaningful art that focuses on solidarity between humans and nature.**

### **How we empower young volunteers?**

We aim to involve volunteers to actively participate in the conception and execution of all these activities, guided by experts in these fields. We want to create a **democratic environment** where we all participate and contribute with ideas. We want to empower young individuals to contribute to a **healthy way of living** with each other and with nature and help develop healthy communities that support it's members.



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# Tasks description:



## 1. Organic Horticulture.

We expect the volunteers to develop skills in planning and organizing the vegetable garden as well as everything related to it: preparing the beds, seeding, planting, weeding, irrigation, care and harvesting. We expect the volunteers to learn about types of soil, types of vegetables producing plants and different systems of growing vegetables, always guided by the Permaculture Principals of Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share. An expert on horticulture will guide the volunteers both in practice and in theory.

## 2. Agroforestry.

This task consists on maintaining and completing the three already existent Forest Gardens (pruning, weeding, mulching, planting and harvesting) as well as preparing for the plantation of a large number of fruit-bearing trees using syntropic agriculture techniques (design, fencing, soil preparation, tree propagation, etc.).

The volunteers will learn practically and theoretically about Permaculture Design, water-wise agroforestry, soil and plant science and tree nursery techniques under the guidance of an expert.



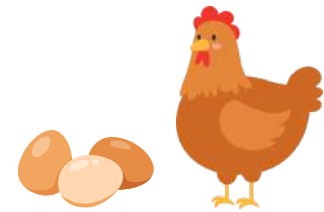
### 3. Water capture and Irrigation systems.

The volunteers will learn about sustainable water management. The project consists in creating a 'water filtration system' so that we can recycle the grey waters and use it for watering the vegetable garden, the orchards and the forest gardens when needed. Also, we want to capture the rain water from the mountainside near the house by clearing and creating channels that fill a large pond, which is situated near the orchards.



### 4. Eco-theatre activity.

We will organise three eco-theatre events throughout the year. The volunteers will learn to plan and organise a theatre event, including promotion, audience management, preparing and constructing outdoor performance areas and installations in harmony with the natural landscape, etc... Those who want to, will be invited to devise and perform a theatre sketch during these events, under the guidance of The Actors Space co-founder and renowned theatre director Simon Edwards. Depending on places, volunteers may also be able to participate in the theatre workshops at The Actors Space whenever these are running.



## 5. Maintaining a chicken coop, raising and caring for a small flock of chickens.

At the Actors Space (L'Espai De L'Actor), we aim to raise happy healthy chickens that we can all enjoy caring for. Raising chickens in a chicken coop - is a way to keep the chickens safe and comfortable, which will increase the flock's productivity.

Keeping chickens is one of the easiest ways to live more sustainably. They help eliminate scraps, produce a natural fertilizer, get rid of pesky garden pests, assist with composting and provide fresh, free-range eggs. We plan to have some varieties of chickens that are local to Catalonia, such as the 'Gallina nana flor d'atmetller'.



**\*fake chickens, but the view is real!**



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## Profile of the participant

We are looking for young European individuals between 24 and 30 years old who are creative, sociable, love theatre, love nature and love working together as a team, but also who like to be autonomous.

Since the house is in the countryside, it's a plus for volunteers **to have access to their own car or a driving licence**. Having a car would offer a lot of flexibility, allowing volunteers to easily travel to the nearest town whenever they wish (it's a 15-minute drive, or about an hour on foot). While bikes can be used, the hilly terrain and sometimes steep paths make them a less convenient option.



This is a rural place with not much going on apart from the chirping of the birds, the beautiful views and the rolling of seasons. We look for young people who like the silence and stillness of nature and do not need constant 'city' stimulation.



## Accommodation

We are hoping to host up to 6 volunteers in the next three years (4 volunteers for the first year), all of them will have their own private bedroom. All bedrooms are comfortable with nice beds. There is a communal kitchen too and a small studying/library/internet area that the volunteers would have access to. There are three bathrooms available.

There is a large studio (160 square meters) which is where we run the theatre workshops. There are a lot of shaded outdoor areas, including three medium forest gardens, other gardens, woods and meadows to walk and wonder in, and a tool and garage area. The surroundings here are beautiful and peaceful and offer lovely nature walks and plenty of fresh air (there are very nice views of the near mountains as well). It is an inspiring place to be and work in.





## Dining and garden space



We have a vegetable garden with fresh vegetables that go straight into the kitchen. We want to develop this garden, increasing the variety of vegetables and using permaculture.



We also have fruit trees: plums, figs, walnuts, apples etc... We know the importance of nutrition for a healthy body and mind - the meals we want to provide will be healthy and fresh. We want to develop our forest gardens and plant more drought-resistant highly nutritious fruit trees for all participants involved in this project to enjoy.



## Other conditions

We will discuss hygiene house needs and we will also create a rota so everyone takes it in turns for tidying and cleaning the communal places, including outdoor areas and garden maintenance.

At arrival and during the Welcome Session, we will discuss food choices and personal preferences so that these are included in the weekly shopping list. We would also do a tour of the house and discuss the accommodation arrangements making sure that everyone is comfortable and happy.

The house has solar panels, a first step towards sustainability that we took two years ago and that we considered important.

We will address safety issues in the house and surroundings and will prepare a simple manual that will address general Health and Safety rules to follow. Each volunteer will be handed one of this manuals at arrival. We will regularly check in with the volunteers to make sure that their stay regarding accommodation, meals and transport is suitable for them.



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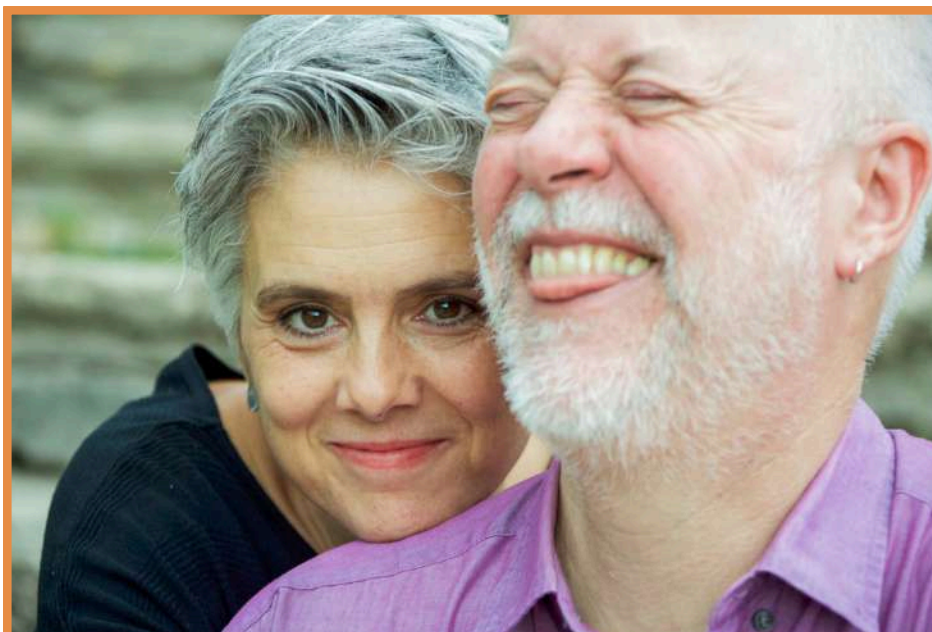
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The FCV is a non-profit organisation located in the center of Barcelona. It is a space for development of competences that promotes solidarity, non formal learning, intercultural learning, and peace culture.



**Hosting organisation:**

**L'Espai de l'Actor**  
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## How to apply?

To apply, send your **CV** and **motivational letter** to:  
[voluntariat@catalunyavoluntaria.cat](mailto:voluntariat@catalunyavoluntaria.cat)

Please specify if you have any additional, special needs we should be aware of and whether you have a driving license.

Application deadline: **10.02.2025**

**We are waiting for you.**

**See you soon! :)**

