

# SIW International Volunteer Group

## LTV- Project Description

### Long Term Volunteering in Spain

Lurraska in Ajangiz  
and Sastarrain in Zestoa

**Project:** Environment

Project language is Spanish, the local language is Basque.

**Organization:**

Sastarrain and Lurasaka are members of The Basque Association of Farm Schools which aims to promote the eco-development of rural areas through different educational programs on sustainability for children, young people and adults. They want to raise environmental awareness as well as offer to city dwellers a possibility to connect with nature in an everyday basis. There is possible to discover and enjoy nature, landscape and traditions alike. Sastarrain is located in the beautiful valley of Sestoa 1,7 km away from nearest village. Lurraska is located 2 km away from the town of Guernica in the beautiful Urdaibai Natural Reserve.

**Work:**

Take care of farm animals, mainly horses, which involves feeding, brushing, walking them. The volunteer will support the professionals during riding activities for children and/or disabled visitors. Also giving a hand at general maintenance tasks and at the vegetable garden. This means 30 hours per week plus one weekend per month.

**Profile/ Motivation of the Volunteer:**

- 21 – 35 years old.
- Nature lover and horse enthusiast who would enjoy living simply in the countryside.
- Interest in rural culture.
- Previous experience in environmental associations or educational programs for kids is a plus.
- Basic knowledge of Spanish

**Free time and study part:** In both projects it is possible to join plenty of sports activities such as canoeing, climbing, mountain bike or to trek around the surroundings. Workshops on traditional music, dances and handicrafts are open. On request the volunteer will be given Spanish or Basque classes.

**Accommodation and Finances:**

- Shared or own room at the farm depending on availability at the moment.
- Meals together with staff members.
- 50 € per week as pocket money.
- Accident insurance.

**Duration:** Six month

**Time:** October to April