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Location: REYKJAVIK

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Project: ENVI-MANU - Environmental-Manual work

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Min Age: 18

Max Age: 30

Places: 2

Description of Workcamp: WF73 Farm life in the Western fjords 28.07 ¿ 11.08 ENVI / MANU 12 vol

Project and location:

The ¿Western fjords¿ are situated in the Northwest part of Iceland, reaching out almost to Greenland ¿ therefore the most westerly part of Europe. The landscape here is majestic, with fjord after fjord, towering above shore and sea, each and every fjord has its own distinctive character and tiny fishing villages nestle at their foot. It is an ideal place for hikers and all nature lovers, in summer and winter alike. Seals bask on the rocks, huge colonies of seabirds are seen and the king of the skies, the white-tailed eagle may be watching over.

Isafjörður is the principal town of the Westfjords peninsula, in the North-West corner of Iceland. The municipality, which also includes the villages Hnifsdalur, Sudureyri, Flateyri and Thingeyri, has around 4.000 inhabitants. The community stretches over 2400 square kilometres, from the beautiful waterfall Dynjandi in the south, to the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve in the north, where, amongst other things, one can find the famous cliff Hornbjarg which is one of the largest colonies for seabirds in the North Atlantic.

The volunteers will live and work in a typical Icelandic farm. Farming has become more and more difficult in Iceland in the last years and many farmers have left the farms and moved to the villages or to Reykjavik. Our partners are now preparing to open up their farm for schools and the public and to start an educational program.

Work: We will participate in the daily life in the farm and also we will do different kind of environmental work. Possible tasks are planting trees, take down old fences, cleaning the coastline and even make hiking paths. We will also help the locals to paint and renovate old houses.

The work available will depend on the weather condition and that¿s why we have to be a bit flexible. Please keep in mind that the work might be physically hard and you should be prepared for unfriendly weather, even though it will be nice most of the time, hopefully.

Leisure time: Free time activities will be arranged for volunteers.

Accommodation: In a farm. Mattresses will be provided and everyone is asked to bring his/her own warm sleeping bag.

Food: The food will be provided for the duration of the work camp and everyone is expected to do their fair share of the cooking/cleaning. It would be nice to share new and different dishes, so please remember to bring along recipes from your own countries

Language: The language of the camp will be English.

Terminal: Intl. Airport: Keflavík (Reykjavík), KEF, the closest domestic airport is Ísafjörður.

WF Iceland will organize a minibus from Reykjavik to the workcamp site for the price of 80€ (one-way, per person). During the drive we will stop at beautiful places and do some sightseeing on the way.

Additional Information: There is an extra participation fee of 150,- Euro for this workcamp.