



Landjugend^{CH}

Welcome to the Autumn Seminar 2019 in SWITZERLAND



Speak, React & Act

organised by Schweizerische Landjugend Vereinigung
in cooperation with Rural Youth Europe
28th September – 5th of October 2019

AIM

Develop competences and tools to support rural youth to increase your active citizenship. Learn about democratic tools (voting & elections) and the democratic system on local, national and international level.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for the project are that the participants:

- Get an overview of rural youth's situation and develop formats for strengthening their voice,
- Explore democratic decision making processes and young people's representation at these,
- Produce vlogs and other educational material for youth work that support rural youth's active citizenship.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Applicants should:

- Have an interest in the theme
- Be between 18 and 30 years of age; participants must be 18 on the first day of the seminar.
- Be able to participate in English.
- Be active in their youth organisation
- Be living in Europe (EU and non-EU countries), preference will be given to youth who are involved in a member organisation of Rural Youth Europe

PROGRAMME

Saturday:	Arrival Ice breaking, getting to know each other
Sunday:	Introduction Rural young people's situation International Buffet
Monday:	Youth Support (information, channels of impact, presenting the message) Torch-lit hike
Tuesday:	Political living library Local rural decision making Board games evening
Wednesday:	National decision making Excursion: Visit at the national parliament in Bern Observing election campaign Local restaurant visit
Thursday:	European level decision making Youth support documentation Dancing Evening
Friday:	Youth support documentation Presentation of the documentation Closing Ceremony - Pax night
Saturday:	Departure

PREPARATIONS

As preparation for this seminar you should have a look into the democratic system of your country. This information is required to share with the other participants to find similarities and differences between the countries and their systems.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Participants need to contact their member organisation to clear the participation with them first and may after that apply to the seminar either by themselves or with the assistance of the member organisation.

Please use online application form (<https://forms.gle/WTt6mWbzehWYKbPC7>) and submit it by the latest **25th of August 2019**. The prep team will select participants based on their application and will ensure a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). Preference in the selection will be given to two participants per Rural Youth Europe member organisation. The applicants will be informed about acceptance soon after deadline.

VENUE

The seminar takes place at Villa Jugend, Aarburg. It's in the middle of Zürich, Basel and Bern.

The venue is a group accommodation with two buildings. One building includes sleeping rooms, kitchen and dining room, the other different sized meeting and conference rooms and the party basement. As well there is a small park with a fire place and a space for sport (soccer, volleyball, ...). The participants will be in sleeping dorms of maximum four to five pax. The showers are on the floor. The venue is situated just next to the train station of a bigger village (8000 inhabitants). All the rooms are wheel chair accessible.



Address: Bahnhofstrasse 53, 4663 Aarburg, Switzerland

What3words: <https://w3w.co/ducks.drives.kinder>

Website: <http://www.kathaargau.ch/seelsorge-unterstuetzung/fuer-jugendliche-und-junge-erwachsene/villa-jugend/> (only in German)

Information: Wikipedia Aarburg <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aarburg>

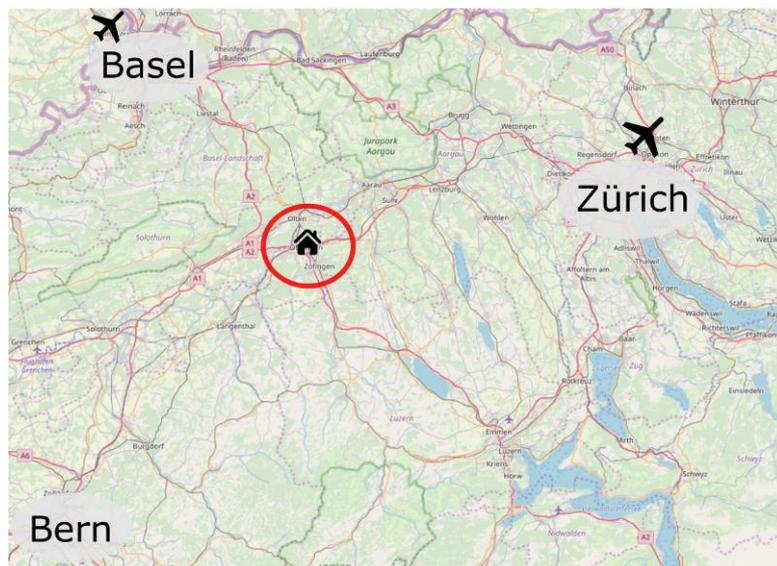


Figure 1: Openstreetmap (<https://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright>)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Each participant is responsible for booking his/her own tickets to the seminar.

Travel has to be approved by local host Schweizerische Landjugendvereinigung before it is booked! Before you book your flights, contact Andreas Gschwend of Landjugend for confirmation. Andreas is also happy to help you with other travel arrangements (andreas.gschwend@landjugend.ch).

Arrival

- Travel by plane to Zürich International Airport, ZRH
Last fitting train connection: Zürich Flughafen 16:48 -> Aarburg-Oftringen 17:58
- Travel by plane to Basel International Airport, BSL
Last fitting train connection: Basel EuroAirport 16:52 -> Aarburg-Oftringen 17:58
- Travel by train from neighbouring countries
- Travel by car, might be not possible due to founders' reasons

Traveling from the airports to the venue is by train. Arrival should be latest at 18.00 (6pm) at the venue. Your plane should be landing before 16:15. So you have enough time to make your way to the venue. We actually suggest getting an earlier flight, so you could have some time in Basel or Zürich. Luggage lockers are available at both train stations. (Earliest arrival at the venue roughly possible around 16:00)

Departure

- Travel by plane from Zürich International Airport, ZRH
First train connection: Aarburg-Oftringen 05:16 -> Zürich Flughafen 06:29
- Travel by plane from Basel international Airport, BSL
First train connection: Aarburg-Oftringen 05:16 -> Basel EuroAirport 06:51
- Travel by train
- Travel by car, might be not possible due to founders' reasons

For the best train connections look on www.rail.ch.

Traveling from the venue to the airports is by train. Above you see the very first possible connection. You should take a flight leaving ZRH or BSL after 08:00 (8am) the earliest (but keep the check-in and security time in mind, beginning of October will be holiday season in Switzerland). We cannot provide any earlier transportation to the airports and taking a taxi is ridiculous expensive!

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Travel costs will be reimbursed to 50% of costs up to max EUR 250, so the travel reimbursement paid out is up to EUR 125. Additional funding can be paid in case the project budget so allows. Due to the strict funding conditions, please follow these requirements to receive reimbursement:

- Documentary evidence must be provided for all travel costs: ticket showing travel route and price paid and the date of payment. If the ticket misses information about amount or date of payment, add bank or credit card statement.
- Travel reimbursement is made by bank transfer to the national organisation offices of the participants after the funding reports of the projects are accepted. This can take up to 5 months.

VISA AND INSURANCE

Rural Youth Europe and Schweizerische Landjugendvereinigung will not offer any travel insurance for the participants. Participants are advised to have travel insurance that covers health, and preferably luggage also.

All participants are urged to bring a European Health Card (E111) as travel insurance may not cover costs that should have been covered by an E111. The European Health Card can be ordered for free from your National health care web page/office. Bring your medicine if needed, storage room (including a fridge) is available at the venue.

Please make sure that if you need a visa that you apply early enough and keep us updated on the visa application process.

HOSTING ORGANISATION

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