

WWOOF NETWORK

WORLD WIDE OPPORTUNITIES ON ORGANIC FARMS

[WWOOF - World Wide Opportunities On Organic Farms](#) is a worldwide movement linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers in an educational and cultural exchange helping to build a sustainable, global community.



WWOOF is a cooperative network which offers members the opportunity to stay as volunteering guests on a wide variety of organic farms, smallholdings, gardens and other rural enterprises. The program is open to any person of 18 years of age or older, regardless of the experience. In return for volunteer help, WWOOF hosts offer volunteers food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about organic lifestyles.



The WWOOF movement was born in the United Kingdom in the '70s. [Its founder, Sue Coppard](#), opened up the way for people to volunteer on organic farms in exchange for help.



Today WWOOF is a global movement, with over 110,000 volunteers helping out on more than 16,000 host farms in more than 100 countries. The website of WWOOF presents the [map of the countries and the organic farms involved](#) in the movement.

The map, in addition to represent a tool for potential volunteers for choosing their destination, also shows the great success of the initiative, which brings benefits to the farms following the principles of organic farming and to young people interested in learning the work of sustainable agriculture for the future.



The host farms open their homes to receive visitors from their own country or abroad who want to have contact with the land and support the organic movement. The volunteers will live next to their host helping with daily duties and experiencing life as a farmer. In particular, for the volunteers this initiative represents a great opportunity to make a farming and agricultural experience by learning skills such as bread making, weaving, cheese making, bee keeping, cider making, building straw bale houses, working with animals, making wine, and much more. It is also an opportunity of friendships with people from many different cultures and nationalities and the chance to experience different ways of life in other countries and continents.



In 2013 WWOOF started the [Federation of WWOOF Organisations \(FoWO\)](#) with 12 member countries and has now grown to 45. WWOOF groups around the world are recognized for the role they play as organic growers, for tourism, and even more important as the vehicle for people to travel and learn.



Farmers can also participate in the Movement as [WWOOF Independents](#), in countries without a national WWOOF organisation. WWOOF Independents links today 765 organic

farmers & growers based in more than 80 countries. Any farm, community or garden project using organic methods that would like to participate in a cultural and educational exchange may join the program.

In collaboration with the Erasmus Program of the European Union, the WWOOF Movement is managing the [LLOOF project \(Living and Learning on Organic Farms\), a training online platform](#) about organic food production, entrepreneurship, volunteering and cultural exchange on farm enterprises, useful for the volunteers interested for participating in the WWOOF initiatives. In particular, the LLOOF project produced the Guide *Living and Learning on Organic Farms*. *Your introduction to learning as a volunteer on an organic farm, available in different languages.*

The WWOOF movement represents an extraordinary opportunity for young people interested in learning about agricultural development experiences inspired by the principles of organic agriculture ongoing in many countries of the world. It can simply represent a specific opportunity for knowledge and learning, but it can also generate motivation to embark on a professional path in an activity such as ecological agriculture that will have a future if it manages to involve the younger generations.

The WWOOF movement represents at the same time a great opportunity for organic producers, to make known their pioneering work, to strengthen it in the countries where they work and to establish international partnerships through the volunteers welcomed and the WWOOF organizations of other countries.

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