

WWOOF NETWORK - WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT LINKING VOLUNTEERS WITH ORGANIC FARMERS

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Since 1971 the movement [WWOOF - World Wide Opportunities On Organic Farms](#) has continued its work linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers in an educational and cultural exchange. Born in the United Kingdom, WWOOF celebrated its 50 years in 2021, helping to build a global community for organic farming and sustainable practices.



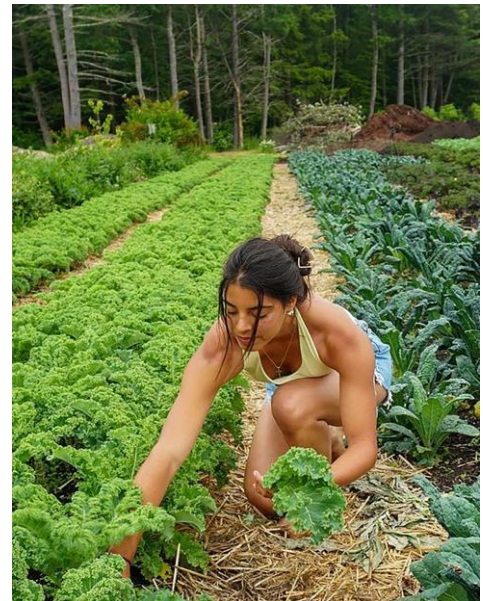
WWOOF is a cooperative network that offers members the opportunity to stay as volunteering guests on a wide variety of organic farms, smallholdings, gardens and other rural enterprises. The program is open to any person aged 18 or older, regardless of their experience. In return for volunteer help, WWOOF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



At WWOOF, they are committed to providing people from around the world with the opportunity to:

- Gain practical skills in organic farming and gardening.
- Experience rural living in harmony with nature.
- Further the organic and sustainability movement.
- Participate in a cultural exchange.

WWOOF hosts pursue and promote a wide variety of organic and sustainable lifestyles worldwide. Some are individuals or families who cultivate organic produce for themselves, some are communities where each person contributes to make their collective as self-sufficient as possible, and others earn a living from organic farming.



WWOOF volunteers have the opportunity to try many different tasks such as planting, harvesting, making compost, animal care, helping with eco-construction projects and much more. They learn by doing and become familiar with organic agriculture and sustainable living. The wide range of different hosts and activities ensures that they will find a place that suits them.



[The movement was founded in the United Kingdom by Sue Coppard](#) together with some promoters of organic agriculture. They began the first WWOOF group opening up the way for interested UK organic farms to offer weeks of work and accommodation to volunteers in exchange for help. Soon this initiative began to spread to other countries, starting with New Zealand, where the second WWOOF organisation was created.

Today WWOOF is a global movement, with over 100,000 volunteers helping out on more than 12,000 host farms in more than 130 countries.



The WWOOF website presents the [map of the countries and organic farms involved](#) in the movement. The map, in addition to representing a tool for potential volunteers to choose their destination, also shows the great success of the initiative, which brings benefits to the farmers following the principles of organic farming and to young people interested in learning the skills of a new sustainable agriculture for the future.

The farms associated with WWOOF 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 live next to their host helping with daily duties and experiencing life as a farmer. For the volunteers this initiative represents a great opportunity to gain 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 to make friendships with people from many different cultures and nationalities and the chance to experience different ways of life in other countries and continents.

From the beginning WWOOF has promoted the implementation of national organizations to involve the largest number of organic farms in each country. These WWOOF organisations have grown with a shared mission to educate people through practices that inspire cultural exchanges, and to support local producers who are feeding their communities and training the next generation of farmers. [In the WWOOF International website the list of the national WWOOF organizations is available](#) to establish direct contacts and become involved in the WWOOF community.

In 2012 WWOOF started the [Federation of WWOOF Organizations \(FoWO\)](#) to unite and support the WWOOF movement around the world. This Network, which unites more than 30 national groups, works together worldwide, creating synergies between the organizations while supporting their local identities. The Federation was born with the goal of uniting, promoting, protecting and supporting the WWOOF movement around the world.

The WWOOF movement represents an extraordinary opportunity for young people interested in learning about agricultural development experiences inspired by the principles of organic farming that are taking place in many countries around the world. It can simply represent an opportunity for knowledge and learning, but it can also generate motivation to engage in a challenging activity like 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 their pioneering work know, 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.

The WWOOF Movement organizes different [international meetings](#) and other activities to promote their shared vision of sustainable farming. [A first-ever international photo contest has been organized by WWOOF in 2025 and the winners have been announced.](#) Five photographers were selected for their ability to capture the spirit of WWOOF: hands-on learning, community, and a deep connection to the land. These images offer a glimpse into everyday life on organic farms around the world and the shared experiences that make WWOOF unique.



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