

Hello! And Thank you for your interest in the Work Exchange (WeX) Program at Earthdance Creative Living (ED)! Here is some more information about the program:

*The Live In work exchange program is a seasonal program. It lasts from one seasonal jam to the next, so is roughly **3 months** long. This is the recommended time frame, however it can be adjusted. The minimal amount of time is **1 month**, and maximum time **6 months**. A 6 month time frame would require approval from ED staff after your first 3 months. If you would like to do an exchange that is less than one month, we ask that you contribute financially towards your stay.

*The Exchange is **25 hours per week**. You are responsible for tracking your hours, and the Site Coordinator (Olive) is here to support you if you notice your hours going beyond or behind this number. We value self starters, who help take responsibility for the space and advocate for their hours being met. We do not schedule every hour of your work exchange, it's up to you to coordinate with the different domain managers to meet your hours, and we meet up every week to discuss how it is going.

*The Domains and their coordinators :

1. Events with Olive. Events will take roughly half of your weekly work exchange hours (between 10 and 14 hours). ****We expect the Work Exchangers to be available the day before events start** for preparatory cleaning, cooking, or project tidying. Then **during events** we have you scheduled for at least **one kitchen shift and one chore per day. The Site Coordinator will assign you your schedule during the WeX meeting before the event.**
 - a. *Earthdance Events*: Earthdance hosts events roughly 2 weekends per month and we have a monthly Sunday jam the third Sunday of every month. The events we host range from 2 weeks to 1 day long. During events WeXers work ~4 hours per day helping out in the kitchen and cleaning. At the end of an event work exchangers help lead a final clean with all participants. As an Earthdance Work exchanger, you are allowed to participate in the event as much as possible, while prioritizing the hours you are working.
 - b. *Rentals*: Different groups rent out the space at Earthdance, and Earthdance provides food and cleaning services for the events. It is up to the rental group if Earthdance staff and Work exchangers are allowed to participate in the event.
2. Building and Grounds maintenance with Victor: Earthdance has multiple buildings that need our consistent upkeep and care. This includes deep cleaning, organization, painting, sanding ect . Our building and grounds

manager, Victor, will assist you with projects. Prior experience is a plus, but not a requirement.

3. Kitchen with Faith: Much of the work asked of you will take place in and around the kitchen. This involves meal preparation and meal cleans. There will always be a chef guiding you. If you have specific skills in the kitchen, let us know!
4. Marketing with Liv: Work exchangers can give 1 hour per week towards ED's marketing goals.
5. Gardening with Neal: ED has a revitalized garden project, and our garden manager, Neal, can assist you in gardening tasks. We offer ~3 garden hours per week. If you would like to take on garden projects beyond that, it comes from your own heart and interest.
6. Passion Projects with YOU: Want to paint a mural? Or build a unique structure? Consult the staff and we can see what we can do! We offer ~2 hours per week for passion projects. Again, hours spent beyond that are up to your own heart and interest.

***Housing:** We offer shared housing at the Earthdance dorm. The housing is not private, you will be sharing a room with other work exchangers or participants. It is possible that you can find privacy between events. We have a staff lounge in the farmhouse that you can store belongings in.

***Food:** All of your food is covered by Earthdance. During events and rentals, your food will be prepared by our chef, and outside of events it is your responsibility to coordinate the cooking of your own meals in our farmhouse kitchen or the dorm kitchen. *Faith*, our **Kitchen Coordinator** takes food requests. You can write it on the "food request" paper, or text her. Food is stored in the Walk in fridge. If you have personal food items, please label it with your name. If it is not labeled, it is open for the community to eat.

***Wednesdays** are our meeting days. We have **Relational practice from 11:30-12:30 then a WeX meeting from 1:30-2:30**. During our WeX meeting we discuss project development, and go over responsibilities for events. This is when we can check in about hours, and get an overview of expectations for the week.

*Every **Thursday** we do an **All Clean** of the farmhouse and dorm from around **10am-noon**. We are also developing a weekly chore system that will help the place stay orderly throughout the week.

*You are welcome to have **Guests**. The best time to have guests is during off times, or small events. Guests may not come during private events that take over the whole campus, like seasonal jams or Touch and Play. If they are staying over

and eating with us, we ask that they contribute towards food costs, **\$10 per meal**, or an **hour of WeX work per day**. If they are staying with you, it is no additional cost, but if they have their own room it is **\$20 per night**. If your Guest is staying longer than 3 days, please check in with folks onsite. You can do this Via our Onsite Whatsapp group.

*Whatsapp groups! We will have 2 Whatsapp Groups, one for everyone onsite, and one just for wexers. Please download the app if you don't already have it.

***Staff:** We have a Staff of 6!

1. Daniel or "DJ"- Executive Director.
2. Victor: Building and Grounds manager.
3. Melanie: Programming Coordinator.
4. Faith: Kitchen Coordinator.
5. Olive: Site Coordinator.
6. Emily:Bookeeper (she lives off site)

*Here is a link to our **calendar**. It includes our events, rentals, and is subject to change :)

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=earthdancespirit%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

*While at Earthdance, please feel free to make **community offerings!** We are building the culture here as we go, and that culture includes you! Would you like to share a specific meal? A class? A meditation? This time at Earthdance can be a laboratory for artistic+somatic+whatever you want development, and we are here to support one another. Examples of this from the past have included: Artist Way Study groups, CI Labing, Work in Progress sharing, Body work exchange ect.

Very best,
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