

International WORKCAMP

in Spain 

WORKCAMP PROGRAM 2022

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WHO IS DE AMICITIA

De Amicitia is a Spanish NGO registered since 1998 and its objective is to protect the environment and promote sustainable development through volunteering work. We are active all over Spain by hosting international workcamps, in close cooperation with local partners, town halls and associations, but also function as a sending organization for Spanish volunteers.

Furthermore, De Amicitia also receives and sends European Solidarity Corps volunteers who are locally placed to support local partners all year round. And we are very active in organizing and hosting Youth Exchanges and seminars.

De Amicitia's goal is to enforce non-formal education, support people with fewer opportunities, and help to preserve, protect, and support nature and rural communities.

De Amicitia has three bases, one in Gargantilla del Lozoya in Sierra Norte near Madrid, one in Granada and one in Sanet y Negrals between Valencia and Alicante.

We organize about 40 workcamps every year, of which the majority are workcamps for teenagers 14-17 y.o. We also offer camp leader training to ensure that the people in charge of our camps have the knowledge and abilities necessary to responsibly and successfully lead a camp.



WORKCAMPS 2022

Our workcamps take place in small, rural communities with groups of 7 -15 volunteers and 1 - 2 camp leaders.

It is expected the volunteers to be self-sufficient during the camps, meaning they will cook their own food, share a living space with other volunteers.

The working schedule is laid out for 4-6 hours per day for 5 days a week. Usually, the two free days are Saturday and Sunday — but this can vary. The camp languages are English and Spanish for all camps. Spanish knowledge is not required but can be useful.

In all our camps, there will be an all-vegan food day (upon agreement of the volunteers) to promote environmentally sustainable lifestyles and an intercultural evening in which all volunteers present their culture — this should be prepared and thought of before arrival. This can be done in all sorts of forms from a simple presentation to preparing a typical dish.

The camp program you will find below is provisional and there can be changes in the dates, tasks and accommodation We will be confirming more projects in the upcoming days.

OUR PLANNED PROJECTS: 34 WORKCAMPS

- 16 Adult Workcamp
- 16 Teenage Workcamp
- 2 ESC Volunteering Teams



REQUIREMENTS

MOTIVATION LETTERS AND CRIMINAL RECORD

The projects with kids require a motivation letter and a criminal record. The motivation letter should be sent just along with the application and the criminal record must be sent just before the project starts.

Also, we have some art projects which require portfolio/video and skype interviews.

Teenagers have to send us the parental authorization just before the camps starts and bring the original with them.

FEES

Our **teenage workcamps (14-17 y.o.)** have an extra fee of 250 €. We have one special project for **13-15 y.o. volunteers**.

Adult workcamps are for everyone **over 18**, the extra fee is 50€.

PAYMENT OF THE FEES

The extra fee has to be paid by card using the payment platform on our website: **www.demicitia.org**

In exceptional cases, we can accept bank transfers as well 3 weeks before the camp as a confirmation of participation. If we don't receive the fee and the flight/bus tickets of the volunteer, we will consider that she/he will not attend to the project and we will give the opportunity to other volunteers that are on the waiting list.



GOOD TO KNOW

We provide a pick-up service for all teenage projects. Our camp leaders meet the teenage volunteers at the closest airport at 17:00 on the first day of each camp and take them to the accommodation by public transport or by De Amicitia's cars.

ARRIVALS: ALICANTE AIRPORT AND MADRID BARAJAS AIRPORT

Also, on the last day, our camp leaders take the volunteers to the airport at 09:00 in the morning.

All our camp leaders contact the volunteers 5 days before the camp starts and create a WhatsApp group so that they can be in contact with the other volunteers too.

The volunteers have to bring sheets or sleeping bags for all of our projects. In most of our projects, we provide beds but no sheets.



PROGRAM 2022

URBACT I - VI

10 vols, 15-17 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

ENVI EDU

ESDA-0122 - 28-06-2022 → 08-07-2022
ESDA-0222 - 09-07-2022 → 19-07-2022
ESDA-0322 - 20-07-2022 → 30-07-2022
ESDA-0422 - 31-07-2022 → 10-08-2022
ESDA-0522 - 11-08-2022 → 21-08-2022
ESDA-0622 - 22-08-2022 → 01-09-2022

Location:

Callosa d'en Sarrià, Alicante, Spain

Work:

The aim of this workcamp is to preserve the natural reserve area surrounding called "Fonts del Rio Algar". The work will be mainly dedicated to parks and gardens maintenance or "arboretum": removing the overgrown grass, weeding some parts of the grasslands and the edge of the woods, maintaining footpaths,... but also the environment, cleaning the river bends, and maintaining the area. Volunteers will also take part in the clean-up of some areas of the reserve where building waste has been found and if time allows it, they will carry out some painting works around the centre. The work will be quite physical!

Accommodation and food:

In a small rural house, some kilometres away from the village centre, with 2 different rooms. No need to bring a mattress but bring lower sheets and a summer sleeping bag are necessary. The centre is equipped with showers and WC. The food is provided by our camp leaders and the volunteers will be cooking in groups by the guidance of our camp leader.

Location and leisure:

Algar Waterfalls is at only 15 km from Benidorm and 3 km from the center of Callosa. It is a park about the importance of water as an environmental resource, economical and cultural. The visit is a route through a circuit of 1.5 km in length along, where you can walk through the bed of the river Algar, see the spectacular waterfalls and the numerous sources, the "tolls" (pools of water) where you can take refreshing swims in crystal clear water, the old dam, the imposing century-old canal and ditches still in use.

NATURE OF THE FUTURE

12 vols, 18-99 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

ART SOCI ENVI

ESDA-1622 - 01-07-2022 → 16-07-2022

Location:

Pedrezuela, Madrid, Spain

Work:

The main work to be done will be to main a mural wall of 40 square meters with the local youngsters of Pedrezuela. Therefore we are looking for volunteers with good knowledge of painting and mural art so if you can prove your experience it will be and add value. Volunteers will prepare a draft design TOGETHER with locals during the first two days together with local youth workers. Still, other activities for local social animation will be proposed such as games in English for children at the swimming pool, visiting and interacting elderly, supporting a local animal shelter, or helping to clean litter from nature. The aim of the workcamp is to teach and sensitize young people through mural art and other activities to develop the idea of citizenship. The volunteers will take a very active role in the development of the project. They can be creative and bring in their own ideas and knowledge.

Accommodation and food:

Accommodation will be in the local hostelry college which is a nice building that during Winter is used as a school. There will be several bathrooms and mattresses to sleep but the volunteers have to bring sleeping bags. It includes a nice kitchen to cook. Showers will be located in the sports centre in another building which will not be close, but you can also use the showers in the swimming pool which will be free access.

Location and leisure:

Pedrezuela is a municipality located in the Community of Madrid, it has a population of 6010 inhabitants. The town offers a natural heritage of special importance in the Community of Madrid, the Pedrezuela reservoir, located near the Sierra de Guadarrama. Leisure activities can be visits to the local swimming pool, or also hikes, as the area of Pedrezuela hosts a lot of trails. Also, kayaks can be rented at the "Embalse de Pedrezuela". Furthermore, the towns around Pedrezuela can be visited, such as Buitrago de Lozoya, with its historic castle. As the town is located in the community of Madrid, some daily trips can be organised with the decision of the group to the city of Madrid in the free time.

TZAR OF BIAR

12 vols, 18-99 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS EDU

ESDA-1822 - 26-07-2022 → 08-08-2022

Location:

Biar, Alicante, Spain

Work:

The main aim of the “Urban Summer Camp” in Biar for children of Villena is to provide an intensive experience of enjoying the free time and English experience language for kids and teenagers during two weeks in summer. The camp program includes games, activities, workshops, sports, excursions, etc. Simultaneously, the workshops will try to teach other values such as intercultural, tolerance, the respect for the environment and promote the culture of peace. The language of the camp is English. Volunteers will help to co-create the workshops in English and Spanish for local children and teenagers. The age of kids is 8-16 y/o. There will be local monitors who are responsible to propose and organize activities. Each day, approx. four to 6 hours the activities will be given in the mornings. The aim is that volunteers communicate with children in English, to encourage them to overcome the fear of speaking in a foreign language.

Accommodation and food:

Local hostel. Accommodation in the outskirts of the town will be given to the volunteers so they will have a certain independence. A summer sleeping bag and lower sheets will be needed. This project will include a one day only vegan food day agreed by volunteers for the promotion of environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

Location and leisure:

Biar lies 39 km from Alicante in the mountain range called Sierra Mariola, Biar was once called Apiarium which comes from the Roman word for beehive because this area was rich in aromatic herbs which made for a very prosperous production in honey.



YOUTH OF BIAR

12 vols, 13-15 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS EDU

ESDA-1922 - 30-07-2022 → 08-08-2022

Location:

Biar, Alicante, Spain

Work:

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FOOTPRINTS ON THE GREEK I-III

7 vols, 20-30 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS ENVI

ESDA-2422 - 01-07-2022 → 20-07-2022

ESDA-2522 - 22-07-2022 → 10-08-2022

ESDA-2622 - 10-08-2022 → 30-08-2022

Location:

Colunga, Asturias, Spain

Work:

The aim of this camp is that volunteers communicate with children in English, to encourage them to overcome the fear of speaking in a foreign language through non-formal educational methods. In the first two days of the workcamp participants will get a formation by Fundacion Cruz de los Angeles in order to get to know the local environment and to understand the legal context of working with children under state protection (that includes signing confidentiality contracts and to comply with some restrictions). Children we're going to work with are aged from 6 to 18, therefore our group will be split into two non-fixed teams, rotate and organize different activities according to the kids age group. We will prepare activities and materials in English on different topics, such as archaeology, music, food, animals. With the older kids – teenagers, we will spend time in the afternoons, and mornings are for the younger kids.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be done in a house situated near Colunga. Volunteers will stay apart from the group of children. Food will be provided by the Fundación Cruz de los Ángeles. Breakfasts will be prepared by volunteers, lunch and dinner in the house or together with kids, depending on daily activities.

Location and leisure:

The province of Colunga lies on the Cantabrian Sea and is located in the north of Spain, which is considered the green area of Spain. Playa de la Griega is a beautiful place and it is the nearest beach to the center town of the province, Colunga. This place is famous for one particular thing - here the footprints of dinosaurs were found. East of the beach on the cliffs is the famous and spectacular site of dinosaur footprints. The enormous size of these footprints, some of them reach 1.30 meters in diameter, allows it to be considered one of the largest footprints discovered so far. Village Lastres was listed as one of the most beautiful villages in whole Spain and definitely deserves a visit, actually, you're going to live nearby. Going to the lighthouse (Faro de Lastres) will offer you some great coastal views.

TALKS TO RAINBOWS

6 vols, 18-99 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS ENVI

ESDA-3022 - 15-07-2022 → 31-07-2022

Location:

Villanueva de Algaidas, Malaga, Spain

Work:

The volunteers will be doing manual work like painting, trying to keep the streets and environment tidy, gardening in the parks of the municipality and helping in the irrigation and maintenance of the local parks, as there is a deficit of keepers and the Town Hall needs support, as well as helping in other tasks that may be required. We will still have some space for creating workshops for the local kids from 3 to 12 years old as we did in previous years creating games and to be the first contact in English communication for those kids that they don't have the opportunity to learn and practice English language. Still, social distance measures oblige us to prepare working activities with low risk and therefore manual work to support this lovely town in Andalucia is a way to keep alive a workcamp that has been running for years.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be in a youth hostel that belongs to the town hall which is occasionally used by pilgrims on the way to Santiago. The hostel is simple but provides everything that the volunteers need. Has a kitchen a nice living room and two showers. However, volunteers will have free entrance to the swimming pool so they can also use these facilities. (Unfortunately, the pool wasn't open to the public due to COVID-19 last year but we hope that this year it will be possible to have access)

Location and leisure:

Villanueva de Algaidas is located in the famous Costa del Sol, 60 km away from Malaga, where you can enjoy the greenery of the olive groves and the brilliant white of the farmhouses. Villanueva de Algaidas is rich in archaeological and patrimonial sites such as a complex of tombs, almost 3500 years old, the Alcaides Necropolis. The archaeological remains are evidence of the presence of man in the area since the Copper Age. Even there are lots of places to visit, the local transportation in the area is not very good connected.

ORO DE PRIORO

10 vols, 18-40 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS EDU

ESDA-3122 - 01-07-2022 → 15-07-2022

Location:

Prioro, León, Spain

Work:

It is an English teaching workcamp. The task of the volunteers will be to help to co-create the workshops in English for local children and teenagers. Volunteers will be creating games, workshops and activities for the kids in English so they can practice and learn the language in an informal way instead of school teaching. Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as an English language environment. It will be done through games, workshops, sports activities, excursions, discussions, etc. The volunteers will work approximately 6 hours a day from Monday to Friday. In the morning from 09:00 to 13:00 aprox. the volunteers will be spending time with kids and in the afternoon hours, they will be preparing the activities together in a group. The weekends will be free.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be done in a small volunteer house with several rooms. There will be bathrooms facilities and a kitchen where the volunteers can cook in the team. A sleeping bag is required.

Location and leisure:

Prioro is a municipality located in the province of León, Castile and León, Spain. The municipality has a population of 369 inhabitants. Even though the village is very small there is a circulation with the other villages around. It is 86 km to the León city.



KIDS IN ACTION

10 vols, 18-40 y.o.

KIDS EDU

Project numbers and dates:

ESDA-3322 - 15-07-2022 → 29-07-2022

Location:

Riaño, León, Spain

Work:

It is an English teaching workcamp. The task of the volunteers will be to help to co-create the workshops in English for local children and teenagers. Volunteers will be creating games, workshops and activities for the kids in English so they can practice and learn the language in an informal way instead of school teaching. Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as an English language environment. It will be done through games, workshops, sports activities, excursions, discussions, etc. The volunteers will work approximately 6 hours a day from Monday to Friday. In the morning from 09:00 to 13:00 aprox. the volunteers will be spending time with kids and in the afternoon hours, they will be preparing the activities together in a group. The weekends will be free.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be done in a small volunteer house with several rooms. There will be bathrooms facilities and a kitchen where the volunteers can cook in the team. A sleeping bag is required.

Location and leisure:

Riaño is a former small municipality located along the Esla River in the mountains of the province of León, in the autonomous community of Castile and León, northern Spain. The village was across the river from Peak Gilbo. Located 3650 feet above sea level, it is in the Cantabrian mountains near the foothills of the Picos de Europa.



OJOS DE BRAOJOS

12 vols, 18-99 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

KIDS EDU

ESDA-3422 - 01-07-2022 → 16-07-2022

Location:

Braojos, Sierra Norte, Madrid, Spain

Work:

It is an English teaching workcamp. The task of the volunteers will be to help to co-create the workshops in English for local children and teenagers. Volunteers will be creating games, workshops and activities for the kids in English so they can practice and learn the language in an informal way instead of school teaching. Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as an English language environment. It will be done through games, workshops, sports activities, excursions, discussions, etc. The volunteers will work approximately 6 hours a day from Monday to Friday. In the morning from 09:00 to 13:00 aprox. the volunteers will be spending time with kids and in the afternoon hours, they will be preparing the activities together in a group. The weekends will be free.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be done in a local hostel in the town which has 8 rooms with several bunk beds in it and separate bathrooms and showers for boys and girls. There is also a well-equipped kitchen in the building. The hostel has its own garden and a common area for the volunteers. Even though there will be beds and pillows, there are no sheets and pillow covers so please bring your sleeping bags or your own sheets.

Location and leisure:

Braojos is a municipality of Spain belonging to the Community of Madrid. It is included in the area of influence of the port of Somosierra, the traditional step of the so-called "Camino de Francia", and in its term is also the port of Arcones. In 2017 it had a population of 200 inhabitants. 86 km away from Madrid and it takes approximately a bit more than 1 hour to reach it. During the weekend and free time, you may visit the Spanish capital. Normally there are 2 days off per week. You are free those days and have a possibility to plan a group trip to the mountains or to the nearest towns like Rascafria or Buitrago de Lozoya which has nice lakes or cities such as Madrid. Even though public transportation is not very developed in the area, it could be possible to reach the near towns using buses to Buitrago de Lozoya.

CASA JAZMÍN I - V

12 vols, 15-17 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

ENVI CONS

ESDA-3522 - 29-07-2022 → 09-07-2022

ESDA-3622 - 10-07-2022 → 20-07-2022

ESDA-3722 - 21-07-2022 → 01-08-2022

ESDA-3822 - 02-08-2022 → 12-08-2022

ESDA-3922 - 13-08-2022 → 23-08-2022

Location:

Sanet y Negrals, Alicante, Spain

Work:

The work has environmental and constructional tasks. The idea is to help renovate a house that is serving as a volunteering centre and to establish environmental-friendly and sustainable agriculture in the gardens of the centre. La Casa Jazmín is recently renovated but there are still some pending tasks to complete. Volunteers will carry out some basic tasks like painting, throwing out extra materials and organising spaces. But the main focus will be creating an ecological garden that will be a start of a new ecological project. This might include planting, harvesting fruits and processing them into a jam and distributing them to the local community. There may be some other tasks that will require creativity and handcrafts, for example, to prepare and paint jars for honey or jam. Also, there may be some tasks for the community like painting the urban furniture.

Accommodation and food:

The volunteers will stay in a volunteer house, with three rooms with several bunk beds and bathrooms. They will share rooms 4-6 other volunteers. The house includes a nice kitchen in which the volunteers will cook for themselves under the guidance of the camp leaders. Sheets need to be brought by the volunteer, sleeping bags are not necessary.

Location and leisure:

Sanet is a small town in the southwest of Spain close to Dénia (Comunidad de Valencia). It lies in the beautiful countryside, surrounded by hills which are great for hiking - there are a lot of hiking trails to discover. There is a local swimming pool available. The house is located right in the middle of town, so there are great opportunities to interact and socialize with the locals and to truly experience the Spanish countryside. Furthermore, the volunteers can make excursions to Denia, Ondara and El Vergel or other towns close to Sanet. There will also be day trips to the beach which is about 15 minutes by car from Sanet.

RURAL 'S BEAM I,II

12 vols, 15-17 y.o.

Project numbers and dates:

ENVI CONS

ESDA-4422 - 04-07-2022 → 14-07-2022

ESDA-4522 - 18-07-2022 → 28-07-2022

Location:

Gargantilla del Lozoya, Madrid, Spain

Work:

The work has environmental and constructional tasks. The idea is to help renovate a house which will serve as a volunteering center in the future and to establish environmental-friendly and sustainable agriculture in the gardens of the center. The house is energetically self-sufficient with solar pannels and used to be the De Amicitia headqutaers and needs to partially renovated to keep it in using conditions. Volunteers will carry out some basic tasks like painting, throwing out extra materials and organise and clean the spaces from unnecessary materials. There will be some other tasks in the garden like cleaning the bushes and plants. There may be some other similar tasks which will require creativity and hand crafts like carpentry and wood working.

Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be done inside the volunteer house. There will be mattresses on the floor. Inside the house there is a bathroom with a shower facility and a kitchen. The volunteers will be cooking for themselves under the guidance of the camp leaders. Their living conditions will be very basic and rural. Sleeping bags and lower sheets are necessary to bring.

Location and leisure:

The house is located outside of the small town of Gargantilla del Lozoya. The house is very cut off from the rest of the world, being hidden away behind trees and not being directly connected to a road. There is a camping site in the closer area where there is a pool that probably can be used. Gargantilla de Lozoya is located in the Sierra Norte, north from Madrid. It lays in the beautiful hillside of the Sierra Norte, perfect for hiking and connecting with nature. Excursions are possible to the surrounding small towns, to Madrid, Segovia and maybe even Toledo. There are rivers close to Buitrago del Lozoya which are great for kayaking and other activities of the sorts. And in Buitrago del Lozoya, there is a historic castle that can be visited. The volunteers will have access to a car to be able to move indepentedly as a group.

MAP



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