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## WHO ARE WE? #MouvementSJ

Solidarités Jeunes (SJ) is a non-formal education national movement that values voluntary commitment, strong political will, and social solidarity as its core principles. Our course of action is influenced by our ideal vision of a society where progress is social. Respect for human beings and the environment is a fundamental and shared value, and the freedom to choose, to dream, and to resist is innate and encouraged by all.

Our activities are organised for all, regardless of gender, social and cultural background, or nationality. Since its creation, SJ participates in the construction and maintenance of peace by promoting intercultural and international social connections in France and abroad. SJ works through participative pedagogy which supports initiative and personal commitment, and combines the skills of all our volunteers, active members and staff.

Solidarités Jeunes is composed of a National Secretary based in Paris, eight regional offices, and one partner association. Our delegations host volunteers from France and from all around the world for short or long periods of time all year round. Furthermore, the partner association and the delegations host and provide assistance to young people with fewer opportunities, as part of our efforts towards inclusion and solidarity. All of our delegations and the partner association are situated in unique environments, such as castles, former campsites, isolated villages in the heart of the mountains, and former factories. These places have all been renovated thanks to the work of our short and long-term volunteers, workers and permanent staff.

SJ has been working in partnership with national and international networks (Cotravaux, CNAJEP, CCIIVS, NVDA and Alliance) for several decades.

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# REGIONAL DELEGATIONS

Global goals  
local impact



**Vir'Volt // SJ in Île-de-France** The goal of Vir'Volt association is to boost the dynamic of international workcamps for young volunteers in urban and rural areas of the Ile-de-France region. Vir'Volt wants to mix international participants, young people in social exclusion, and local inhabitants. Living together in harmony, where each individual can find his place in the group, no matter where he comes from or where he is going, is the motto.



**La Maison Des Bateleurs // SJ in Nouvelle-Aquitaine** La Maison des Bateleurs, which opened 16 years ago in Montendre, organizes around 15 international workcamps in the region and several other international activities all year long, to ensure multicultural and intergenerational exchanges with active solidarity. You can find long term volunteers, permanent workers, and groups of young people who come to enjoy the nice environment of the Charente-Maritime region.



**Sem&Vol // SJ in Nouvelle-Aquitaine** Since 2013, Dordogne has held international projects of arts and culture. Following a very positive hosting experience by the local population, a branch of Solidarités Jeunesses was created in Aquitaine in 2015 and then became a regional delegation in 2016. The goals of this new organization are to: develop workcamps and international exchanges, create networks of local partners, encourage mobility and youth commitment, and develop artistic and cultural projects in this area.



**Citrus // SJ in Occitanie** In 2002, Citrus was established in Toulouse, under the initiative of a group of young volunteers driven by the desire to develop volunteer projects in the Midi-Pyrenées region. In 2012 it moved to Laguépie, a small village 1 hour north-east of Toulouse. The association's various activities bring people to work, mingle, and live together. «Working together» is based on the philosophy that unites long term volunteers, employees in integration projects, permanent staff, and volunteers on international projects.





### **Réseau d'Entraide Volontaire // SJ in Occitanie**

Founded in 1974 by a small group of locals, the REV became the Languedoc-Roussillon regional delegation of Solidarités Jeunesses national movement in 1979. Since 2022, the delegation is based out in Lozère, on top on a hill in the building of a former summer camp. The Cévennes region is perfect for nature lovers!



### **Centre de Beaumotte // SJ in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté**

The Beaumotte Center association was created in 1979 on the site of an old factory on the banks of the «Onion» river. It is located in the village of Beaumotte-Aubertans, a village of 391 inhabitants. The nearest towns are Vesoul (25 Km) and Besançon (30 Km). The association provides with breathing space for those experiencing difficulty, and a training ground for people to develop and test their own abilities. The presence of international volunteers guarantees openness, tolerance of differences, and active solidarity.



### **Le Créneau // SJ in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes**

The castle of Prureaux is a welcoming place that provides opportunities for everyone to participate in projects and learn how to live and work together in spite of linguistic, socio-cultural or socio-economic differences, and prejudices existing in society.

This is an opportunity for people from near and far to share the experience of collective living. The diversity of the inhabitants of the castle is culturally enriching and teaches people how to live together, to exchange their customs and traditions, and to live in respect and tolerance.



### **Les Villages des Jeunes // SJ in Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur**

Les Villages des Jeunes works towards social integration and participation of all. Its objective is to allow people from different social and cultural situations to work together to complete projects beneficial to the community. The association runs two international hosting centres near the Alps: the Fai farm with its "singing mountains" and the hamlet of Vaunières, an isolated hamlet at an altitude of 1200 meters.



### **Grand-Est // SJ in Grand-Est**

Since October 2021, SJ has been based in the Bruche Valley - Vosges Alsaciennes. Five years ago, we «found» a house there that was bequeathed to us and we decided to explore the surrounding area to reflect on the possible perspectives that this opened up. Located 50 km west of Strasbourg, the local branch plans, with the support of the national movement, various actions: workshops to raise awareness about interculturality in spring and summer, an international workcamp in July, a Franco-German youth exchange in August, a workcamp with local youth in Europe in the autumn. And who knows, even more ... ! ; )



### **Neige & Merveilles // Partner association**

Neige & Merveilles became a mountainside hosting and entertainment community in 1994. Since 2007, Neige & Merveilles conducts actions in favour of sustainable development, renewable energy, development of the mining heritage and local history, improved reception conditions, and development of entertainment and leisure practices combining heritage and respect for the environment.

# VOLUNTEERING

## We love our volunteers

Volunteering is an exchange, an encounter, facilitated by someone who wants to offer his or her time, energy, and fresh perspective to a general project of interest. Volunteering is also a welcoming community that offers a valuable opportunity for the volunteer to learn, to experiment, and to undergo personal development. Being a volunteer is not merely an activity, but a multi-faceted process brought about by our partnered associations before, during, and after the volunteer project is completed. At SJ, volunteering does not mean humanitarian aid, since we do not deal with emergency situations, but rather an intercultural exchange and apprenticeship carried out through meaningful initiatives for local communities. Voluntary service exists almost everywhere in the world and it is a commitment that varies across different countries, cultures, and types of projects.

Volunteering brings together diverse communities and separate entities, local associations, men, women, youth, and local authorities.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## La vie (en rose) à SJ

### ➔ **Group Life**

Most of our workcamps bring together between 6 and 12 volunteers of around 4 different nationalities and with an average age of 20 years old.

The group is responsible for cooking and cleaning, so volunteers are asked to bring their favourite traditional recipes!

Adult workcamps are open to +18 years old volunteers and there is usually no age limit unless a specific partner has requested one.

### ➔ **Qualifications**

We do not ask that volunteers have any particular qualifications, but they must be motivated to help and open to experiencing life as a volunteer in a rural area along with people from diverse backgrounds. A basic knowledge of English and French is helpful.

### ➔ **Camp Leaders**

There will be two camp leaders who will support the group as they organize aspects of daily life at the workcamp, such as managing the budget, cooking, recreational activities etc...The host community often provides a technical leader for specific manual tasks in order to guide volunteers in the methods and procedures of these tasks.

### ➔ **Languages**

The language used by the group will be dependent on the group itself and on the capacities of each volunteer, but English and French are the most common languages used in our projects.

### ➔ **Accommodation**

Volunteers will be hosted in various types of accommodations, including rooms provided by the local association, tents, or schools, depending on the project and the region.

### ➔ **Insurance**

Solidarités Jeunesses provides insurance for accidents and civil liability (accidents caused by participants, damages that result from the conduct of the insured). This insurance doesn't cover sicknesses that may occur during the stay in the workcamp. Please inform your volunteers that they need to have their own insurance for travel and sickness.

### ➔ **Leisure Time**

Solidarités Jeunesses considers workcamps as an environment for volunteers to experience community life. For this reason, volunteers organize their leisure time activities together in accordance with local conditions, group preferences, and financial resources (budget planning). Opportunities may vary between visiting tourist attractions in the region, discovering the surrounding environment, and organising culture evenings with locals, etc... It is the responsibility of each volunteer to contribute to a positive and lively group dynamic!

### ➔ **Adult workcamps**

- No participation fee
- Workcamps usually last 2 - 3 weeks
- Age limit : 18+ or 17+ for some workcamps
- Working hours: 30 hours per week (mornings)
- Afternoons are dedicated to cultural, non-formal education activities or leisure activities

### ➔ **Teenager workcamps**

- Participation fee for teens: 200 euros that have to be at least 3 weeks before the workcamp by bank transfer for EU citizens or in cash upon arrival for non EU citizens.
- Medical questionnaire and parental authorisation form have to be sent to SJ at least 3 weeks before the camp starts. You need to bring an original to the workcamp.
- Age Limit : 15 -17 years + one workcamp for 12-14-year-old volunteers
- Working hours: 25 hours per week (mornings)
- Afternoons are dedicated to cultural, informal education/ recreational activities

### ➔ **Family workcamp**

- Duration : 1 week
- Between 3 and 5 families
- Participation fee: 50€ for children under the age of 10, 100€ per person 11+
- Age Limit for children : 5-15, there is no age limit for adults

### ➔ **European Solidarity Corps / Volunteering teams**

- ➔ Open to EU and neighboring countries
- Travel costs will be partially reimbursed and pocket money will be provided

### ➔ **Trilateral workcamps (OFAJ)**

- These projects are open to all german organizations and partners who have already signed the preliminary Agreement of Partnership
- Groups should be prepared by the group leader before the project starts
- Group leaders participate in the workcamp as co-leaders during the project

### ➔ **Type**

**CONS:** construction  
**CULT:** cultural  
**ENVI:** environmental  
**RENO:** renovation  
**HERI:** heritage  
**FEST:** festival  
**ANIM:** animation  
**SOCI:** social

**TEEN:** teenager workcamp

**FAM:** family workcamp

**MTV:** middle term project

**TRI:** trilateral workcamp (OFAJ)

**ESC:** volunteering teams (European Solidarity Corps)

### ➔ **Codes for regional delegations:**

**S&V** Sem&Vol

**CRE** Le Créneau

**CDB** Centre de Beaumotte

**V'V** Vir'Volt

**REV** Réseau d'Entraide Volontaire

**CIT** Citrus

**AVJ** Les Villages des Jeunes

**MDB** La Maison des Bateleurs

**GE** Grand-Est

**N&M** Neige & Merveilles



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## ADULT WORKCAMPES

Region	Code	Title	Start date	End date	Type	Nb vols	Age
S&V	SJ02	Ecocycle: Garden in process 1	10/05	31/05	ENVI	6	18+
S&V	SJ03	The medieval garden	20/05	03/06	PAT	6	18+
BAT	SJ04	The Aiguille fort 1	31/05	13/06	RENO	10	18+
BAT	SJ05	Let's build together	02/06	23/06	CONS	10	18+
S&V	SJ06	The carpenters' workshop	05/06	16/06	CONS	6	18+
BAT	SJ07	Free Music Festival	09/06	30/06	CULT	12	18+
AVJ	SJ08	A sustainable path	10/06	25/06	RENO	12	18+
BAT	SJ10	The Aiguille fort 2	14/06	05/07	RENO	10	18+
S&V	SJ11	The Perigord heritage	19/06	08/07	RENO/ENVI	10	18+
N&M	SJ12	The Mercantour Silver Mine 1	25/06	08/07	CONS	12	18+
BAT	SJ15	In the earth of the church	07/07	30/07	RENO	10	18+
AVJ	SJ16	Historical Wanderings in Clausonne Abbey 1	08/07	22/07	RENO	12	18+
BAT	SJ24	The Torserie Washhouse	10/07	29/07	RENO/CULT	10	18+
CIT	SJ27	In the footsteps of the washerwomen	12/07	26/07	RENO/CONS	15	18+
CDB	SJ28	Stone by stone	15/07	05/08	RENO	12	18+
V'V	SJ33	Let's make the forest magic again	17/07	31/07	CONS/ENVI	12 (20)	18+
CRE	SJ35	Travel in the Middle Ages	22/07	11/08	CULT	12	18+
N&M	SJ36	The Mercantour Silver Mine 2	23/07	05/08	ARCH/CONS	12	18+
AVJ	SJ38	Historical Wanderings in Clausonne Abbey 2	25/07	08/08	RENO	12	18+
BAT	SJ40	Eurochestries	26/07	14/08	CULT	10	18+
CDB	SJ42	On the way to meetings	29/07	19/08	RENO/SOCI	10	18+
BAT	SJ45	Oleron Island 2	31/07	13/08	CONS	10	18+
BAT	SJ48	Immersion at the Rochard's lodge	04/08	22/08	RENO/CONS	10	18+
AVJ	SJ54	Urban planning in Orpierre	09/08	30/08	RENO/CONS	12	18+
AVJ	SJ55	Fight against thermal bridges	10/08	25/08	RENO	12	18+
BAT	SJ56	The hamlet of Echoisy	10/08	01/09	RENO	10	18+
BAT	SJ69	Saint-G�enis'Chapel	18/08	01/09	RENO	10	18+

N&M	SJ59	The Mercantour Silver Mine 3	20/08	02/09	ARCH/CONS	12	18+
BAT	SJ60	The Charentais washhouse	01/09	16/09	RENO/CONS/ENVI	10	18+
N&M	SJ61	A new roof for les Merveilles	03/09	16/09	RENO	12	18+
CIT	SJ/TRI68	A walk in the garden 3	03/09	18/09	RENO/CONS	15	18-30
BAT	SJ62	Le Fort Vauban	06/09	20/09	RENO	10	18+
REV	SJ64	Witches' claws	19/09	06/10	ENVI	12	18+
BAT	SJ65	Let's bring the barn back to life	22/09	13/10	RENO	10	18+

### ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

CIT	SJ/ESC01	Another brick in the wall	07/05	22/05	RENO/CONS	12	18-30
CIT	SJ/ESC09	A medieval village	10/06	25/06	RENO/CONS	12	18-30
V'V	SJ/ESC13	The eco village 1	29/06	12/07	CONS/CULT	12	18-30
REV	SJ/ESC14	Let's renovate the former holiday camp	05/07	20/07	ENVI	12	18-30
AVJ	SJ/ESC25	Landscape in Vaunières 2	10/07	31/07	CONS/ENVI	12	18-30
AVJ	SJ/ESC26	Tracing the steps of the Duke of Lesdiguières	10/07	31/07	RENO	11	18-30
CDB	SJ/ESC29	Under the paving stones	15/07	05/08	RENO	12	18-30
CRE	SJ/ESC31	In my garden	16/07	05/08	ENVI	12	18-30
CDB	SJ/ESC43	At the hanging gardens	29/07	19/08	RENO	12	18-30
V'V	SJ/ESC47	Building an international and green village	04/08	18/08	CONS/RENO/ENVI	12	18-30
CRE	SJ/ESC51	Bring your stone	06/08	26/08	RENO/ENVI	12	18-30
AVJ	SJ/ESC63	The real story behind Arzeliers Castle	16/09	01/10	RENO	12	18-30
V'V	SJ/ESC66	An ecological world	23/10	05/11	ENVI	12	18-30



## TEENAGE WORKCAMPS

CDB	SJ/TEEN17	House of Solidarity 1	08/07	22/07	RENO/ENVI	15	15-17	
CIT	SJ/TEEN19	A walk in the garden 1	09/07	23/07	ENVI/CONS	15	15-17	
AVJ	SJ/TEEN20	Landscape in Vaunières 1	10/07	22/07	CONS/ENVI	12	15-17	
AVJ	SJ/TEEN21	Keeping Faï warm 1	10/07	24/07	RENO	12	15-17	
S&V	SJ/TEEN22	The ruins of the abbey castle 1	10/07	24/07	ARCH	20	15-17	
V'V	SJ/TEEN23	A colorful cycling path	10/07	24/07	CONS/ENVI	16	15-17	
S&V	SJ/TEEN30	A park and a theatre for biodiversity 1	16/07	30/07	ENVI	15	15-17	
BAT	SJ/TEEN32	Oleron Island	17/07	29/07	CONS	10	15-17	
CDB	SJ/TEEN34	House of Solidarity 2	22/07	05/08	RENO/ENVI	15	15-17	
AVJ	SJ/TEEN37	Landscape in Vaunières 3	24/07	05/08	CONS/ENVI	12	15-17	
CIT	SJ/TEEN39	MOSAÏ&CO	26/07	10/08	RENO/CONS	15	12-14	
S&V	SJ/TEEN41	The ruins of the abbey castle 2	28/07	11/08	ARCH	20	15-17	
CDB	SJ/TEEN49	House of Solidarity 3	05/08	19/08	RENO/ENVI	15	15-17	
S&V	SJ/TEEN50	A park and a theatre for biodiversity 2	06/08	20/08	ENVI	15	15-17	
AVJ	SJ/TEEN52	Landscape in Vaunières 4	07/08	19/08	CONS/ENVI	12	15-17	
AVJ	SJ/TEEN53	Keeping Faï warm 2	07/08	19/08	RENO	12	15-17	
S&V	SJ/TEEN58	The ruins of the abbey castle 3	14/08	28/08	ARCH	20	15-17	
CRE	SJ/TRI18	Tell me about the forest	09/07	23/07	ENVI	15	15-17	OFAJ
CRE	SJ/TRI44	A stay at the farm	30/07	13/08	RENO/ENVI	15	15-17	OFAJ
REV	SJ/TRI46	Let's renovate the former holiday camp 2	01/08	15/08	RENO/CONS/ENVI	12	15-17	OFAJ
CIT	SJ/TRI57	A walk in the garden 2	13/08	27/08	ENVI/CONS	15	15-17	OFAJ

## **ADULT WORKCAMPS**

**Open to 18+ volunteers**

### **SJ02 ECOCYCLE: GARDEN IN PROGRESS 1 10/05-31/05 ENVI 6 vols 18+**

**Project:** Coly St Amand, nestled in the hollow of a green valley, is located in the heart of the Périgord Noir, a territory rich in history! Composed of two former municipalities that have decided to unite into one, we will work to unite these former separate territories into one.

The Ecocycle association is a Third place which develops a participatory animation project on the territory of the municipality of Saint Amand de Coly and its surroundings. These activities are strongly influenced by concerns related to climate change. In this context you will participate in the design and preparation of a shared garden.

By organising your activity programme with the other volunteers and the animators, you will discover the sense of the reception of the population, the charm of the landscapes and the heritage.

**Work:** The programme includes an introduction to permaculture and agroforestry, preparation of plots and seedlings, planting of shrubs and vegetables for this summer. We will also make wooden signs for the signage and participate in the activities offered by Ecocycle.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be received at the Vieux Logis of Saint Amand. You will sleep in a room for 2 to 3 people. Meals will be cooked and taken collectively, you can take turns preparing good meals, so come with your recipes!

**Location:** Coly St Amand is located in Périgord Noir, 10 km from the caves of Lascaux, between Périgueux and Brive.

**Leisure activities:** Site visits, nature activities. You will build your own entertainment program with the camp leaders and the other participants. We favour a discovery of the territory and these actors over consumption activities.

**Closest station:** Reception at the end of the afternoon at Condat-Le Lardin station.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac or Toulouse-Blagnac.

**SDG:** n°1. Promote citizen engagement to accelerate the ecological transition.

### **SJ03 THE MEDIEVAL GARDEN 20/05-03/06 ENVI/PAT 6 vols 18+**

**Project:** The Château de Bruzac has been a co-castle for centuries. Indeed, since the 13th century, it has been the seat of a co-lordship following a complicated succession. So complex that until the revolution, it remained separated into two sets of habitats within the same fortified enclosure despite the various occupations, wars and revolts. After the French Revolution and the evictions of the noble families of the site, the castle will serve as a career for the inhabitants of the village of Saint Pierre de Côte and the surrounding farms. For about thirty years, it has belonged to a couple of History enthusiasts and is managed and promoted by the local association "Renaissance du Vieux Bruzac". It is with its members that you will have the opportunity to create a medieval garden between the "castrum superius" and the "castrum inferius" and to strengthen them.

With this History-loving association, you will also have the opportunity to discover how we cooked in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to participate in costumed entertainment times and to visit the Dordogne, land of gastronomy and history.

**Work:** You will create a medieval square, typical garden of monasteries and herbalists of this period. Clearing and earthworking of the open-air theater space will be your missions. You will make chestnut wattle and plant vegetation.



**Accommodation and food:** You will be welcomed in bungalows with 3/4 places in a campsite near Saint Pierre de Côte. You will have access to a kitchen where you can take turns preparing good meals.

**Location:** Saint Pierre de Côte, in the heart of green Périgord, Dordogne.

**Leisure activities:** You will build your activity program together, based on the possible outdoor activities around us.

**Closest train station:** Reception at the end of the afternoon at the Négrondes station.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**SJ04 THE AIGUILLE FORT 1 31/05-13/06 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**SJ10 THE AIGUILLE FORT 2 14/06-05/07 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Located at the mouth of the Charente, the Fouras peninsula is home to 3 ports and 5 beaches of the Atlantic coast. In an idyllic setting with a view of Fort Boyard, the workcamp will consist of the renovation of the Vauban fort, also called the Semaphore fort, which is the medieval fortified castle of Fouras. It protected the city from a possible invasion from an enemy landing by the ocean. It is surrounded by 17th century fortifications: platforms, curtain walls and massive tower. This workcamp is part of the continuity of the partnership with the town of Fouras and its desire to pursue local development actions through the intercultural dynamics allowed by the workcamps. Your actions will be in accordance with the objective 11 of sustainable development (UN) in favor of sustainable cities and communities.

**Work:** You will work during 7 mornings of 6 hours on the restoration of a new part of the North facade of the redoute (fort), facing the Atlantic Ocean. You will have the task of removing the vegetation from the facade and the coping in order to then remove the pointing and repointing with lime mortar. Other traditional masonry work such as the reworking of stone copings and stone cutting is planned. In addition, you will participate in workshops to raise awareness on interculturality and sustainable development.

**Accommodation and food:** It will be collective, under tents at the Fouras campsite (pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack...) You will have a vehicle available for all mobility in the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (you have a food budget which the camp leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the workcamp). The meals will be prepared, in turn, by the group while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each and everyone. Vegetarian and vegan options can be prepared.

**Location:** Fouras-les-Bains, 20 km from La Rochelle

**Leisure activities:** You can enjoy many water activities, such as fishing and sailing with the local clubs. The beach, seaside bike rides, beach volleyball and other pleasures are to be discovered. You can also visit museums and towns such as La Rochelle and Rochefort. The highlights of the stay will be meeting the locals who are looking forward to meeting you, especially enjoying an international meal.

**Closest train station:** Rochefort (17300)

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac.

**Meeting point:** Camping Le Cadoret in Fouras at 6pm. From Bordeaux airport, you will take a shuttle to Bordeaux train station and go to Rochefort. From Rochefort, please take the G line bus to go to Fouras-La Fumée. You will be able to walk from there to the campsite.

## **SJ05 LET'S BUILD TOGETHER 02/06-23/06 CONS 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Clion-sur-Seugne is a rural municipality in the Charente Maritime region. In partnership with the Maison des Bateleurs - Solidarités Jeunesses, the town council plans to create an intercultural link between international volunteers and the inhabitants of the village, especially the children. Thus, the renovation of a shelter on a communal ground will initiate this joyful meeting!

**Work:** Together with a technical supervisor, you will work on the restoration of the framework of a shed located in a field used collectively by the inhabitants of the village. In parallel, intercultural activities will take place between the children of the village and your team.

**Accommodation and food:** Collective accommodation, in tents of two individual places in a field provided by the town hall, where you will have at your disposal a kitchen, a dining room. Showers are in the football stadium at 5 minutes on foot. You will have bicycles to go to the workcamp site (5 minutes away from the accommodation). There will also be a vehicle at your disposal to discover the beautiful areas of the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (you will have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the camp). Meals will be prepared, in turn by the group, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes will be prepared).

**Location:** Clion-sur-Seugne (17240)

**Leisure activities:** You can enjoy many cultural activities such as visiting historical towns such as Jonzac, Blaye, Rochefort, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, among others. You can also visit the surrounding forests or enjoy a good time at the beach on the Gironde coast and meet local producers.

**Closest train station:** Clion-sur-Seugne

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Meeting point:** At Clion train station between 4pm and 6pm. The organizers will provide a shuttle service between the station and the accommodation.

## **SJ06 THE CARPENTERS' WORKSHOP 05/06-16/06 CONS 6 vols 18+**

**Project:** Carpenters, woodworkers... any volunteer? In the heart of the Dordogne region, in the beautiful village of Cause de Clérans, join this international workcamp to discover woodworking. On the program, construction time around carpentry, the discovery of the region and the meeting with the inhabitants of the village. Your small international group will inaugurate the summer season that we will be hosting. You will be actors in this collective experience, come with your motivation and your desire to meet to make this moment unforgettable.

**Work:** Whether you are a novice or have some basic knowledge in the field, together you will participate in the creation of a wooden door for a municipal building and in moments of discovery or experimentation of woodworking techniques and machines on related projects (dry toilets, compost bin, small furniture, ...) Intercultural workshops will also be organised. You will work from Monday to Friday, in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** You will stay in a tent on our summer camp and its beautiful panorama. Access to toilets and showers on site. Individual tents or tents for two people will be provided, as well as ground mattresses. Remember to bring your sleeping bag and a pillow. You will prepare menus and meals together, taking into account the season, everyone's needs and the pleasure of sharing together.



**Location:** You will be welcomed on the edge of the village of Cause de Clérans, in a rural environment and you will meet the inhabitants of the area. You will also have the opportunity to go and participate in cultural events in Bergerac, about fifteen kilometres away.

**Leisure activities:** You will build your activity program together, based on the possible outdoor activities around us.

**Closest train station:** Mouleydier, 24520. We will be waiting for you around 5 p.m. at the station, located about 5 km from the workcamp site.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Travel information:** From Bordeaux airport, take a shuttle to Bordeaux-Saint-Jean train station. You will take a direct train to Mouleydier (around 1-hour ride)

**SDG:**

**Goal 11.** Sustainable cities and communities

**Goal 12.** Responsible consumption and production

## **SJ07 FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL 09/06-30/06 FEST 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Montendre is an attractive town in the south-west of France, which in 2001 saw the birth of the "FREE Music Festival", an artistic event of contemporary music, a source of development and local dynamism, which has contributed to the cultural blossoming of this pretty town. The international workcamp, at the heart of the festival, brings an intercultural dimension rich in artistic and intergenerational exchanges. You will take part to the 21st edition of the festival!

**Work:** You will work with the volunteers to prepare and set up the festival and its facilities (parking, camping, food/rest/volunteer areas, etc.) Your tasks will be to set up the park and make it attractive to the public and to help the volunteers with the logistics of the event. After the festival, you will help to clean and tidy up the site in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. In addition, you will take part in activities to raise awareness about interculturality and sustainable development.

**Accommodation and food:** in tents (of 2 people), at the Bateleurs International Guest House, in Montendre, where you will have all the facilities at your disposal. You will have access to a vehicle for transport to the site and also to discover the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you will have a food budget that the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the workcamp). Meals will be prepared, in turns by the group, while respecting environmental values. During the first week you will have lunch at the Maison des Bateleurs, for the second and third weeks you will have lunch with the festival team (there will be a caterer on site with different menus to satisfy your appetite either vegetarian, vegan or other).

**Location:** Montendre, 75 km from Bordeaux

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of several villages, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. Outside of work, you can take part in summer activities such as the music festival, night markets and visits to producers and tasting of their local products. Outings to the city, Bordeaux, La Rochelle or Angoulême and a day at the ocean can be organised. Cognac and St-Emilion, the French wine cities, are also nearby!

**Closest train station:** Montendre (17130)

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac.

**Meeting point:** At Montendre train station at 6pm, only 40 minutes away from Bordeaux by train. The campladers will drive you to the accommodation.

**SDG:** 4 access to quality education and 17 partnership to achieve the goals

**SJ08 A SUSTAINABLE PATH 10/06-25/06 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Come and discover one of the small perched towns in the South of France: Serres in the Alpes, which offers a magnificent panorama of the medium mountain range of the Baronnies Provençales! The town, leaning against the Pignollette rock, is made up of small shady medieval streets and covered and sloping passages in which it is good to stroll. At the top of this village and at the bend in the monks' path, is the chapel of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, which overlooks the Buëch valley. This building was erected in 1730 and blessed in 1732. Partly dug into the rock, it marries the hillside, on the presumed site of the former chapel of the castle of Serres. The Baronnies Provençales Regional Nature Park, in partnership with the association Les Villages des Jeunes and a hiking organisation, launched an operation to raise awareness and promote the drystone building technique in 2018. Elected officials and inhabitants will be mobilised for this workcamp through restoration actions and discoveries of the dry-stone built heritage (conference, visit).

**Work:** Do you want to learn ancient stonework techniques and to register your action in accordance with the objective 12 of sustainable development (UN) in favour of sustainable consumption and production and learn how to use ancient and ecological materials?

The "Sentier des Moines" (monks' path) winds along the hillside below the chapel; it is supported by dry stone retaining walls and has a stone-covered path, called a "calade" in southeast France. This year, it is a portion of the alley of Fusains which joins the path of the Monks that it will be necessary to continue to rehabilitate in dry stone in order to give again its initial aspect in a preoccupation with the valorisation of the heritage of Serres.

The following work will be undertaken: fishing and sorting of stones, earthwork and construction of the calade according to the very precise technique of dry stone construction (theoretical and practical contribution).

The workcamp will be supervised by a professional in dry stone construction techniques. A daily work of 6 hours is planned, the daily organisation will be discussed and decided by the group of participants. The pedagogical objective is to discover a traditional construction technique which does not require any material, except stones from the stoning of fields intended for agriculture or recovered from old buildings. Theoretical, historical, and practical contributions will be disseminated. It should be noted that this workcamp is part of a more global action to enhance the site of the chapel. The population of the village is invited to take part in the work of clearing the brush and creating a calade on the chapel square.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents next to the municipal gymnasium of the small town (1km from the workcamp site, walking distance). A team of campleaders will be present to guide you in the organisation of the collective life: planning of the household tasks, elaboration of the menus and preparation of the meals in turn (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets possible), organisation of the leisure activities and the outings. The purchase of local products is widely favoured. Bring a mattress, a good comforter (the nights can be cold) and a pillow (to be adapted according to your needs).

**Location:** Serres is a small town in the South of France, nestled between the Alps and Haute Provence (30 km North of Sisteron, 140 km South of Grenoble). It has several services: train station, shops, Provençal market...

**Leisure activities:** Land of light, scents, and flavours, the Baronnies Provençal is a land where the sweetness of life is combined with the practice of outdoor sports like idleness! Rich in natural and agricultural heritages adapted to the Mediterranean climate under alpine influence, the Provençal Baronnies are marked by fragrant, aromatic and medicinal plants: wild thyme, rosemary, lavender. Near Serres, you can discover many major sites in the south of the Hautes-Alpes: Aujour mountain

and Clausonne abbey, Saint-Genis mountain, the Méouge gorges, Orpierre site, the Riou lake where you can practice many sports activities (climbing, mountain biking, hiking, swimming in lakes and rivers).

**Closest train station:** Serres (05700). Access via Valence TGV, Valence ville, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles and Aix en Provence train stations.

**Time and directions to the meeting point:** Serres train station at 3:30 or 7:30 pm. The campleaders will drive you to the place of accommodation.

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon

## **SJ11 THE PERIGORD HERITAGE 19/06-08/07 CULT 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** The historical particularity of the municipality of Cause de Clérans comes from its two villages "Cause" and "Clérans" which have been united for a very long time. The first one has a defensive function with the castle and the other one a religious function with its church. Our international workcamp is waiting for you to perpetuate this thousand-year-old link. Together, we will take part in the maintenance of the hiking trails that link these villages and will take care of their small heritage. The spirit of cooperation and conviviality are characteristics that define the way of life around here. Join us and enjoy the good life of Cause de Clérans.

**Work:** You will participate in the maintenance of the footpaths: management of trees and invasive vegetation on the paths and maintenance of the small heritage around the paths, such as dry stone walls or crosses. Finally, you will be in charge of the enhancement of the heritage of the old cemetery: surrounding wall and tombstone. The work will take place exclusively outdoors, in the morning, from Monday to Friday.

**Accommodation and food:** You will stay in a tent on our summer camp and its beautiful panorama. Access to toilets and showers on site. Individual tents or for two people will be provided, as well as ground mattresses. Remember to bring your sleeping bag and a pillow. You will prepare menus and meals together, taking into account the season, everyone's needs and the pleasure of sharing together.

**Location:** You will be welcomed on the edge of the village of Cause de Clérans, you will be in a rural environment and will meet the inhabitants of the area.

**Leisure activities:** During your stay, you will have the opportunity to participate in local festivities and cultural events (e.g. in Bergerac), to discover the region and to organise your programme of activities with the other volunteers and the campleaders.

**Closest train station:** Mouleydier, 24520. We will be waiting for you around 5 p.m. at the station, located about 5 km from the site.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Travel information:** From Bordeaux airport, take a shuttle to Bordeaux-Saint-Jean train station. You will take a direct train to Mouleydier (around 1-hour journey)

**SDG number:**

**Goal 11.** Sustainable cities and communities

**Goal 12.** Responsible consumption and production

**SJ12 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 1 25/06-08/07 ARCH/CONS 12 vols 18+**  
**SJ36 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 2 23/07-05/08 ARCH/CONS 12 vols 18+**  
**SJ59 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 3 20/08-02/09 ARCH/CONS 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Neige & Merveilles welcomes you in the heart of the Mercantour National Park at an altitude of 1500 m to work in the Vallauria mine which is part of the archaeological, historical, cultural and scientific heritage of the region (Alpes-Maritimes). This silver lead and zinc mine justifies the mining archaeology studies and the safeguarding and development work that we have been carrying out with the municipality of Tende for the last ten years. Its medieval part represents an exceptional geological heritage, inseparable from that represented by the Mercantour Park and the archaeological wealth of the mythical Vallée des Merveilles, a site soon to be classified as a UNESCO site, located two hours away.

**Work:** The aim of this finishing work on the access path to the "Pozetto" gallery is to ensure that the entire route is attractive and safe for visitors to the mining site. You will be responsible for assembling and installing safety barriers and a chestnut plessis screen attached to a row of vertical posts anchored in the rock. You will work 4 days a week, from 8.30am to 12pm and from 2pm to 5pm.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in rooms of 4 to 6 people with sanitary facilities. Meals will be prepared by the volunteer team with the help of the camplader. You will help to tidy up the dining room, the dishes, and the kitchen.

**Location:** Tende, located 2 hours from Nice (by train). The site is isolated in the mountains (1500m altitude), 10km from the village of Tende and 50km from Ventimiglia (Italy).

**Leisure activities:** In addition to weekends, one day in the middle of each week will be devoted to discovery and entertainment activities. You will discover the mountain environment (fauna, flora, hiking on the archaeological site of the Vallée des Merveilles in the Mercantour National Park) and the historical and cultural heritage of the region (visit of the medieval villages of the Roya valley). You can also do sports activities (tree climbing, via-ferrata)

**Closest train station:** Tende (06430)

**Closest airport:** Nice

**Travel information:** From Nice airport, you will take a shuttle to Nice Ville train station and then a train to Tende. The train leaves from Nice at 14:56. The campladers will meet you at Tende train station at 17:18.

**SJ15 IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH 07/07-21/07 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Not far from Poitiers, between heaven and earth, the commune of Buxerolles is home to the Saint-Jacques-et-Saint-Philippe de Buxerolles church, which dates back to the Romanesque period. A first chapel, totally destroyed during the reconstruction of the building in 1868, dates from the 11th century. The workcamp aims to renovate the church and to build peace through interculturality between local people and volunteers.

**Work:** You will work on the restoration of a part of the church of St. James and St. Philip, namely the interior walls. Accompanied by a specialised technical supervisor, you will first have to remove the plaster from the walls, then dehumidify the walls and finally plaster the walls with lime. You will be able to get familiar with these techniques with other traditional masonry work.

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in tents for 2 people, with all facilities (sanitary facilities, kitchens, common room etc.) You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. You will have access to public transport. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The members of the community and you will prepare meals (hot and cold food as well as vegetarian and vegan food will



be prepared).

**Location:** Buxerolles, 6 km from Poitiers.

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of several charming little villages in Vienne, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. Outside of the work site, you will participate in summer activities such as the National Day on 14 July. Outings to Poitiers or Châtelleraut as well as activities such as the Futuroscope, bowling or cinema can be organised.

**Closest train station:** Poitiers (86000)

**Closest airports:** Poitiers, Paris or Bordeaux

**Meeting point:** The meeting point will be on site at the end of the day at 18:00. From Bordeaux or Paris airports, you will take a shuttle to the train station and get a direct train to Poitiers. In Poitiers, there's also a small airport.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

**SJ16 HISTORICAL WANDERINGS IN CLAUSONNE ABBEY 1 08/07-22/07 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**SJ38 HISTORICAL WANDERINGS IN CLAUSONNE ABBEY 2 25/07-08/08 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Take part in the valorization of a historic site at the heart of idyllic mountain landscapes! Join us and come discover *l'Abbaye de Clausonne* and its natural environment at 1140 meters of altitude!

It is in the XII century that the *Abbaye* took shape. After multiple periods of deconstruction and reconstruction over the centuries, it became in the 20th an agricultural building, which was abandoned in the 1950s. It is in 1994 that the *Abbaye of Clausonne* association was created to conserve the vestiges of this exceptional architecture on an exceptional site. Since then, the association has wanted to make this place a ground of discovery, learning and knowledge.

**Work:** This year, we will continue to work on the stone masonry of the old sheepfold, in order to make of it in a few years, a room for cooking, storing tools, etc. We will also continue to work on the development of the site. All this, with the help of masons who will be there to transmit their knowledge! You will work 30 hours per week. Evenings and weekends are free for activities that you will choose to organize together.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents on the Faï farm site. Dry toilets, a kitchen and showers will be available. A barnum will be set up and will be your common space under cover. There is no Wi-Fi, but you will meet people from all over the world! This center is a 30 minutes' walk from the Abbey.

You will cook by turn, so that we can taste several specialties! Here, we are careful about what we eat and aim to reduce our impact on the planet. We try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week.

The daily life is organized together: organization of the menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a mattress, a good sleeping bag (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** The Abbey of Clausonne, 5km from the village of Le Saix (05400), is 15km away from the Veynes. Once or twice a week, we organise with our vehicles some racing trips!

**Leisure activities:** You will be in an exceptional setting to discover the pleasures of mountain hiking, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers and producers' markets, the festive nights organized in surrounding

villages. In group, you will decide activities and discovery outings that you wish to set up. The reception center usually organizes one musical evening per week with homemade wood-fired pizzas.

**Closest train station :** Veynes Dévoluy (05400). The meeting time is generally between 4pm and 6pm at the station.

**Closest airports :** Marseille or Lyon

**SDG:** n°12 Responsible consumption

**SJ24 THE TORSERIE WASHHOUSE 10/07-29/07 RENO/CULT 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** For many years, the commune of Melle has been strongly committed to respecting the environment. It is therefore committed to safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity. This year, the municipality is committed to develop the multi-activity space in the town centre, between the social centre, the housing centre and the media library. In this way, interculturality will come to life closer to the locals with awareness raising activities engaging the community in intercultural values and international solidarity.

**Work:** You will participate in the organisation of local activities, especially through your participation in the organisation of the National Day (July, 14<sup>th</sup>) festivities "Tous S'en Mêlent". You will then participate in the organisation of the jazz festival. Finally, with the support of a technical supervisor, you will renovate the roof of the Torserie washhouse. You will offer workshops to raise awareness of interculturality to the general public, where your theatrical skills and commitment will be highlighted. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** In a tent, in the municipal campsite with a large tent with all facilities (fridge, gas cooker, kitchen utensils, etc.). You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. You will have a vehicle at your disposal for any mobility in the area. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you will have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the campwork). In turn, you will prepare the meals, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold meals as well as vegetarian and vegan will be prepared).

**Location:** Melle (79500), 60 km from the sea, between Poitiers and La Rochelle.

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of some pretty little villages in the Deux-Sèvres, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. Visits to the region will be organised collectively according to your wishes, for example the silver mines of the Frankish kings, the cinema, the municipal swimming pool etc. You will be able to discover towns in the area such as Niort, Celles-sur-Belle etc. Leisure time and local activities will enable you to meet the inhabitants!

**Closest train station:** Meeting Point at Niort train station (79 000) between 4pm and 6pm. Facilitators will provide a shuttle service between the station and the accommodation.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux and Paris

**SDG:** n° 11. Sustainable cities and communities

**SJ27 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE WASHERWOMEN 12/07-26/07 (dates to be confirmed) RENO/CONS 15 vols 18+**

**Project:** Citrus organises workcamps in the Southwest of France since 2002. Every year, dozens of volunteers are coming from the whole world and committing themselves to join this collective experience through technical work to the benefit of the local community.

**Work:** Guided by villagers and local workers, you will take part to the valorisation of typical wash houses: taking out the weeds, small masonry work, signs, and so on. Some other tasks could be added to the work, depending on the weather (cleaning out a cave, ...)

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in tents of two to three persons, with mattresses provided by the organisation, near a former hosting centre. Toilets and showers in solid construction are nearby.

Menus and shopping will be organized collectively, by you and the rest of the group. Each day, you will be in small teams to cook for all the participants. Particular attention will be paid to seasonal foods from local producers.

**Location:** Penne, 40min away from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the afternoons and evenings, leave your creativity talk! Those times will be organized all together with the group. You will be able to enjoy swimming in the river nearby, to visit medieval villages, or to go for a ride in kayak! With the help of the campleaders, you'll organize events to connect with the local community, such as international dinners.

**Closest train station:** Montauban Ville-Bourbon (82000). A campleader will come to pick you up between 4pm and 7pm.

**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac. From the airport, you will need to take a shuttle to the train station and then a direct 30-minute train to Montauban.

## **SJ28 STONE BY STONE 15/07-05/08 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** The village of Champlitte, prized as a "town of character" and referent of the development of "la Via Francigena", will welcome an international workcamp this year. The inhabitants have had a strong experience of solidarity with the volunteers that came there almost 20 years ago, and they would like to renew this program! This includes discovering new and different ways of thinking and acting, sharing skills, investing oneself to develop an area and taking part in the collective life: there will be many possibilities to promote solidarity! Each workcamp offers unique experiences, so come to Champlitte and make your own!

**Work:** It is situated at the edge of a forest, and it is possible to reach the gardens of Douave via a path taken by many hikers. In the village, there is a former house of wine production, an interpretation trail and works of art. To add value to this place you will renovate a surrounding wall which has crumbled some months ago, for around 6 hours per day. You will learn techniques of traditional masonry (wall-building) and work with a lime mortar. You will evolve as a team with the help of two campleaders and share all tasks associated with collective life such as cooking, cleaning, after work activities, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** Close to the sports hall of the town, you will sleep in large tents. Bring your own blanket or sleeping bag and pillows. There is a kitchen and showers can be taken at the locals' homes.

You will need to walk around 10 minutes through the village to get to the work site. For other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help.

Accompanied by the campleaders, you will make the menu and prepare in turn the meals every day. There will be the possibility to eat vegetarian or vegan and plan accordingly if necessary. You will often share meals with the villagers giving you the opportunity to discover the local gastronomy and to share precious moments together.

**Location:** The community of Champlitte (70600) is situated at around 20km from Gray (70100) in the region "Haute-Saône". The city Dijon is around 50km away, Vesoul 65km and Besançon 70km.

**Leisure activities:** Your group will initiate and organize the free time activities during the afternoons or the weekends. The ideal programme will account for the wishes of everyone, the local possibilities (museum, châteaux, summer concerts, hikes, etc) and financial side of things. You can also rely on the support of the inhabitants to organize exchange moments and they will be delighted to take part with you or to give advice on how to discover the local environment and enjoy your stay in the best way.

**Special requirements:** There are absolutely no requirements in terms of linguistic or technical abilities. Simply a base level of physical fitness is necessary, as you will need to walk to the work site every day for around 10 minutes and carry stones to build the wall.

**Travel information:** The closest train station is in Gray (70100). A meeting point and time will be given to make the arrival easier and is in general at the end of the afternoon between 16 and 18 o'clock. The departure on the last day will be around 10 o'clock. In case you arrive by plane, the most practical airports are in Basel or Orly and Charles de Gaulle in Paris. After that you would need to make it to the train station of Gray yourself.

**SDG :** Goal N°11: “sustainable cities and communities”

### **SJ33 LET’S MAKE THE FOREST MAGIC AGAIN 17/07-31/07 CONS/ENVI 20 vols 18+**

**Project:** Vir'Volt stands for InteRnational VolunTeer Village (in French). For 10 years, the organisation has been located right in the middle of nature near a regional park. Hosting youth from all around the world, learning how to understand and appreciate differences, planning and acting together to protect the environment. Creating a positive impact on the surrounding environment and people living there or simply passing by. These are our goals for this future village, which each year, is built thanks to youths who come and contribute, with solidarity as their driving force. Vir'Volt also aims to become fully eco-friendly and sustainable: yurts and teepees as rooms, permaculture farming and gardening, water saving projects, reducing, and reusing waste. This small village will become great without sacrificing or damaging the surrounding environment whilst always searching better and more eco-friendly ways of living.

**Work:** During this workcamp, you will participate in the construction of a pedagogical and informative path in the Vir'Volt Forest! A walking path goes through our ecological village, often used by children and inhabitants. We want to offer the opportunity for those who come through our village to learn more about local nature, environment and biodiversity in general! You will build all the wooden structures, frames, boxes, and all other ideas that comes from the group for the pedagogical path! You will also imagine, choose, and realize the content of the different spots, in different languages! (knowledge about local plants and animals, knowledge about biodiversity in general, ecopractices, the path will be what you make of it!)

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in individual and collective tents (tents, tepees) on the campsite of the association. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. The campsite has separate bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns.

**Location:** La Ferté Alais is approximately 50km south of Paris.

**Leisure activities:** You will have the chance to enjoy the association's campsite and to discover the cultural and natural heritage of the region which is part of a natural park. You will also help to organise some activities in order to meet and socialise with local young people. Other leisure activities will be organised collectively, depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget. One day in Paris is scheduled.

This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should do so before arriving or after the dates of the summer camp.



**Closest train station:** La Ferté Alais RER station (high-speed train service linking Paris to the suburbs). Line D, accessible via the stations Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon.

**Closest airports:** Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

### **SJ35 TRAVEL IN THE MIDDLE AGES 22/07-11/08 CULT 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Come and help to transform a full village in a medieval fair ! Every year, for 24 years, this festival attracts more than 30.000 visitors. Souvigny is hosting international workcamps to support the organisation of the event and share medieval traditions. For 9 days, artists and bands perform in outdoor stages: theatre, music, juggling, fire show, old jobs demo, etc. During this event, you will cooperate with the team of local volunteers to build the installations, take turn in cooking, holding a stand and everything necessary for the fair to happen smoothly.

**Work:** Work will be technical, physical and will require organizational skills. First week aims mainly to build the temporary shops (wooden structure), tents and barnums, then clean everything after the 9 days fair. During the event, you will guide the visitors, work on the information panels, the circulation plan and support with the logistics (cooking cleaning, etc.), hold the bar and the food shop, etc. Be careful: work can be very physical on the first and last week of the projects (long hours, heavy loads, etc.)

**Accommodation and food:** You will stay in a collective dorm in a municipal building next to the place of the workcamp. Food is provided and you will prepare the meals in team with the other volunteers in an indoor kitchen. Lunch will be taken with the local volunteers of the festival. Don't forget to bring your favourite recipes!

**Leisure activities:** Leisure time is organised collectively. During the second weekend you will work and enjoy the activities of the fair, so you can discover the area mainly on the last week. The main leisure will be right next to you, as you can participate for free on the concerts, workshops and multiple shows and parties organized during the festival.

**Closest train station:** We will meet at Moulins-sur-Allier train station at 2 PM.

**Closest airports:** Paris or Lyon. From Paris, there are direct trains to Moulins-sur-Allier (3 hour-trip). From Lyon, it will take you around 2h10 by direct train.

**SDG:** n°5 gender equality; n°8 decent work and economic growth

### **SJ40 EUROCHESTRIES MUSIC FESTIVAL 26/07-14/08 CULT 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Eurochestries is a travelling classical music festival. For many years the festival has welcomed international musicians. The two main objectives of this event are to bring together young people from different countries aged 15 to 25 through music and to make classical music accessible to all.

It's an artistic event of contemporary, source of development and dynamism, which contributes to the cultural development of this region. The international workcamp, at the heart of the festival, brings a rich intercultural dimension in artistic and intergenerational exchanges.

**Work:** You will participate in the organisation of the local life, notably through your participation in the organisation of the festivities. You will then take part in the organisation of concerts, as well as in community life. You will be in charge of loading the instruments and setting up the stages with a supervisor. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be welcomed at the Maison des Bateleurs where you will sleep

in tents from 26 to 27 July and from 12 to 14 August. From 28 July to 12 August, you will sleep in the boarding school of the Lycée de Pons.

At the Maison des Bateleurs, meals are prepared in turn by the volunteers. At the boarding school, breakfasts will be taken together with the volunteers and musicians. Lunches will be prepared by the boarding school cook and dinners will be self-catered.

**Location:** Pons (17800), between Saintes and Jonzac, 100km from Bordeaux and 90km from La Rochelle.

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of some pretty little villages in the Charente, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. Visits in the region will be organised collectively according to your wishes, for example the château des énigmes, the domaine de birius etc. You will be able to discover towns in the area such as Cognac, Saintes or perhaps La Rochelle! You will be able to meet the inhabitants thanks to the leisure time and the local activities.

**Closest train station:** Pons (17800). Meeting point between 4pm and 6pm. The facilitators will provide a shuttle service between the station and the accommodation.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

## **SJ42 ON THE WAY TO MEETINGS 29/07-19/08 RENO/SOCI 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Beyond community renovation work, this project aims at promoting exchanges between locals and international volunteers in this small village where the inhabitants have been eagerly waiting for the arrival of a workcamp like this one for many years. This includes discovering new and different ways of thinking and acting, sharing skills, investing oneself to develop an area and taking part in the collective life: there will be many possibilities to promote solidarity! Each workcamp offers unique experiences, so come to Dampvalley-lès-Colombe and make your own!

**Work:** Lying on the edge of a forest, the site of la Madone attracts many hikers and draws their curiosity. A dozen stone constructions surrounds a tall statue of about 10m. To bring new life to the place you will renovate a part of the surrounding wall of a burial mound for about 6 hours per day. You will learn techniques of traditional masonry (wall-building) and work with a lime mortar. You will evolve as a team with the help of two animators, and share tasks associated with collective life such as, cooking, cleaning, after work activities etc.

**Accommodation and food:** You will live in a municipal centre set aside for your group and the soccer pitch will also be at your disposal. The place is equipped with a kitchen and field beds will be provided for you. Please bring your own blanket or sleeping bag and pillow. Showers can be taken at the locals' homes. To get to the work site you will need to walk around 15 minutes through the forest. For other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help.

With the support of the campleaders, you will make the menu and prepare in turn the meals every day. There will be the possibility to eat vegetarian or vegan and plan accordingly, if necessary. You will often share meals with the inhabitants giving you the opportunity to discover the local gastronomy and to share precious moments together.

**Location:** The commune of Dampvalley-lès-Colombe is situated 10 km from Vesoul (70000) in the department of "Haute-Saône".

**Leisure activities:** Your group will initiate and organize the free time activities during the afternoons or the weekends. The ideal programme will account for the wishes of everyone, the local possibilities (museum, Oricourt castle, summer concerts, hikes, etc) and financial side of things.

You can also rely on the support of the inhabitants to organize exchange moments and they will be delighted to take part with you or to give advice on how to discover the local environment and enjoy your stay in the best way.

**Special requirements:** There are absolutely no requirements in terms of linguistic or technical abilities. Simply a base level of physical fitness is necessary, as you will need to walk to the work site every day for around 15 minutes and carry stones to build the wall.

**Travel information:** The closest train station is in the city Vesoul (70000). You will meet the leaders there at the end of the afternoon between 16 and 18 o'clock. On the last day, the departure from the village will be around 10 o'clock.

In case you arrive by plane the most practical airports are Basel or Orly and Charles de Gaulle in Paris. After that you would need to make it to the train station of Vesoul yourself to meet up with the others.

**SDG:** Goal N°11: "sustainable cities and communities"

#### **SJ45 OLERON ISLAND 2 31/07-13/08 CONS 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** The commune of Grand-Village-Plage is a charming seaside resort in the south-west of the island of Oléron, on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean and a long-standing partner of the association (since 1996). For several years now, the inter-commune and the commune of Grand-Village have been working to promote the habitat and way of life of Oleron from the 19th century to the present day. This project is based on the traditional eco-peasant house of Oleron, which is a wonderful illustration of the daily life of the islanders at the end of the 19th century. It is with a view to restoring this "eco-peasant" house in Oleron, which is intended to become a place of visit and experimentation, that the community of communes of the island of Oleron wished to set up a work camp for young volunteers.

**Work:** Supervised by a technical advisor specialising in traditional masonry, you will have to renovate and assemble the dry stone walls that surround and delimit the spaces of this traditional peasant house. You will learn several techniques of traditional masonry and stone cutting, such as the construction of dry stone walls. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Camping, in a two-person tent with all the facilities of the site (showers, toilets, kitchen, etc). You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. You will be provided with bicycles to go to the site and to ride around the island. There will also be a vehicle at your disposal to discover the beautiful areas of the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you will have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the camp). You will prepare the meals, in turn, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan will be prepared).

**Location:** In the middle of the sea, 35 km from Rochefort-sur-Mer, Charente Maritime.

**Leisure activities:** On the island of Oleron, you can enjoy many water activities, such as fishing and surfing with the local clubs, the beach, seaside bike rides, beach-volleys... You can also visit cities such as La Rochelle and Rochefort. Activities and outings will be organised with the local population and in particular with the young people of the Grand Village youth centre. You will be able to take advantage of these activities to meet the inhabitants who are impatiently waiting for you!

**Closest train station:** Rochefort (17300)

**Closest airport :** La Rochelle

**Meeting point:** Rochefort station between 4pm and 6pm. The animators will shuttle you from the station to the accommodation.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

#### **SJ48 IMMERSION AT THE ROCHARD'S LODGE 04/08-22/08 RENO/CONS 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** At the bottom of a valley, between sky and forest, the Rochard lodge is a real « end of the world ». In this natural setting at 70 km from the Atlantic Ocean between Nantes and Bordeaux, an old farm has been transformed into a rustic lodge by an association which welcomes groups of children, hikers, and campers under a yurt. The Rochard lodge, an international centre, has welcomed over 70 different nationalities. This place, in the middle of nature, encourages respect for the environment and a sustainable development approach.

**Work:** This year, you will continue the restoration of the lodge through masonry, carpentry, (making small equipment) and landscaping. You will be taught traditional masonry, painting, and woodworking techniques. These activities will be carried out under the guidance of the association's experienced volunteer technical supervisors. You will work around 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Collective, in a yurt or in tents, in the lodge's meadow! Food will be provided, and meals will be prepared in the newly refurbished kitchen by you in turn, as a team.

**Location:** Béceleuf (79160), 20 km north of Niort, 80 km from La Rochelle.

**Leisure activities:** Excursions in the region and activities with local people will be organised in order to experience a time of intercultural exchange. You will have the opportunity to visit the Marais Poitevin and art exhibitions, to go to concerts, festivals, the swimming pool, the museum, but also to go to the ocean, La Rochelle, Poitiers, Niort, etc.

**Closest train station:** Niort (79000). Meeting point between 4pm and 6pm. The camp leaders will drive you to the accommodation.

**Closest airports:** Bordeaux-Mérignac or Paris

**SDG:** n°16. Peace, justice and strong institutions.

#### **SJ54 URBAN PLANNING IN ORPIERRE 09/08-30/08 RENO/CONS 12 vols 18 +**

**Project:** Come and have fun in the village of Orpierre, known worldwide for its climbing site. This year, the town hall of Orpierre, the association *Les Villages des Jeunes* and the Parc Baronnies Regional Park wish to continue the campaign to preserve and enhance the ancient built heritage of the village. For summer 2023, the town hall would like us to rehabilitate a low dry stone wall in a pedestrian alley in the old village.

**Work:** You will start by clearing the site to allow a better view and thus free the stones of the low wall to rebuild it according to the dry-stone construction technique (without mortar) by showing creativity to make the place as pleasant as possible. We will work around 30 hours per week. Evenings and weekends are free for activities that you will choose and organise together.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents at the campsite Les Catoyes in the town of Sainte Colombe, 4km from the work camp (the journeys between the site and the campsite will be made by minibus). You will take part in turn in the different missions of daily life according to a planning that you will define with the animation team. These missions are to make sure that the camp is clean, to elaborate the menus, to do the shopping (local products are preferred), to prepare the meals for the group (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), to



organise the leisure activities and outings. Lunches will be cold because it will be taken on the site. Bring a mattress, a good sleeping bag (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted according to your needs.

**Location:** The village of Orpierre (05700) is located in the south of the Hautes-Alpes department, 14km west of Laragne Montéglin.

**Leisure activities:** You will will enjoy the natural environment of Orpierre and in particular of its 500 climbing routes which allow all beginners as well as experienced climbers to enjoy themselves. You will be able to take advantage of the numerous bathing places very easily accessible, like the gorges of the Méouge or Riou. You will have the leisure to hike in the surrounding massifs and to initiate you to many mountain sports (via ferrata, climbing, etc.). As a group, you will decide on the activities and discovery outings you wish to set up.

**Closest train station:** You can arrive by train from Grenoble or Marseille directly at the Laragne-Montéglin station. Carpooling is also possible to Laragne because the city is on the road between Grenoble and Marseille. The meeting times at the Laragne train station will be communicated to you on the route map (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon

**SDG:** n°12 Responsible consumption

## **SJ55 THE HAMLET OF ECHOISY 10/08-24/08 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** The Échoisy estate is inhabited by a thousand years of history. It is built on a rocky dome on the banks of the Charente, This estate now houses intermingled buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries. For a year now, a group of citizens has been trying to save this place. By settling on this estate, which remained unoccupied for 20 years, they have undertaken a huge work of reconstruction. This summer, they propose to work on saving a large central barn where the cognac barrels were stored, which will eventually become the hamlet's collective restaurant

**Work:** Supervised by two technical advisors specialising in masonry, you will work on the restoration of a large barn on the Echoisy estate. Initially, you will have to de-segregate the building. Then you will have to carry out masonry and stone cutting using traditional techniques which will allow you to familiarise yourself with these techniques. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in tents for 2 people, with all facilities (sanitary facilities, kitchens, common room etc.) You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. Bicycles are available. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The members of the community and you will prepare the meals (hot and cold food as well as vegetarian and vegan food will be prepared).

**Location:** Le domaine d'Echoisy (Town: Cellettes), Charente, 89 km from Poitiers.

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of some pretty little villages in the Charente, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. Visits to the region will be organised collectively according to your wishes, for example the Jean-Pierre Lanson floral park or the Bayers castle. You will be able to discover towns in the area such as Tusson, Verteuil (both classified as villages and towns of character) etc. Leisure time and local activities will encourage you to meet the inhabitants!

**Closest train station:** Angoulême, 86000

**Closest airport:** Poitiers

**Meeting point:** Angoulême station between 4 and 6 p.m. All the information on how to get there will

be in the project roadmap.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

### **SJ56 FIGHT AGAINST THERMAL BRIDGES 10/08-25/08 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** In the 1990s, the association *Les Villages des Jeunes* acquired a house in the centre of Veynes. The small town of Veynes is not lacking in heritage interest, as it is said to have been on "the route taken by Julius Caesar on his way to Gaul". This house on three levels is the address of the association's head office and also the location of its former offices from which the people in charge of the overall management and administration and other outsourced functions of the host sites worked. This house has undergone many changes over the years. Today, there is talk of renting out these spaces, including a flat on the first floor.

**Work:** The house in has two floors and another building adjoining it, "la Ruine" (accessible via an alleyway at the back, which is in a state of ruin). The work consists of insulating the floor of the top floor to compensate for energy loss and clearing the ruin before considering work for the next few years. You will participate in the first phase of a renovation project and learn the basics of home insulation. A specialised technical supervisor will be at your side to provide you with advice and techniques. You will work approximately 30 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents that we will provide for you. You will have access to sanitary facilities and a communal area to make and take your meals. You will take turns to cook, so that we can try different specialities! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organisation of menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a good sleeping bag (nights can be chilly) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** Veynes is a French commune located in the Hautes-Alpes department, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. The town of Veynes is located in the middle of the Petit Buëch valley, which separates the Dévoluy from the Céüse, Aujour and Saint-Genis massifs which extend it to the south.

**Leisure activities:** With the animation team, you will be able to discover this beautiful region during hikes, swimming trips and/or relaxation in lakes or gorges. You will also be able to discover the architectural heritage, with many villages dating back to medieval times. During the evenings, games, barbecues, meetings with the locals, international meals or just relaxing will be possible. It is up to you to choose your programme. You will be able to take advantage of the farmers' and producers' markets, of the festive evenings organised in the surrounding villages (depending on the programme). As a group, you will decide on the activities and discovery outings you wish to organise.

**Closest train station:** Veynes-Dévoluy. This is the first year that we will be able to welcome you to our new office in the Buffet de la gare building! The meeting times at the arrival station will be communicated to you on the infosheet (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

**SDG:** n°12 Responsible consumption

### **SJ60 THE CHARENTAIS WASHHOUSE RENO/CONS/ENVI 01/09-16/09 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Every year, the town of Montendre works on the restoration of its heritage and contributes to the valorisation of intercultural exchange with the hosting of volunteers and international work camps. Montendre hosts one of the international centres of Solidarités

Jeunesses: la Maison des Bateleurs. In order to conserve and valorise its historical heritage identity, each year, for ten years now, the town organises an international workcamp. This year, the city hall wishes to shine and give another breath of life to one of its wash house.

**Work:** You will intervene on the restauration of the washhouse accompanied by two technical leaders. The objective will be to realise traditional masonry work, to disjoint, dig up and re-join the stonework with mortar and cement. You will also do coverage work to rebuild the roof which is in very bad condition and to do some finishing on the interior of the space.

**Accommodation:** In collective dormitories (8 places), at the Bateleurs International Reception House, in Montendre. You would have at your disposal a vehicle for transport to the site and also to discover the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you have a budget which camp-leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the workcamp). You will prepare the meals in turn, especially for lunch and dinner while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of everyone (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarians and vegans will be prepared).

**Location:** Montendre, Charente Maritime, 65 km from Bordeaux.

**Leisure activities:** Between some nice villages in south Saintonge, you will enjoy the local heritage. Aside from work, you will take part in summer activities: music events, night events and local markets to taste local products. City tours, like Angoulême or Bordeaux and beach days can be organised. Cognac and St Emilion, two traditional towns of wine, are very close!

**Closest train station:** Montendre (17 130)

**Closest airport :** Bordeaux-Merignac

**Meeting Point:** Montendre train station between 4 pm and 6 pm. Workcamp leaders will do round trip shuttles from the station to the accommodation place.

**SDG:** n°13 Climate action; n°15 Life on land

## **SJ61 A NEW ROOF FOR LES MERVEILLES 03/09-16/09 RENO 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** Neige et Merveilles is a protected site with a wealth of natural, archaeological, mining, and cultural treasures. This site, which has survived an extensive period of mining, has been home to the Neige et Merveilles association for the past sixty years. Today, it is a place where families, groups, hikers can meet up and enjoy this site located in the Mercantour National Park at an altitude of 1,500m.

You will participate in the complete renovation of the roof of a building and the improvement of the facility's energy performance (roof insulation, double glazed windows). This workcamp, open to all, is a multi-purpose hall reserved for conferences, evening festivities and activities. There is also a large library there. It is the third and final year of work dedicated to this renovation.

**Work:** You will be replacing the existing roof (larch wood boards, wood wool insulation, steel decking and snow-stoppers). The surface area is 70m<sup>2</sup>. You will work 4 days a week, from 8.30 am to midday and from 2 pm to 5 pm. You will be supervised by a technical coordinator. This operation started two years ago and is the third and final session of this renovation project.

**Accommodation and food:** Your accommodation will be in rooms of 4 to 6 people with bathroom facilities. Food is included in the workcamp budget and meals are prepared in turn by the team of

volunteers with the help of the daily life coordinator. It is possible to request vegetarian meals. You will help to tidy up the dining room and the kitchen.

**Location:** Tende is 2 hours from Nice (by train). The site is isolated in the mountains (altitude of 1,500m), 10km from the village of Tende and 50km from Ventimiglia (Italy).

**Leisure activities:** In addition to weekends, one day in the middle of each week will be devoted to visits and activities. You will discover the mountain environment (fauna, flora, hiking around the archaeological site of the Vallée des Merveilles in the Mercantour National Park) and the historic and cultural heritage of the region (visit of the medieval villages in the Roya valley). You will also be able to enjoy sports activities (treetop adventure course, via ferrata).

**Special requirements:** You will work on the roof. Attention to those who suffer from vertigo!

**Travel information:** The meeting point is the train station of TENDE (06430) at about 5pm on Sunday. From Nice-Côte d'Azur airport, a tram will take you to Nice-Ville railway station where a train (TER) will take you directly to Tende. We will welcome you in front of the station.

## **SJ62 FORT VAUBAN 06/09-20/09 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Located at the mouth of the Charente, the Fouras peninsula is home to 3 ports and 5 beaches on the Atlantic coast. In an idyllic setting with a view of Fort Boyard, the project will consist of the renovation of the Vauban fort, also known as the Semaphore fort, which is in fact the medieval fortified castle of Fouras. It protected the town from a possible invasion from an enemy landing by the ocean. It is surrounded by 17th century fortifications: platforms, curtain walls and a massive tower. This workcamp is in line with the partnership with the municipality of Fouras and its desire to continue local development actions (also the renovation workcamp on the Fort de l'Aiguille), through the intercultural dynamic allowed by the volunteers.

**Work:** You will work on the restoration of a part of the Vauban Fort, namely the facade of the northern front. Accompanied by a specialised technical supervisor, you will initially be responsible for removing the vegetation from the facade, then for disjoints and repointing with lime mortar. Other traditional masonry work and stonemasonry are planned, which will enable you to familiarise yourself with these techniques. You will work between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Collective under tent at the campsite\*\*\* of Fouras (swimming pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack bar...). You must bring your own warm sleeping bag and a pillow. Bicycles will be available for you to use to get around the town. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you will have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the camp). You will prepare the meals in turn, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of everyone (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan will be prepared).

**Location:** Fouras-les-Bains (17450), Charente-Maritime, 20 km from La Rochelle.

**Leisure activities:** You can enjoy many activities such as the European Heritage Days, fishing and sailing with the local clubs, the beach, seaside bike rides, beach volleyball... You can also visit cities such as La Rochelle and Rochefort. Leisure time and local entertainment will encourage you to meet the locals who are eagerly awaiting you!

**Closest train station:** Rochefort train station.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Travel information:** From Bordeaux airport, you will take a shuttle to Bordeaux train station and go to Rochefort. From Rochefort, please take the G line bus to go to Fouras-La Fumée. You will be able

to walk from there to the campsite. We will wait for you at the camping Le Cadoret in Fouras at 6pm.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

### **SJ64 WITCHES' CLAWS 19/09-06/10 ENVI 12 vols 18+**

**Project:** This international workcamp is organised in partnership with the *Syndicat Mixte Rivage* and the commune of Le Barcarès, on the edge of the Etang de Salses Leucate, in a protected wetland area renowned for its varied biodiversity. This year's workcamp will aim, in addition to removing invasive species (witches' claw, yucca, prickly pear, agave, etc.), to participate in setting up measures for the protection and enhancement of the existing biodiversity on the site (e.g. development of a path). As the work is linked to the weather conditions, the tasks are generally defined at the beginning of the workcamp.

**Work:** This workcamp will allow you to carry out several activities: opening up the environment (cutting down trees), delimiting the protected area from the area frequented by kitesurfers for example (placing wooden barriers), removing invasive species to allow endemic species (flora or fauna) to be able to reproduce. The aim of the work camp is to preserve the surroundings of the pond, whether by managing the number of visitors or by managing the vegetation. You will work 25 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in a lodge provided by the town hall, a few minutes from the Mediterranean Sea. This place includes dormitories, sanitary facilities and a kitchen. Meals will be provided and prepared in turn by the participants.

**Location:** Between the Mediterranean Sea and the Salses Leucate Lake, near Perpignan and the Pyrenees.

**Leisure activities:** As the workcamp will be held in a protected area, the majority of leisure activities will consist of discovering the surrounding nature (fauna and flora), but also the discovery of the culinary heritage. Transport will also be provided to organise discovery outings and leisure activities.

**Closest train station:** Leucate La Franqui station. We will meet you there between 4pm and 6pm.

**Closest airports:** Montpellier city airport for Europe. Marseille city airport for international flights. Trains departing from Montpellier and Marseille will take you to Leucate La Franqui via Narbonne.

**SDG:** n°12. Responsible production and consumption; n°14. and n°15. Protection of fauna and flora (aquatic and terrestrial).

### **SJ65 LET'S BRING THE BARN BACK TO LIFE 22/09-06/10 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** In the forest in the south of the Charente-Maritime, there is a pretty timber-framed barn with cob walls. Local materials such as wood, clay, lime, rushes and straw are used because of the availability of local resources, such as clay-limestone soils, rivers, meadows and oak and chestnut forests. These elements will become places for exhibitions, meetings and entertainment.

**Work:** You will work on the restoration of a part of the barn. Accompanied by a specialised technical supervisor, you will initially carry out the renovation by laying cob or adobe (a mixture of clay, straw or rush and sand). Then you will use other traditional masonry work, which will allow you to familiarise yourself with these techniques. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** In collective dormitories, at the Bateleurs international hostel, in Montendre, where you will have all the facilities at your disposal. You will have a vehicle at your disposal to get to the site and also to explore the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch



and dinner (you have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the camp). You will prepare the meals in turn, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan will be prepared). For the first week you will eat lunch at the Maison des Bateleurs, the second and third week you will eat lunch with the festival team (there will be a caterer on site with different menus to satisfy your appetite either vegetarian, vegan or other).

**Location:** Montlieu-la-Garde (17210), Charente-Maritime, 150 km from La Rochelle and 60 km from Bordeaux.

**Leisure activities:** At the crossroads of several charming little villages in the south of Saintonge, you can take full advantage of the local heritage. You will be able to take part in summer activities such as night markets and visits to producers and tasting of their local products. Outings to the city, Bordeaux or Angoulême and a day at the ocean can be organised. Cognac and St-Emilion, two of France's most famous vineyard towns, are also nearby!

**Closest train station:** Montendre (17130)

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Meeting point:** Montendre station between 4pm and 6pm. The organizers will provide a shuttle service between the station and the accommodation.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

## **SJ69 SAINT-GÉNIS' CHAPEL 18/08-01/09 RENO 10 vols 18+**

**Project:** Saint-Genis-de-Saintonge is situated in the south-west of France, in the heart of the Charente countryside, close to the forest of La Lande and a short distance from the Gironde estuary. This municipality is a historical partner of the association, with whom we carried out the first workcamps on the Charente-Maritime territory in 1996. After ten years of stopping projects in this area, the municipality wanted to rediscover the intercultural dynamics of the workcamps in 2019, and in particular to renovate a chapel in the cemetery.

**Work:** Supervised by two technical advisors specialised in masonry, you will work on the restoration of an abandoned chapel in the cemetery of Saint-Genis-De-Saintonge. Firstly, you will have to dismantle the damaged part of the chapel, which is in a very bad state. Then, you will have to recover the reusable stones and to reassemble the wall using traditional stone-cutting techniques, laying and pointing. You will work an average of 5 hours per day, in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in tents for 2 people, with all the facilities of the gymnasium (toilets, kitchen, etc.) You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. Bicycles will be available for your use. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Meals will be prepared, in turn, by you, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes will be prepared).

**Situation :** Saint-Genis-De-Saintonge (17240), 80km de Bordeaux, Charente-Maritime.

**Leisure activities:** The aim will be to exchange your cultural wealth with the inhabitants and associations of Saint-Genis-De-Saintonge. Visits to the region will be organised collectively according to your wishes (visits, ocean, museums, etc.). You will be able to discover towns in the area such as St Emilion, Bordeaux, La Rochelle, etc. Leisure time and local activities will encourage you to meet the inhabitants!

**Closest train station:** Jonzac (17500)

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux

**Meeting point:** Jonzac station between 4pm and 6pm. The campleaders will shuttle between the station and the accommodation.

**SDG:** 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

## **ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS**

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### **SJ/ESC01 ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL 07/05-22/05 RENO/CONS 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** Since 2002, the association Citrus has been organizing international workcamps in the Tarn-et-Garonne region. Each year, dozens of volunteers from all over the world take part in a technical workcamp of public interest, in the heart of a village.

This year, you will participate in a workcamp in the small village of Genebrières, where you will actively participate in the organisation of the village fair, on May 20th.

**Work:** You will be involved in the renovation of the exterior wall of the village church: removing the plaster to reveal the typical local brickwork, replacing missing bricks and renovating the joints. You will work every morning from Monday to Friday, between five and six hours a day, together with the municipal employees of the village.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in a collective room with mattresses on the floor, two minutes' walk from the work site. You will have access to the village hall, facing your living quarters, and notably to the kitchen. There will be no free access to a washing machine.

Every day, a team of volunteers will cook meals for the whole group, according to menus that you will have chosen collectively. Special attention will be brought to seasonal and local food. Arrangements for special diets can be made with the group leaders.

**Location:** Genebrières, 20 minutes from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the heart of the Tarn-et-Garonne, you can take advantage of the possibilities of the region: swimming in the Aveyron, visiting medieval villages (Bruniquel, Penne, ...), hiking, discovering the city of Montauban, whose bricks glow in the evening light. Accompanied by two campleaders, you will meet the inhabitants in order to share this experience with them, in particular the organisation of the village fair, on May 20th, in which you will participate.

**Closest train station:** Montauban Ville-Bourbon (82000).

**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac (31000)

**Travel information:** From Toulouse-Blagnac airport, you will have to take a shuttle to Toulouse-Matabiau train station and then a 30-minute train to Montauban. The campleaders will meet you around 6pm in Montauban train station.

### **SJ/ESC09 A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE 10/06-25/06 RENO/CONS 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** On the edge of the Bonant valley and the gorges of Aveyron lies the village of Milhars, an ancient medieval town with stone lanes leading to its castle. With its traditional architectural heritage, the village welcomes many cyclists and hikers. It is home to many cultural and social associations: theatre, community café, etc. You will have the opportunity to mingle with the local population by taking part in the many summer varieties that take place in the area: night markets, patronal celebrations, festivals, etc.

**Work:** You will participate in the renovation and valorisation of the medieval village: renovation of staircases, weeding and development of planted terraces, cleaning and renovation of stone walls and of the Milhars washhouse. You will be supervised by local craftsmen.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in tents of three to five people, with mattresses, next to the community hall which will be your living space. There will be no washing machine or wifi on site. Showers will be taken in the inhabitant's home, in small groups of two to three people per house each day. You will prepare meals collectively, in self-management within the group. Particular attention will be paid to a balanced diet and to local and seasonal products.

**Location:** Milhars, about 60km from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the heart of the gorges of the Aveyron, you will be able to take advantage of the possibilities offered by the Tarn-et-Garonne: swimming in the Aveyron, visiting the surrounding medieval villages (Cordes-Sur-Ciel, Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val), hiking in the Bonant valley, etc. Accompanied by two campleaders, you will have the opportunity to meet the inhabitants and discover Occitania through their eyes. In the evenings and at weekends, you will discover the territory, or let your imagination run wild and organise a barbecue, a karaoke night, a folk ball, open to the population. Finally, you can organise a large international meal open to all, in order to share with the inhabitants and visitors some of your cultural specialities.

**Closest train station:** Lexos (commune of Varen, 82330)

**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac (31000)

**Travel information:** From Toulouse-Blagnac airport, you will have to take a shuttle to Toulouse-Matabiau train station and then a direct train to Lexos. The campleaders will meet you around 6pm at Lexos train station.

## **SJ/ESC13 THE ECO VILLAGE 1 29/06-12/07 CONS/FEST 20 vols 18+**

**Project:** Vir'Volt stands for InteRnational VolunTeer Village (Village InteRnational de VolonTaires in French). For the last 3 years, the organisation has been located right in the middle of nature, near a regional park. Hosting youth from all around the world, learning how to understand and to learn from our differences. To plan and act together to protect the environment. To create a positive impact on the surrounding environment and the people living there or those who are simply passing by. Here lie our goals for this future village, which each year, is built thanks to youths who come and contribute, with solidarity as their driving force. Vir'Volt also aims to become fully eco-friendly and sustainable which is also reflected in our campsite; yurts and tepees as rooms, permaculture farming and gardening, water saving projects, reducing, and reusing waste. This small village will become great without sacrificing or damaging the surrounding environment whilst always searching for better and more eco-friendly ways of living.

**Work:** During this workcamp, you will take part in an important step of the village development: the construction of a new yurt and the Vir'volt Festival!

2 new yurts have been built on-site to be able to host more people in an ecological way! You will take part in the building and the setting up of another one! (Simple woodworking) You will even be able to sleep in it!

For the second year, the village organises its festival! You will have the opportunity to make it possible! By building wooden furniture, ecological decoration, but also organising workshops, the Vir'Volt festival will be what you will make of it!

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in individual and collective non-mixed tents (Canadian tents, tepees) on the campsite of the organisation. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. The campsite has non-mixed bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns.

**Location:** La Ferté-Alais is approximately 50km south of Paris, in the Essonne region.

**Leisure activities:** You will have the chance to enjoy the association's campsite and to discover the cultural and natural heritage of the region which is part of a natural park. You will also help organise some activities in order to meet and socialise with local young people. Other leisure activities will be organised collectively depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget. On day in Paris is scheduled.

**Closest train station:** La Ferté-Alais RER station. Line D of the suburban train (RER), accessible from Paris Gare de Lyon and Gare du Nord.

**Closest airports:** Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

**Remarks:** This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should do so before arriving or after the dates of the summer camp.

**SDG:** 12 + Responsible Consumption & Production / 13 + Measures to fight climate change

### **SJ/ESC14 LET'S RENOVATE THE FORMER HOLIDAY CAMP 1 05/07-20/07 RENO/ENVI 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** The workcamp will take place at the permanent home of the REV, a former holiday camp at an altitude of 1500m. This site is located at the foot of Mont Lozère in the heart of the Cévennes. The REV took over the site last spring and wants it to become a place of hospitality, exchange and meeting. It is ideally situated on the Stevenson trail (GR70). The project therefore aims to develop the exterior so that visitors can find a pleasant place to meet international volunteers, work camp volunteers, etc.

**Work:** You will be involved with the team in the development of the exterior and in part of the restoration of the former holiday camp. In particular, you will be involved in clearing the paths and passages around the building (cleaning, clearing brush and cutting). You will also carry out minor masonry work. You will work 25 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** The workcamp will take place in a particularly isolated area, where you will be accommodated on the REV site in individual tents. Please bring your sleeping bag. You will have access to sanitary facilities near the camp. If the weather conditions are too bad to camp, a shelter will be available a few meters away. Meals will be provided and prepared in turn by the participants.

**Location:** Pont-de-Montvert, very close to the Mont Lozère, in the Cévennes, at an altitude of 1500m.

**Leisure activities:** As the workcamp will be held in a protected area, the majority of leisure activities will consist of discovering the surrounding nature (fauna and flora), but also the discovery of the culinary heritage. Transport will also be provided to organise discovery outings and leisure activities.

**Closest train station:** Génolhac station. We will meet you there between 4pm and 6pm.

**Closest airports:** Montpellier city airport for Europe. Marseille city airport for international flights. Trains departing from Montpellier and Marseille will take you to Génolhac via Nimes.

**SDG:** N°12: Responsible production and consumption

### **SJ/ESC25 LANDSCAPE IN VAUNIÈRES 2 10/07-31/07 CONS/ENVI 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** This year, we want to do some landscaping in Vaunières, a hamlet like no other! In the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association *Les Villages des Jeunes* has been managing, animating, and renovating the Vaunières welcome center since 1964! It is an old mountain hamlet,



which has become a steppingstone place for local youth and adults, but also a place for French and international volunteers. Vaunières is a vacation spot for families, tourists, and groups, who come to enjoy the calm of the mountains and the dynamics of the place.

The workcamps that we organize at Vaunières with volunteers from all over the world allow us to reinforce the cultural diversity of our action and to make this site a place open to the world, where people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet by working together and sharing a collective life.

**Work:** This summer's work will focus on the development of a landscape and the maintenance and restoration of a hiking trail. The mound is located in the centre of the hamlet, a grassy area that is now hindered by masonry structures that are no longer useful. In the aim to reduce the impact of construction on nature, the association wishes to offer more natural spaces to the people it welcomes in the hamlet. You will then participate in the creation of a relaxing space in the middle of the village life for all the people who stay here. The structures are being demolished before the summer in order to be able to offer a work site for both landscaping and furniture. Working on this trail will allow you to discover the natural areas of the Hautes-Alpes, its fauna and flora by rehabilitating the trail (clearing, signposting, etc.) and providing educational support (information panels) along the way. You will thus be able to allow everyone to enjoy this hike again.

A specialized technical supervisor will be at your side to provide you with advice and techniques. You will work approximately 30 hours per week in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in individual tents, which we provide, as well as mattresses, on the camping areas of the hamlet of Vaunières, with access to showers, toilets, and the kitchen. There is no WIFI, but you will meet people from all over the world! You will take turns to cook, so that we can taste several specialties! Here, we are careful about what we eat. In order to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organization of the menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a mattress, a good comforter (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** Le Hameau de Vaunières, 6km from the village St Julien en Beauchêne, is 23km away from the city of Veynes.

Once or twice a week, we organize with our vehicles some grocery shopping outings.

**Leisure activities:** We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we will decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organizes a musical evening with homemade wood fired pizzas.

**Closest train station :** Lus-La-Croix-Haute (26620) and Veynes-Dévoluy. The meeting times at the arrival train station will be communicated to you on the route map (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports :** Marseille or Lyon.

**SDG:** n°4 Quality education / n°12 Responsible consumerism

**SJ/ESC26 TRACING THE STEPS OF THE DUKE OF LESDIGUIERES 10/07-31/07 RENO 11 vols 18-30**

**Project:** Do you want to participate in the protection of a historic site in the heart of idyllic mountain landscapes? Join us and come discover the castle of Lesdiguières and its natural setting at an altitude of 1140 metres!

The Duke of Lesdiguières, the last Constable of France, is a military figure known for his participation in the Wars of Religion and for his involvement in the construction and development of roads,

bridges, and dikes against flooding in the region. This castle was built between 1571 and 1580 and was abandoned after his death. It was looted during the French Revolution. The castle is listed in the supplementary inventory of Historic Monuments in 1978. In 2000, the *Château de Lesdiguières* association was created with the aim of safeguarding the historical, architectural, and cultural memory of the building. Since 2010, the various works that we have been organising on this site are aimed at securing and reinforcing the existing walls, but also at enhancing its value.

**Work:** Since 2018, we have been working on the reinforcement of the masonry of an escarpment wall (defence wall). Over the years, this wall has suffered some damage and its stones are coming loose. With the help of the technical supervisor, we will work with old techniques and materials (such as lime). At certain times, we will work at height, using scaffolding. We will work around 30 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents on the site of the Holy Family colony not far from the work site, located at the entrance to the Valgaudemar valley. We will spend a quiet stay in the campsite in a mountainous and exceptional green setting. We will have access to facilities such as toilets, barbecue, pétanque ground, WIFI. We will set up a large kitchen tent in order to prepare our meals (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets possible). You will cook in turn, so that you can taste several specialties!

Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organization of menus, shopping, activities, etc. The lunch will be cold as it will be taken on the construction site. Bring a mattress, a good sleeping bag (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** The work camp and camp site are located in the village of Glaizil. We are about 15 km from Saint Bonnet en Champsaur and 30 km from Gap. Once or twice a week, we will organize with our vehicles some shopping outings!

**Leisure activities:** In the heart of the Ecrins National Park, between the Valgaudemar, Champsaur and Dévoluy valleys, you will be able to enjoy this exceptional environment! We can discover the pleasures of hiking in the mountains, its rivers and lakes, farmers' and producers' markets, and festive evenings organized in the surrounding villages (depending on the programme). As a group, we will decide which activities and discovery outings we will wish to organize.

**Closest train station:** Gap (05000). We will meet you at the station between 4pm and 6pm.

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

**SDG:** n°4 Quality education / n°12 Responsible consumerism

## **SJ/ESC29 UNDER THE PAVING STONES 15/07- 05/08 RENO 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** The small and active community of Vellexon counts on the international volunteers to transform its area! The inhabitants of this village in the region "Haute-Saône" wait with enthusiasm to welcome their first international workcamp. This includes discovering new and different ways of thinking and acting, sharing skills, investing oneself to develop an area and taking part in the collective life: there will be many possibilities to promote solidarity! Each workcamp offers unique experiences, so come to Vellexon and make your own!

**Work:** The community of Vellexon would like to establish a space for social connections in the heart of their village. To make it possible, it starts this year with the creation of a place that should soon host exchanges focused on solidarity and intergenerational links. To contribute to this development, you will renovate the paving (floor) of the washhouse which is located next to this square, around 6 hours per day. You will learn techniques of traditional masonry (wall-building). You will evolve as a team with the help of two leaders and share collective life tasks such as cooking, cleaning, after work

activities, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** The community will reserve the school buildings for you to stay and sleep in and mattresses will be provided. Please bring your own blanket or sleeping bag and pillow. There is a kitchen at your disposal and showers can be taken at the locals. The worksite is only three minutes away by foot and for other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help.

With the support of the campleaders, you will make the menu and prepare in turn the meals every day. There will be the possibility to eat vegetarian or vegan and plan accordingly, if necessary. You will often share meals with the inhabitants giving you the opportunity to discover the local gastronomy and to share precious moments together.

**Location:** The community of Velleux-Queutrey-et-Vaudey (70130) is located at 25km from Gray (70100), 30km from Vesoul (70000) and 50km from Besançon (25000) in the region "Haute-Saône".

**Leisure activities:** Your group will initiate and organize the free time activities during the afternoons or the weekends. The ideal programme will account for the wishes of everyone, the local possibilities (hikes, local artists, summer concerts, castles, etc) and the financial side of things. You can also rely on the support of the villagers to organize moments of exchange and they will be delighted to take part with you or to give advice on how to discover the local environment and enjoy your stay in the best way.

**Special requirements:** There are absolutely no requirements in terms of linguistic or technical abilities. Just be aware that you need to carry small stones.

**Travel information:** The closest train station is the one in Vesoul (70000). A meeting point and time will be given to make your arrival easier, which is in general at the end of the afternoon between 16 and 18 o'clock. The departure on the last day will be around 10 o'clock. In case you arrive by plane, the most practical airports are the one in Basel or Orly and Charles de Gaulle in Paris. After that you would need to make it to the train station of Vesoul yourself to meet up with the others.

**SDG:** Goal N°11: "sustainable cities and communities"

### **SJ/ESC31 BRING YOUR STONE 16/07-05/08 RENO/ENVI 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** Come and try the castle life in the heart of Auvergne! But no misunderstanding: in this place, we live, we laugh, we share, but above all, we contribute! Take part in a territorial and historical project! Be part of it by helping us to rehabilitate the surrounding wall of the domain! Come to enhance a typical site of "bourbonnaise" agricultural activity and allow our international hosting centre to evolve!

**Work:** In line with previous years, this project will consist of rehabilitating the surrounding walls of the estate by setting the scaffolding, preparing the site: selection of stones and preparation of formwork, by stoning masonry, roofing using small Bourbonnaise tiles and by making a traditional finishing plaster.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be hosted on Le Créneau's camping, in collective tents (5-6 persons per tent) with wooden floor and beds. Wi-fi is not available on site. Food will be provided and prepared in the kitchen of the castle by the participants in groups, with the support of the cooking staff.

**Location:** Montcombroux les Mines (45kms away from Moulins).

**Leisure activities:** Afternoons and weekends are planned collectively with the group leaders. If you want to discover the cities around, Vichy and Moulins are 45 km away. If you'd rather have a nice

walk in the nature, the surroundings are perfect for hiking, landscape seeing, discovering local markets, swim, and enjoy sports activities and games.

**Closest train station:** Let's meet at 5pm at Moulins-sur-Allier train station.

**Closest airports:** Paris or Lyon. From Paris, there are direct trains to Moulins-sur-Allier (3 hour-trip). From Lyon, it will take you around 2h10 by direct train.

**SDG:** n°5 Gender equality, n°11 Cities and sustainable communities

### **SJ/ESC43 AT THE HANGING GARDENS 29/07-19/08 RENO 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** The inhabitants of Faucogney-et-la-mer, a village prized as a “town of character” are waiting with enthusiasm to welcome their first international workcamp. This includes discovering new and different ways of thinking and acting, sharing skills, investing oneself to develop an area and taking part in the collective life: there will be many possibilities to promote solidarity! Each workcamp offers unique experiences, so come to Faucogney-et-la-mer and make your own!

**Work:** The community owns on its grounds a beautiful space with hanging gardens. With the aim of developing permaculture projects, there are some facilities that need to be put in place to ensure public safety. This is why you will renovate a wall of about 10 meters in length for around 6 hours per day. You will learn the techniques of traditional masonry and dry-stone-wall building. You will evolve as a team with the support of two leaders, and share collective life tasks such as cooking, cleaning, after work activities, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** You will stay in a big communal house reserved for your group. Two rooms can serve as the bedrooms where you will sleep on either field beds or mattresses. Please bring your own blanket, sleeping bag, and pillow. The place is equipped with a kitchen, and you will take showers at the locals.

To get to the work site you will take the main road of the village and walk for around 5 minutes. For other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help.

With the support of the campleaders, you will make the menu and prepare in turn the meals every day. There will be the possibility to eat vegetarian or vegan and plan accordingly, if necessary. You will often share meals with the inhabitants giving you the opportunity to discover the local gastronomy and to share precious moments together.

**Location:** The municipalities of Faucogney-et-la-mer (70310) is situated at 45km from Vesoul (70000) and at 20km from Lure (70200) in the region “Haute-Saône”.

**Leisure activities:** Your group will initiate and organize the free time activities during the afternoons or the weekends. The ideal programme will account for the wishes of everyone, the local possibilities (brewery of the village, hikes, night walks, summer concerts, etc) and financial side of things.

You can also rely on the support of the villagers to organize moments of exchange and they will be delighted to take part with you or to give advice on how to discover the local environment and enjoy your stay in the best way.

**Special requirements:** There are absolutely no requirements in terms of linguistic or technical abilities. Simply a base level of physical fitness is necessary, as you will need to walk to the work site every day for around 5 minutes and carry stones to build the wall.

**Travel information:** The most practical train station is the one of Lure (70200). A meeting point and time will be given to make your arrival easier. In general, it's towards the end of the afternoon between 16 and 18 o'clock. On the last day, the departure from the village will be around 10 o'clock. In case you arrive by plane the most practical airports are the one in Basel or Orly and Charles de Gaulle in Paris. After that you would need to make it to the train station of Lure yourself to meet up with the others.

**SDG:** Goal N°11: “sustainable cities and communities”

**SJ/ESC47 BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL AND GREEN VILLAGE 04/08-18/08**  
**RENO/CONS/ENVI 18-30**

**Project:** Vir'Volt stands for InteRnational VolunTeer Village (in French). For 10 years, the organisation has been located right in the middle of nature, near a regional park. Hosting youth from all around the world, learning how to understand and appreciate differences. To plan and act together to protect the environment. To create a positive impact on the surrounding environment and people living there or simply passing by. These are our goals for this future village, which each year, is built thanks to youths who come and contribute, with solidarity as their driving force. Vir'Volt also aims to become fully ecofriendly and sustainable which is reflected in our campsite; yurts and tepees as rooms, permaculture farming and gardening, water saving projects, reducing, and reusing waste. This small village will become a great one without sacrificing or damaging the surrounding environment whilst always searching for better and more ecofriendly ways of living.

**Work:** During this workcamp, you will be in various work projects on-site as well as in the local town alongside local and international volunteers.

Two new yurts have been installed on-site to be able to host more people! You will help in the installation of the yurts, by making furniture! (simple woodworking).

In La Ferté-Alais, the former swimming pool is becoming a dedicated youth space. You will help in the refurbishment of the interior walls (painting and simple masonry).

Inside the campsite, we are creating small areas with many purposes: reading, talking, relaxing, planting flowers... With your involvement, you can leave a meaningful and traceable mark by building furniture using recycled wood pallets (simple woodworking, construction).

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in collective tents (yurts, tepees) on the campsite of the association. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. The campsite has separate bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns.

**Location:** La Ferté Alais is approximately 50km south of Paris.

**Leisure activities:** You will have the chance to enjoy the association's campsite and to discover the cultural and natural heritage of the region which is part of a natural park. You will also help to organise some activities in order to meet and socialise with local young people. Other leisure activities will be organised collectively depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget.

**Note:** This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should do so before arriving or after the dates of the summer camp.

**Closest train station:** La Ferté Alais RER station (Regional Express Network), accessible from Gare du Nord or Gare de Lyon train stations (line D).

**Closest airports:** Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

**SDG:** n°12. Sustainable Production and Consumption n°13. Measures to combat climate change

**SJ/ESC51 IN MY GARDEN 06/08-26/08 ENVI 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** Our team of 15 people from all over the world live collectively on the domain of les Prureaux. We all carry out an ambitious project there: to renovate and maintain its main building which is a centuries-old castle. Come join the adventure! Our environmental pole is made of a farm, a vegetable garden, an orchard, and a garden. We experiment with the principles of permaculture, to make the area a harmonious, productive ecosystem, aiming for autonomy, naturally regenerated and



respectful of nature and all its inhabitants. Two years ago, a group of teenagers provided great work to clean up the garden. It is now time to restore and replace the natural elements that were used for that work, thanks to a new motivated group!

**Work:** Like the whole site, the garden and the vegetable garden are constantly evolving. On the program this year we want to protect and delimit: The garden and the vegetable garden must be protected from external intrusions (fauna, flora, bad weather). You will build barriers and low walls to delimit the space using different materials: dry branches and roots, dry stones, small fruit trees according to ancestral techniques: plessing, braiding, piling, etc.

You will participate in enriching the natural fertilizer via the "lasagna" these are alternating stacks of layers matter, which have a "booster" effect on soil from technique: of organic the crops.

Le Créneau wishes to develop its natural spaces and integrate them into the daily life of its inhabitants: you will repair the garden hut, and make it a place of storage but also of gathering and discussion for school visits, by arranging a space in reused materials: pallets, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be hosted on Le Créneau's camping, in collective tents (5-6 persons per tent) with wooden floor and beds. Wi-fi is not available on site. Food will be provided and prepared by the participants in groups, with the support of the cooking staff.

**Location:** Montcombroux les Mines (45kms away from Moulins).

**Leisure activities:** Afternoons and weekends are planned collectively with the group leaders. If you want to discover the cities around, Vichy and Moulins are 45 kms away. If you'd rather have a nice walk in the nature, the surroundings are perfect for hiking, landscape seeing, discovering local markets, swim, and enjoy sports activities and games.

**Closest train station:** Let's meet at 5pm at Moulins-sur-Allier train station.

**Closest airports:** Paris or Lyon. From Paris, there are direct trains to Moulins-sur-Allier (3 hour-trip). From Lyon, it will take you around 2h10 by direct train.

**SDG:** n°5 equality gender; n°12 responsible consumption and production

## **SJ/ESC63 THE REAL STORY BEHIND ARZELIERS CASTLE 16/09-01/10 RENO 12 vols 18-30**

**Project:** At the gateway to the Provençal Baronnie, the site of Arzeliers stands on a small mountain with a beautiful view over the Durance valley. This ancient, ruined village is the cradle of the commune of Laragne: the remains of a chapel and the ruins of several houses can still be found there. For several years, the commune of Laragne has been working to bring the remains of the Arzeliers castle to life, maintain and develop them. Since 2013, international youth volunteer workcamps have been organised for this purpose with the Les Villages des Jeunes associations. Following these successful experiences, it is proposed to continue the conservation work in 2023.

**Work:** The work in 2022 allowed us to work on the enhancement of the site thanks to the recovery of the plaster that was used as mortar in the walls that had collapsed. This year, we will be able to discover the cycle of this local material. The aim of the work is to make a "peasant plaster" mortar and to restore the walls of a building in order to consolidate them and prevent them from deteriorating further. A specialised technical supervisor will be at your side to give you advice and techniques. You will work approximately 30 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents that we will provide you at the municipal campsite of Laragne-Montéglin. A mobile home will be at your disposal to cook and to have access to sanitary facilities. You will take turns to cook, so that we can taste several specialities! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together:

organisation of menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a good sleeping bag (the nights can be very cold in September) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Situation:** Laragne-Montéglin is a small town in the Hautes-Alpes where all services are within walking distance. One of the most important farmers' markets takes place in the town every Thursday morning. You can find excellent olives and other specialities!

**Leisure activities:** With the animation team, you will be able to discover this beautiful region during hikes, swimming trips and/or relaxation in lakes or gorges. You will also be able to discover the architectural heritage, with many villages dating back to medieval times. During the evenings, games, barbecues, meetings with the locals, international meals or just relaxing will be possible. It is up to you to choose your programme. You will be in the heart of the Parc des Baronnies Provençales to discover the pleasures of hiking in the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers' and producers' markets, the festive evenings organised in the surrounding villages (according to the programme). As a group, you will decide on the activities and discovery outings you wish to organise.

**Closest train station:** Laragne-Montéglin. The meeting times at the arrival train station will be communicated to you on the infosheet (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

**SDG:** n°12 Responsible consumption

## **TEEN WORKCAMPS**

Participation fee is 200€

<b>SJ/TEEN17</b>	<b>HOUSE OF SOLIDARITY 1</b>	<b>08/07- 22/07</b>	<b>RENO/ENVI</b>	<b>15 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>SJ/TEEN34</b>	<b>HOUSE OF SOLIDARITY 2</b>	<b>22/07- 05/08</b>	<b>RENO/ENVI</b>	<b>15 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>SJ/TEEN49</b>	<b>HOUSE OF SOLIDARITY 3</b>	<b>05/08- 19/08</b>	<b>RENO/ENVI</b>	<b>15 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>

**Project:** If you want to live an experience of collective life, learn to cooperate, and discover other ways of living or other views on the world, then come to the *Centre de Beaumotte*, an association based around popular and non-formal education. Here in the countryside, you will share your daily life with youth from around the whole world and with different socioeconomic backgrounds. In our house we like to make our differences a treasure!

**Work:** The *Centre de Beaumotte* is a place of living that welcomes every year people from all around the world. It is a space of learning and experiments where everyone is invited to leave an imprint of their passage. During this workcamp, you will participate in different activities around the house for around 4h each morning. You will learn carpentry techniques to build small wooden furniture, paint rooms or take part in the permaculture garden. You will participate in the daily life tasks, like cooking and cleaning as well.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in big collective tents in the garden which we will put up. You will sleep in bunk beds and will be separated by gender. Bring a warm sleeping bag and a pillow! You will have access to the bathrooms and showers of the house. There is a professional kitchen where you will cook in turn every day, guided by the coordinators. Here at Beaumotte, we eat meat twice a week and fish once. It is not a problem to eat vegetarian or vegan if you wish to do so.

**Location:** The “Association du Centre de Beaumotte” is situated in the village Beaumotte-Aubertans (70190), Rue du Saussoir 1, in the region “Haute-Saône” around 30 minutes from Besançon.

**Leisure activities:** The afternoons and the weekends will be dedicated to group activities which you will initiate and plan together with the animators. Visiting Besançon, discovering the surroundings either on foot or by bike, group sports and games of all kinds are not-to-be-missed activities.

**Special requirements:** There is no technical or linguistic requirement. The campleaders will always be there to translate, so that everyone can understand and participate, and they will guide your group in living great experiences!

**Travel information:** The first day we will wait for you at the center in the late afternoon, between 4 and 6 pm. If you arrive by plane, the most practical airports are Basel or Orly and Charles de Gaulle in Paris. After that you would need to make it to the train station of Besançon TGV yourself. A meeting point will be given at the Besançon TGV station (25870). The departure on the last day will be around 10 am.

**SDG:** Goal N°12: “responsible consumption and production”

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN19 A WALK IN THE GARDEN 1 09/07-23/07 ENVI/CONS 15 vols 15-17**

**Project:** Come and join the great project of Citrus and be a part in the renovation of the future international hosting center of Laguépie. For more than ten years, teenagers, and adults from all around the world have come to build, renovate, imagine, and give shape to this great project. Up the hill of the village of Laguépie, Citrus organization is a place of sharing and gathering, where worldwide volunteers are building, stone after stone and years after years, an international hosting

center. The organization Citrus gathers an office, a refectory, a kitchen, and is surrounded by green fields, a green theater, and a garden. Guided by the workcamp leaders, you will live in the heart of the organization and share the daily life with the whole team of Citrus, and other volunteers hosted here.

**Work:** You will take part to enhance the outside surrounding of Citrus, as more than hundred volunteers did before. The main work will be around the pedagogical garden: small masonry (benches and low walls), creation of shade, building of outside furniture, ... Some "low-tech" technical work could be done in addition to this main task, such as solar dryer or a solar oven. At last, you'll be in charge of the daily care of the garden: watering the plants, harvesting the fruits and vegetables, taking care of the henhouse and its three fabulous ladies.

From Monday to Friday, mornings will be dedicated to technical work (from 8 to 12am).

**Accommodation and food:** You will be sleeping in collective tents with floor and beds, of 6 to 8 persons, boys and girls separated, within the Citrus association. You will have access to solar showers and dry toilets. The organization has a collective kitchen where meals will be prepared. Menus and shopping will be organized collectively, by you and the rest of the group. Each day, you will be in small teams to cook for all the participants. Particular attention will be paid to seasonal foods from local producers.

There will be no access to Wi-Fi connection or to a washing machine during your stay.

Other groups (adults or teenagers) will be hosting in Citrus at the same time: collective life (meals, cleaning, and so on) will be shared all together.

**Location:** at Citrus, near the village of Laguéprie. It is 50km away from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the afternoons and evenings, leave your creativity talks! Those times will be organized all together with the group. You will be able to enjoy swimming in the river nearby, to visit medieval villages, or to go for a ride in kayak! With the help of the campladers, you'll organize events to connect with the local community, such as international dinners.

**Closest train station:** Laguéprie (82 250). A camplader will come to pick you up between 4 and 7pm.

**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac. From Toulouse airport, you can take the shuttle to the train station, and then take a TER train to Laguéprie.

**Participation fee:** 200€

<b>SJ/TEEN20</b>	<b>LANDSCAPE IN VAUNIERES 1</b>	<b>10/07-22/07</b>	<b>CONS/ENVI</b>	<b>12 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>SJ/TEEN37</b>	<b>LANDSCAPE IN VAUNIERES 3</b>	<b>24/07-05/08</b>	<b>CONS/ENVI</b>	<b>12 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>SJ/TEEN52</b>	<b>LANDSCAPE IN VAUNIERES 4</b>	<b>07/08-19/08</b>	<b>CONS/ENVI</b>	<b>12 vols</b>	<b>15-17</b>

**Project:** This year, we want to do some landscaping in Vaunières, a hamlet like no other! In the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association *Les Villages des Jeunes* has been managing, animating, and renovating the Vaunières welcome center since 1964! It is an old mountain hamlet, which has become a steppingstone place for local youth and adults, but also a place for French and international volunteers. Vaunières is a vacation spot for families, tourists, and groups, who come to enjoy the calm of the mountains and the dynamics of the place.

The workcamps that we organize at Vaunières with volunteers from all over the world allow us to reinforce the cultural diversity of our action and to make this site a place open to the world, where people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet by working together and sharing a collective life.

**Work:** This summer's work will focus on the development of a landscape and the maintenance and restoration of a hiking trail.

The mound is located in the centre of the hamlet, a grassy area that is now hindered by masonry structures that are no longer useful. In the aim to reduce the impact of construction on nature, the association wishes to offer more natural spaces to the people it welcomes in the hamlet. You will then participate in the creation of a relaxing space in the middle of the village life for all the people who stay here. The structures are being demolished before the summer in order to be able to offer a work site for both landscaping and furniture.

Around the hamlet, a hiking trail had been opened up around the mountains overlooking the village. Working on this trail will allow you to discover the natural areas of the Hautes-Alpes, its fauna and flora by rehabilitating the trail (clearing, signposting, etc.) and providing educational support (information panels) along the way. You will thus be able to allow everyone to enjoy this hike again. A specialized technical supervisor will be at your side to provide you with advice and techniques. You will work approximately 30 hours per week in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in individual tents, which we provide, as well as mattresses, on the camping areas of the hamlet of Vaunières, with access to showers, toilets, and the kitchen. There is no WIFI but you will meet people from all over the world! You will take turns to cook, so that we can taste several specialties! Here, we are careful about what we eat. In order to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organization of the menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a mattress, a good comforter (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** Le Hameau de Vaunières, 6km from the village St Julien en Beauchêne, is 23km away from the city of Veynes. Once or twice a week, we organize with our vehicles some grocery shopping outings.

**Leisure activities:** We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we will decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organises a musical evening with homemade wood fired pizzas.

**Closest train stations :** Lus-La-Croix-Haute (26620) and Veynes-Dévoluy. The meeting times at the train station will be communicated to you on the route map (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

**SDG:** n°4 Quality education / n°12 Responsible consumerism

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN21 KEEPING FAÏ WARM 1 10/07-24/07 RENO 12 vols 15-17**  
**SJ/TEEN53 KEEPING FAÏ WARM 2 07/08-19/08 RENO 12 vols 15-17**

**Project:** Participating in the ecological insulation of a stone house in the heart of an idyllic mountain landscape. Does it interest you? Join us and come discover the former *Ferme du Faï* and its natural setting at an altitude of about 1000 meters! The association *Les Villages des Jeunes* has managed, organized, and renovated Faï's welcome center since 1990, in partnership with the SIVU of Haute-Maraize. The *Ferme du Faï* is a former agricultural area where the buildings were converted into studios and group accommodations.

From April to December, the association organises a back-to-work project there for residents and welcomes, in the form of internships, young people facing hardships. In the summer, the Faï is also a place of residence for professional artists that come to take advantage of the amazing location to create collectively and contribute to festivals like *La Montagne qui Chante...*The workcamps that we organize at Faï contribute to making this a place of innovation and freedom where working and living

together is possible for young people and adults, people from all countries and all cultures, employees, volunteers, artists, tourists etc., whether that be for a few days or several months.

**Work:** After the insulation of the "Auberg'in" building, the insulation work is taking place on a building called "The Farm". This building hosts the long-term volunteers but also the offices and housing of the permanent employees. For the comfort of the people and for ecological reasons, we want to improve the insulation of this stone house. With the help of the technical supervisor, we will work with eco-construction techniques and materials (such as hemp and lime, wood). We will build a wooden frame on the outside of the house. This framework will be used to contain the insulation, made of a mortar of lime and hemp straw. At certain times, we will work at height, with a scaffolding. The time spent on the site is approximately 30 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated on the Faï farm site on the campgrounds of the *Ferme du Faï* in individual tents and will provide you a mattress as well.

The campgrounds have access to showers, restrooms, and the kitchen. There's no WIFI, but you'll be able to meet people from all over the world! You will cook in turn, so that you will be able to taste a number of different specialties!

Here, we pay attention to what we eat and aim to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and limit eating meat to twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organization of the menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a mattress, a good sleeping bag (the nights can be cold) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

**Location:** The farm of Faï, 3km from the village of Saix (05400), is 15km away from the main city of Veynes. Grocery shopping days once or twice a week will be organized with our vehicles.

**Leisure activities:** We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we will decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organizes a musical evening with homemade woodfired pizzas.

**Closest train station:** Veynes Dévouly (05400) – Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence city, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles. The meeting times at the Veynes train station will be communicated to you on the infosheet (no schedule available at this time).

**Closest airports:** Lyon or Marseille.

**SDG:** n°4 Quality education / n°12 Responsible consumerism

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN22 THE RUINS OF THE ABBEY CASTLE 1 10/07-24/07 ARCH 20 vols 15-17**  
**SJ/TEEN41 THE RUINS OF THE ABBEY CASTLE 2 28/07-11/08 ARCH 20 vols 15-17**  
**SJ/TEEN58 THE RUINS OF THE ABBEY CASTLE 3 14/08-28/08 ARCH 20 vols 15-17**

**Project:** On the outskirts of an imposing abbey or in the revenue room of the castle, you will walk in the footsteps of archaeologists from the beginning of the 20th century while being attentive to all the little witnesses of the past that may have escaped them at the time.

Hidden in the hollow of a green valley, the municipality of Coly St Amand is located in the heart of the Périgord Noir, a territory rich in history composed of two former municipalities that have decided to gather. We will contribute to bringing these former separate territories together. The ruins of the abbey castle in Coly, a testimony to the valley's rich past, preserve beautiful architectural elements (bread oven, vaulted room...) and beautiful secrets remain to be revealed. The abbey of St Amand is proof of the power of the church on this territory throughout the Middle Ages.



**Work:** After several clearing workcamps on the castle, we arrive this year to the historical layers of the ground. For the first year, we will also work around the abbey of St Amand. Managed by an archaeologist, you will work on the revelation of the past centuries. Festivals, night markets, village festivals will be held throughout the summer, and you will work with local volunteers to set them up. You will work in the mornings: there will be physical work of disbursement (shovels, pickaxes, wheelbarrow), careful excavation (trowels, brushes...) and consolidation work, trail maintenance and itinerary creation, clearing and pruning. You will have the opportunity to discover many aspects of manual work.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be hosted at the municipal stadium. You will sleep in tents; mattresses will be provided. A covered dining area with a kitchen is reserved for you, where in turns you can prepare good meals.

**Location:** Coly St Amand is located in Périgord Noir, 10 km from the Lascaux caves, between Périgueux and Brive.

**Leisure activities:** By organizing your program of activities with the other volunteers, the other groups, and the animation team, you will discover the hospitality of the population, the charm of the landscapes and local heritage.

**Closest train station:** Condat-Le Lardin station in the end of the afternoon.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac or Toulouse-Blagnac.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

**Participation fee:** 200€

## **SJ/TEEN23 A COLORFUL CYCLING PATH 10/07-24/07 CONS/ENVI 16 vols 15-17**

**Project:** Vir'Volt stands for InteRnational VolunTeer Village (in French). For 10 years, the organisation is located right in the middle of nature near a regional park. Hosting youth from all around the world, learning how to understand and appreciate differences. Planning and acting together to protect the environment, creating a positive impact on the surrounding environment and people living there or simply passing by. These are our goals for this future village, which each year, is built thanks to the young people who come and contribute with solidarity as their driving force.

Vir'Volt also realizes international workcamps in Paris region, with cities are interested in developing ecological and youth project. This workcamp will take place in Combs La Ville, South of Paris.

**Work:** During this workcamp, you will set up a new cycling path, and realize a long colorful fresco on the cycling path.

It is time for green mobility and bicycles everywhere! The city of Combs-la-Ville wishes to give more space for green means of transportation. With the technical services of the town, you will set up a new cycling path in front of the high school, giving the opportunity to travel safely and without using cars! Then, it will be time to let your imagination run free! With all other participants, you will realize a long colorful fresco on the length of the cycling path in front of the high school. Shapes and colors from your mind... A piece of art will emerge in the cycling path!

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in tents near the gymnasium of the city, along the river. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. The campsite has separate bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns.

**Location:** Combs-la-Ville is approximately 50km south of Paris.

**Leisure activities:** You will have the chance to discover the cultural and natural heritage of the

region. You will also spend a day in Paris, organize some activities in order to meet and socialize with local young people. Other leisure activities will be organized collectively depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget.

This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should do so before arriving or after the dates of the summer camp.

**Closest train station:** Combs la Ville RER station (high-speed train service linking Paris to the suburbs). You will use line D, accessible from Paris Gare du Nord ou Gare de Lyon.

**Closest airports:** Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

**SDG:** n°12. Sustainable production and consumption; n°13. Measures to combat climate change.

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN30 A PARK AND A THEATRE FOR BIODIVERSITY 1 16/07-30/07 ENVI 15 vols 15-17**  
**SJ/TEEN50 A PARK AND A THEATRE FOR BIODIVERSITY 2 06/08-20/08 ENVI 15 vols 15-17**

**Project:** The town of Bergerac invites you to discover the Dordogne at the heart of its international workcamp. Reflecting the multicultural aspect of a project of young volunteers, you will be surprised by the diversity of the actors of this project. The Pombonne park, a high-quality educational environmental centre, is a place very appreciated by Bergeracois (name of the inhabitants of Bergerac) and will be a privileged meeting place between residents and volunteers. A beautiful lake in the park will offer you afternoons by the water in or on the beach.

The La Gargouille theatre will host you on its lands. La Gargouille is looking forward to welcoming you on its place and to make you discover it. The international project is part of this approach to make this association a space of life and exchange for local inhabitants and people from around the world passing through the region.

**Work:** You will be working with the park services, participating in the maintenance and development of green spaces. You will work on the restoration of wooden observatories for the observation of wildlife in the area classified as a nature reserve. Although there will be no workcamp on the theatre site, performances every evening from Friday to Sunday and other local events will give you the opportunity to get involved.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be welcomed at the Gargouille theatre. You will sleep in tents, mattresses are provided. Outdoor showers and toilets will be installed for you. As well as chalets for preparing meals, with a kitchen where you can take turns preparing good dishes.

**Location:** Bergerac, south of the Dordogne.

**Leisure activities:** Swimming, canoeing, site visits, meeting with locals, circus and theatre workshops, etc.

**Closest train station:** Reception at the end of the afternoon at Bergerac station.

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux-Mérignac

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN32 OLERON ISLAND 1 17/07-29/07 CONS 10 vols 15+**

**Project:** The commune of Grand-Village-Plage is a charming seaside resort in the south-west of the island of Oléron, on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean and a long-standing partner of the association (since 1996). For several years now, the inter-commune and the commune of Grand-Village have been working to promote the habitat and way of life of Oléron from the 19th century to the present

day. This project is based on the traditional eco-peasant house of Oleron, which is a wonderful illustration of the daily life of the islanders at the end of the 19th century. It is with a view to restoring this "eco-peasant" house in Oleron, which is intended to become a place of visit and experimentation, that the community of communes of the island of Oleron wished to set up a work camp for young volunteers.

**Work:** Supervised by a technical advisor specialising in traditional masonry, you will have to renovate and assemble the dry-stone walls that surround and delimit the spaces of this traditional peasant house. You will learn several techniques of traditional masonry and stone cutting, such as the construction of dry-stone walls. You will work on average between 5 and 6 hours a day in the morning.

**Accommodation and food:** Camping, in a two-person tent with all the facilities of the site (showers, toilets, kitchen, etc). You must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. You will be provided with bicycles to go to the site and to ride around the island. There will also be a vehicle at your disposal to discover the beautiful areas of the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you will have a food budget which the leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the camp). You will prepare the meals, in turn, especially for lunch and dinner, while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each person (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan will be prepared).

**Location:** In the middle of the sea, 35 km from Rochefort-sur-Mer, Charente Maritime.

**Leisure activities:** On the island of Oleron, you can enjoy many water activities, such as fishing and surfing with the local clubs, the beach, seaside bike rides, beach-volleyballs... You can also visit cities such as La Rochelle and Rochefort. Activities and outings will be organised with the local population and in particular with the young people of the Grand Village youth centre. You will be able to take advantage of these activities to meet the inhabitants who are impatiently waiting for you!

**Closest train station:** Rochefort (17300)

**Closest airport:** Bordeaux

**Meeting point:** Rochefort station between 4pm and 6pm. The animators will shuttle you from the station to the accommodation.

**SDG:** n°11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TEEN39 MOSAÏC&CO 26/07-10/08 RENO/CONS 15 vols 12-14**

**Project:** Come and join the great project of Citrus and be a part in the renovation of the future international hosting center of Laguépie. For more than ten years, teenagers, and adults from all around the world have come to build, renovate, imagine, and give shape to this great project. Up the hill of the village of Laguépie, Citrus organization is a place of sharing and gathering, where worldwide volunteers are building, stone after stone and years after years, an international hosting center. The organization Citrus gathers an office, a refectory, a kitchen, and is surrounded by green fields, a green theater, and a garden. Guided by the workcamp leaders, you will live in the heart of the organization and share the daily life with the whole team of Citrus, and other volunteers hosted here.

**Work:** You will take part to enhance the outside surrounding of Citrus, as more than hundred volunteers did before. On low walls built by former volunteers in 2022, you will have the task to create mosaic patterns. Let your inner Gaudi speak! You will also be in charge of the daily-care of the

garden: watering the plants, harvesting the fruits and vegetables, taking care of the henhouse and its three fabulous ladies.

From Monday to Friday, mornings will be dedicated to technical work (from 8 to 12am).

**Accommodation and food:** You will be sleeping in collective tents with floor and beds, of 6 to 8 persons, boys and girls separated, within the Citrus association. You will have access to solar showers and dry toilets. The organization has a collective kitchen where meals will be prepared. Menus and shopping will be organized collectively, by you and the rest of the group. Each day, you will be in small teams to cook for all the participants. Particular attention will be paid to seasonal foods from local producers.

There will be no access to Wi-Fi connection or to a washing machine during your stay.

Other groups (adults or teenagers) will be hosting in Citrus at the same time: collective life (meals, cleaning, and so on) will be shared all together.

**Location:** at Citrus, near the village of Laguép e. It is 50km away from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the afternoons and evenings, leave your creativity talk! Those times will be organized all together with the group. You will be able to enjoy swimming in the river nearby, to visit medieval villages, or to go for a ride in kayak! With the help of the campleaders, you'll organize events to connect with the local community, such as international dinners.

**Closest train station:** Lagu ep e (82 250). A campleader will come to pick you up between 4 and 7pm.

**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac (31000). From Toulouse airport, you can take the shuttle to the train station, and then take a TER train to Lagu ep e.

**Participation fee:** 200 

## TRILATERAL WORKCAMPS

Those projects are financed by the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ in French) and are reserved for German organizations and for partners that already signed the agreement with SJ.

### **SJ/TRI18 TELL ME ABOUT THE FOREST 09/07-23/07 ENVI 15 vols 15-17**

**Project:** Do you like walking in the forest? In Le Créneau, we also do! In front of our castle, our hosting center has a beautiful, century-old forest estate with unusual flora. The Prureaux forest is not exploited and little by little the paths have disappeared. Help us to reclaim the forest and reopen a walking path by creating two new ways. In order to make our forest a real support for discovery and awareness, you will create a playful and educational path to discover the natural heritage. Last year, a group of 15 teenager already managed to make the first path, come and help us finish the job!

**Work:** Your missions will be to re-open old paths by clearing the paths of fallen trees and branches, by pruning and clearing the surroundings.

You will also create signposting by creating wooden stencils, we will mark the paths with paint so that everyone can find their way around. You will facilitate the pathway by creating small facilities (small steps, bridges and ramps) to help movement and make the pathway safer. You will identify biodiversity with the help of a specialist. This work of identifying the common and remarkable biodiversity of our forest will be a basis for the creation of our environmental education tools (the trail game and the educational trail). You will create a trail game: used by future groups or during nature activities in the forest with schoolchildren and social centers, it will enable them to discover the forest's inhabitants and flora in a playful way (riddles, photo rally, rebus ...) Finally, you will create wooden educational panels for visitors and the local population who come to walk in the wood. This trail will combine the useful with the pleasant by marking the path with information on the natural riches of the forest.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be hosted on Le Créneau's camping, in collective tents (5-6 persons per tent) with wooden floor and beds. Wi-fi is not available on site. Food will be provided and prepared in the kitchen of the castle by the participants in groups, with the support of the cooking staff.

**Location:** Montcombroux les Mines (45kms away from Moulins).

**Leisure activities:** Afternoons and weekends are planned collectively with the group leaders. If you want to discover the cities around, Vichy and Moulins are 45 kms away. If you'd rather have a nice walk in the nature, the surroundings are perfect for hiking, landscape seeing, discovering local markets, swim, and enjoy sports activities and games.

**Closest train station:** Let's meet at 5pm at Moulins-sur-Allier train station.

**Closest airports:** Paris or Lyon. From Paris, there are direct trains to Moulins-sur-Allier (3 hour-trip). From Lyon, it will take you around 2h10 by direct train.

**SDG:** n°5. Gender equality n°12. responsible consumption and production

**Participation fee:** 200€

### **SJ/TRI44 A STAY AT THE FARM RENO/ENVI 30/07-13/08 15 vols 15-17**

**Project:** Our team of 15 people from all over the world lives collectively on the domain of les Prureaux. We all carry out an ambitious project there: to renovate and maintain its main building: a centuries-old castle. Come join the adventure! Some of our team members need your help! Olive,

the donkey, Caramel and choco, the goats and the chick 'team, the chickens, open the doors of their home to you with pleasure! In return, they ask for hugs and a little work!

**Work:** The educational farm they live in needs a little updating! It's up to you to help us to beautify their domain!

You will renovate the rooms: the walls are getting old! A little plaster, a lick of paint and presto! That's it! You will repair fences: Caramel, Olive, Choco and the chick'team are teasing and often escape! It's up to you to help us strengthen the fences so that our animals devour their food and not ours! Finally, you will install and implement a mobile park to make sure that the donkey always has fresh grass to eat and to walk around freely on the site. This way, our donkey will become a 100 % ecological lawnmower.

**Accommodation and food:** You will be hosted on Le Créneau's camping, in collective tents (5-6 persons per tent) with wooden floor and beds. Wi-fi is not available on site. Food will be provided and prepared in the kitchen of the castle by the participants in groups, with the support of the cooking staff.

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**SDG:** n°15 Life on Land

**Participation fee:** 200€

## **SJ/TRI46 LET'S RENOVATE THE FORMER HOLIDAY CAMP 2 01/08-15/08 RENO/CONS/ENVI 12 vols 15-17**

**Project:** The workcamp will take place at the permanent home of the REV, a former holiday camp at an altitude of 1500m. This site is located at the foot of Mont Lozère in the heart of the Cévennes. The REV took over the site last spring and wants it to become a place of hospitality, exchange and meeting. It is ideally situated on the Stevenson trail (GR70). The project therefore aims to develop the exterior so that visitors can find a pleasant place to meet international volunteers, work camp volunteers, etc.

**Work:** You will be involved with the team in the development of the exterior and in part of the restoration of the former holiday camp. In particular, you will be involved in clearing the paths and passages around the building (cleaning, clearing brush and cutting). You will also carry out minor masonry work. You will work 25 hours per week.

**Accommodation and food:** The workcamp will take place in a particularly isolated area, where you will be accommodated on the REV site in individual tents. Please bring your sleeping bag. You will have access to sanitary facilities near the camp. If the weather conditions are too bad to camp, a shelter will be available a few meters away. Meals will be provided and prepared in turn by the participants.

**Location:** Pont-de-Montvert, very close to the Mont Lozère, in the Cévennes, at an altitude of 1500m.

**Leisure activities:** As the workcamp will be held in a protected area, the majority of leisure activities will consist of discovering the surrounding nature (fauna and flora), but also the discovery of the culinary heritage. Transport will also be provided to organise discovery outings and leisure activities.

**Closest train station:** Génolhac station. We will meet you there between 4pm and 6pm.

**Closest airports:** Montpellier city airport for Europe. Marseille city airport for international flights. Trains departing from Montpellier and Marseille will take you to Génolhac via Nimes.

**SDG:** N°12: Responsible production and consumption

**Participation fee:** 200€

**SJ/TRI57 A WALK IN THE GARDEN 2 13/08-27/08 ENVI/CONS 15 vols 15-17**  
**SJ/TRI68 A WALK IN THE GARDEN 3 03/09-18/09 ENVI/CONS 15 vols 18-30**

**Project:** Come and join the great project of Citrus and be a part in the renovation of the future international hosting center of Laguédie. For more than ten years, teenagers, and adults from all around the world have come to build, renovate, imagine, and give shape to this great project. Up the hill of the village of Laguédie, Citrus organization is a place of sharing and gathering, where worldwide volunteers are building, stone after stone and years after years, an international hosting center. The organization Citrus gathers an office, a refectory, a kitchen, and is surrounded by green fields, a green theater, and a garden. Guided by the workcamp leaders, you will live in the heart of the organization and share the daily life with the whole team of Citrus, and other volunteers hosted here.

**Work:** You will take part to enhance the outside surrounding of Citrus, as more than hundred volunteers did before. The main work will be around the pedagogical garden: small masonry (benches and low walls), creation of shade, building of outside furniture, ... Some "low-tech" technical work could be done in addition to this main task, such as solar dryer or a solar oven. At last, you'll be in charge of the daily care of the garden: watering the plants, harvesting the fruits and vegetables, taking care of the henhouse and its three fabulous ladies. From Monday to Friday, mornings will be dedicated to technical work (from 8 to 12am).

**Accommodation and food:** You will be sleeping in collective tents with floor and beds, of 6 to 8 persons, boys and girls separated, within the Citrus association. You will have access to solar showers and dry toilets. The organization has a collective kitchen where meals will be prepared. Menus and shopping will be organized collectively, by you and the rest of the group. Each day, you will be in small teams to cook for all the participants. Particular attention will be paid to seasonal foods from local producers.

There will be no access to Wi-Fi connection or to a washing machine during your stay. Other groups (adults or teenagers) will be hosting in Citrus at the same time: collective life (meals, cleaning, and so on) will be shared all together.

**Location:** at Citrus, near the village of Laguédie. It is 50km away from Montauban.

**Leisure activities:** In the afternoons and evenings, leave your creativity talks! Those times will be organized all together with the group. You will be able to enjoy swimming in the river nearby, to visit medieval villages, or to go for a ride in kayak! With the help of the campleaders, you'll organize events to connect with the local community, such as international dinners.

**Closest train station:** Laguédie (82 250). A campleader will come to pick you up between 4 and 7pm.



**Closest airport:** Toulouse-Blagnac. From Toulouse airport, you can take the shuttle to the train station, and then take a TER train to Laguépie.

**Participation fee:** 200€ (for the teenage trilateral camp only)

## **FAMILY WORKCAMP**

The participation fees for children under 11 years old are 50 €. For children above 11 and adults, the participation fees are 100 €.

Open to 1 child (5-15 y.o.) + 1 parent minimum.

### **SJ/FAM67 THE SUMMER VEGETABLE GARDEN: A FAMILY ADVENTURE 31/07-06/08 ENVI/CULT 10 vols 5+**

**Project:** Sustainable development, like permanent agriculture, is rooted in the organization's values and is transversal in our actions. Thus, "Maison des Bateleurs-Solidarités Jeunesses" began creating an environment hub: phytosanitary tank, dry toilets, compost, eco garden, use of natural resources are just examples.

**Work:** In this workcamp, you will participate in the center's life and in diverse aspects: community (cook, washing, planning...), intercultural exchanges (locals and association's volunteers encounter) ...

The workcamp's purpose is to raise awareness on sustainable development. Caring the garden (seeding, transplanting, hoeing, watering, picking, processing). Upkeep of compost, phytosanitary pool, henhouse, insect-house and bamboo canopy.

**Accommodation and food:** In collective dormitories (8 places), at the Maison des Bateleurs in Montendre, where you would be all the accommodations at your disposal. You would have at your disposal a vehicle for transport to the site and also to discover the region. Food will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner (you have a budget which camp-leaders will manage and communicate with you throughout the workcamp). Meals will be prepared, in turn, by you, especially for lunch and dinner while respecting environmental values and local resources, as well as the culture of each and every one (hot and cold dishes as well as vegetarians and vegans will be prepared).

**Location:** Montendre, Charente-Maritime, 75 Km from the sea, between Bordeaux and Angoulême.

**Leisure activities:** Tour of the region will be collectively planned as you wish: city visits, ocean, museums or the Forest House... Interactions with house volunteers will be provided like pizza party... This will allow you to see how "Solidarités Jeunesses" works.

**Closes train station:** Montendre (17130)

**Meeting Point:** Montendre station between 4 pm and 6 pm. Workcamp leaders will do round trip shuttles from the station to the accommodation place.

**SDG:** 12 Responsible Consumption and Production.

**Participation fee:** 50€ for under 10 children, 100€ for participants over 11 years old.

