

EUROPEAN ADULT YOUTH EXCHANGE

NOVEMBER 15TH TO
26TH 2023

Social, Politic and Poetic Body

- Call for participants -





CONTEXT

In the heart of the Hautes Alpes, our association “Les Villages des Jeunes” has been managing, livening up and renovating the reception centre of the Fai since 1990. It has been a former agriculture domain situated at an altitude of 1000 meters where fruit trees and lavender used to be cultivated.

VENUE

At le Fai, from April to December, the association organises inclusion projects for local people who are faced with social and professional difficulties and host teenagers and young adults experiencing family, health or professional difficulties in order to give them a possibility to get professional experience.

In the summer, the Fai is also a place where professional artists and musicians come to work in and with this extraordinary place. Together, they create and perform at the yearly festivals that take place at the Fai.

The European youth exchanges organised at the Fai contribute to make this place something “extra”, where people in different ages, from different countries and cultures, employees and volunteers, artists and tourists, live and work together for some days or several months.

The background of the top section is a photograph showing the silhouettes of three people dancing in a field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The people are in various dynamic poses, with arms raised and bodies in motion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

For 10 days, in the middle of the mountains, the group will share the daily life of the Faï hosting centre with people from different countries.

In this context, we propose to experience our bodies as social, artistic, political and poetic tools. With clown and dance workshops, meditations, improvisations and moments of practice in the nature, we will experiment body sensations.

We will reflect on the impact of bodywork on our relationships, how it transforms our experience and how we care for each other. Through non-formal education activities, we will reflect on issues of gender, discrimination and social inclusion.

During the exchange we will invite people with special needs to take part in certain activities. Volunteers will participate in the creation of body workshops.

At the end of the exchange, the participants will propose a presentation of their work. This will take the form of their choice: a performance, workshops for people with special needs, an event on a theme of their choice, etc. This educational approach will contribute to the development of collective intelligence, critical thinking, concrete action, initiative and active citizenship.



INFORMATIONS

ACCOMODATION

The old buildings of the Faï farm have been converted into small flats and group accommodations. Participants will be accommodated in bedrooms of 3 to 6 people and will have at their disposal all the facilities of the hosting centre (dining room, kitchen, showers and toilets).

DAILY LIFE

For the duration of the exchange the group will live autonomously. The daily tasks (meals, cleaning etc) are shared by all volunteers.

FREE TIME

You will organise your free time and leisure activities according to the expectations of the group, in terms of budget, time and leisure activities available. As a result, you will plan and carry out leisure activities together in the area around the project location.

It is up to each of you to play an active role in the life of the camp in a way that is comfortable for you and for the group as a whole.

These opportunities can be very diverse (regional tourism, local events, residents' meetings, green tourism, etc.) It is the responsibility of all participants to organise their free time and to participate in the group's dynamic.

The nearest towns are : Gap (40 km), Grenoble (100 km), Sisteron (60 km), Marseille (200 km).

THE TEAM

The youth exchange will be led by a facilitator (expert in body work, clowning and non formal education), the permanent staff, and with the help of the group leaders.



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Conditions

Participants should be aged 18 to 30. There is no age limit for group leaders. The group will be composed of 25 persons from 5 different nationalities. Each group is composed of 5 participants and 1 leader.

No specific skills are required to take part in this project, just a strong motivation and curiosity to experience a multicultural collective life, body art and walking in the mountains. Participants having experience in this field and willing to share their knowledge are welcome!

Please note that other groups will live with you at the Faï at the same time: volunteers, teenagers, permanents, workers...

The language used during the exchange will depend on the group and the capacities of each volunteer, but English and French are the common languages on these projects.

Transports / Reimbursement

The closest airports with the easiest connections to Veynes Devoluy are Marseille Provence, Lyon Saint Exupéry, Paris, Grenoble. Shuttle buses make the connections between the airports and the stations.

You can check train time tables on <https://www.thetrainline.com/en/train-times> ; You have to go to Veynes Dévoluy train station.

If you come by car, please take a detailed map! We will meet at Veynes Devoluy train station. Check out the advice roads on: www.mappy.fr

transport will be reimbursed from 275 to 360€ depending on the distance of your trip. You have to keep the original tickets, boarding passes...



If you want, you can find more information about our organisation on those to websites:

- <https://www.solidaritesjeunesses.org/> and
- <http://www.villagesdesjeunes.org/>

