







# Concordia France Program 2025



8 TEENAGE PROJECTS (15-17) 10 ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS (18-30) 15 ADULTS PROJECTS (18+)









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### Presentation

Concordia is a French national non-governmental and non-profit making organisation, founded in 1950 by English, German and French youngsters. Their aim was to enhance the values of tolerance and peace after the 2nd world war by organising international workcamps of young volunteers.

The main objectives of Concordia are the following:

- Education i.e. helping young people to grow up by acquisition of collective life.
- **Culture** i.e. favouring the youth exchanges on an international level, always emphasizing the values of peace, friendship and mutual respect.
- Social i.e. taking part in concrete actions of solidarity, as well as supporting a civic attitude
- **Social economy** i.e. contributing to realisation of local development, in favour of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

#### Workcamps are a perfect tool to reach these goals:

Participating in a workcamp means working voluntarily during 2 or 3 weeks at a project of a common utility, such as environment, archaeology, culture, patrimony. It is a form of informal education, but also an opportunity to discover a new region and its inhabitants. The participants get to know the real life of a small community, as well as the culture and customs of other volunteers, who come from all around the world.

Every year Concordia gives the opportunity to more than 700 French youths to get involved in its partner projects abroad or in its projects in France, and hosts around 800 foreign volunteers on its own workcamps in France.

Concordia is a member of one major **international networks** and one national which support voluntary service:

- The **Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations** which is a network of 90 national organisations in 56 countries
- The national association **Cotravaux** (Coordination of French Voluntary Work organisations).

The **other activities** of the association continue throughout the year with weekend or short holiday workcamps, mid and long term voluntary service, inclusion of young people with difficulties, study and activity groups (North-South, International), sending and hosting volunteers of European Voluntary Service. Concordia also organises various trainings throughout the year.

Those who wish to be even more involved in Concordia's activities can be elected at the management committee; Concordia is a democratic organisation, led by dynamic and motivated volunteers as well as young people, and supported by paid staff. Today the management committee counts 15 members, there are 1500 subscribers, 40 employees and 200 activities leaders.

The Paris head office supports the 11 regional offices activities i.e. the Auvergne, Aquitaine, Brittany, Centre, Ile-de-France, Midi-Pyrenees, Normandy, Picardy, Provence-Alps-Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes and South-East of France.

Concordia has the approval of the French Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of the Environment.









### Concordia's charter for international workcamps

The aim of this charter is to state clearly the conditions considered by Concordia as the essential elements of the international workcamp. This charter has the value of commitment.

#### Concordia aims:

- To contribute to the enhancement of social life through the involvement of French and foreign volunteers in public projects of common interest;
- To encourage the circulation of people and ideas through global exchanges in the interests of international understanding and peace;
- To promote an educational project/promote its educative mission through encouraging active citizenship, which is essential for a democratic, united and participatory society.

The rural area is the primary field of activity of the association.

It is in this context that Concordia sets up and organizes international workcamps, guided by five criteria:

#### 1. The workcamp is a place of intercultural meetings

The international workcamp representing the mixture of different nationalities and social backgrounds, the encounter of different generations, the confrontation of urban and rural cultures, the willingness to integrate oneself as full as possible into the life of the hosting area and characterised by a communal life:

- Is a place of intercultural meetings in the perspective of a voluntary discover of others;
- Consequently, encourages international understanding, tolerance and international friendship;
- Encourages peaceful resolution of conflicts through learning to discover and respect the differences.

#### 2. The workcamp necessarily participates in the project of general interest.

The international workcamps of young volunteers allow developing educational, social and cultural values, as well as collective solidarity. For that purpose, the following principals are applied:

- Workcamps are organised "with", but not "for" public bodies, which are the guarantors of general interests;
- The result of the workcamps is durable equipment or facilities.
- The result of this work accomplished in partnership is open to everybody.
- That is why we act in different fields: architectural heritage as well as natural heritage, local area or social life heritage.

Our concern for general interests is also reflected in the choice of our partners for the organisation of exchange of volunteers. Concordia does not act for the private sector.

#### 3. The workcamp for a dynamic local development

The preparation and organisation of the workcamp stimulate the emergence of local initiatives in the spirit of economic, social and cultural revitalisation; it allows rallying volunteers for the preservation of cultural, natural or architectural heritage.

Therefore, local development of a small area or a larger territory represents for Concordia an economic, social and cultural dimension.

Thus, the choice and implementation of the projects are based on the mobilisation of local partners,









associations, public bodies and human resources, which constitutes the guarantee of the durability of actions.









#### 4. The workcamp encourages the development of citizenship

International workcamps of young volunteers develop citizens through:

- The arrangement of the functioning of the workcamp, i.e. the rules to be adopted by the group in order to jointly attain the set objectives;
- The development of critical mind and the application of a dialogue as a means of conflict resolution;
- The daily encounter with active and participatory democracy in order to avoid any sort of arbitrariness and prejudice, bringing together young people and local representatives.

#### 5. The international workcamp is a place of educative process and work

Workcamps for young volunteers must lead to a high quality, valuable and properly finished work, which should be beneficial to the environment and a given area.

Although the organisation of workcamps requires the use of financial resources, they constitute "non-commercial acts", i.e. the acts that are not remunerated.

The international workcamp is a place of educative process, which leads to:

- The acquisition of technical skills through manual work, know-how and work-organisation;
- Social development through the respect of the others, the capacity of self-expression, listening and living in community;
- Political development through learning to apply participatory democracy, peaceful resolution of conflicts and intercultural understanding.

We are taking steps to ensure that the dynamics of our charter would be present:

- During the training of our leaders and staff of associations;
- During the presentation of our projects to our partners, volunteers and the media;
- During workcamps;
- During the meetings with the local population.

The workcamp contributes to the transformation of social relationships thanks to individual and collective exchanges. The workcamp is not an end in itself, but a means to promote values, which should bring transformation both on the individual and the collective level.

This charter has been adopted in the Meeting of the Board members, which took place on 29 May 1994.









### Commitments of Concordia

Our commitments, towards the volunteers, on international workcamps are:

- To propose workcamps that work for peace, solidarity, friendships, citizenship, tolerance and respect for others and the environment.
- To favour local development in a village, a micro-region or district with an emphasis on rural areas
- To have one or two leaders trained by Concordia on each project who actively participate in the workcamp. The leadership of the workcamp favours the emergence of a group dynamic which should be a school of democracy, participation, responsibility, encouraging the spirit of active citizenship, and the development of the individual.
- The gives the impetus to the group, guiding the volunteers towards taking responsibility for the collective life.
- The leaders guarantee the values of Concordia and the application of the charter.
- The leaders will be able to explain for whom and why a project of general interest (as opposed to private interest) leads to local and social development.
- The project should be useful to the community by improving the natural and cultural heritage.
- To encourage the local population to continue the project in the future
- To propose environmental projects that respect nature (selective cutting, environmentally friendly maintenance)
- To give the opportunity of discovering and learning new manual techniques.
- To propose workcamps of French and foreign volunteers while trying to reach a balance in the number of men and women.
- To promise to give extra information about workcamps with specific exchange details.

### A4All

#### Remarks on accessibility:

Our projects are usually suitable for socially, economically or educational disadvantaged. Unfortunately, these projects are most of them unsuitable for wheelchair. Nevertheless, we could host a volunteer with a minor physical or mental disability.

To apply, fill in the A4ALL pre departure form and send it to us with the volunteer's camps choice. We'll try to a place for him/her in the most suitable one.









### What you have to know about Concordia's workcamps

Concordia's international workcamps are always organised in co-operation with either local authorities or local organisations; the projects are designed to respond to needs of the community and are always for the common good.

Groups have usually between 10 and 15 participants. Concordia wants to have 1/3 of French volunteers on adults' camps and half of French on teenage camps.

Meetings with the local population are an important part of the projects. Also we try in each workcamp to mobilise young people from the village for an active participation to the workcamp. Sometimes they are coming only for leisure time, sometimes they participate also to the work, and sometimes they are totally part of the project. In general, it's their first « international experience ».

The common language is English during our workcamps; if it's a French speaking camp it is specified.

Two coordinators are present in each workcamp: one for the group life and another for technical work. They will be either French or they will come from our partners' associations abroad (please see below the call for coordinators). Sometimes only one is present (a French coordinator for small groups). Concordia's French coordinators participate in a training week organised by Concordia and the international coordinators follow training in their partners' countries (if they don't have any experience of coordination). All coordinators manage the budget for food, leisure, excursions, etc. with the group.

With Concordia, work time is about 6 hours a day, but in fact it is more important to attain the work's objective, defined between the local partner and Concordia.

Leisure time is not planned before: it will be organised by the group with the local population and it will be based on the discovery of the region. Most of the time, camps are in small isolated villages and there is not necessarily a car available on the camp: volunteers should be ready to accept that.

General accommodation is basic: a common room for sleeping and eating. Volunteers cook for themselves; sometimes they are sleeping on the floor and sometimes in tents (see the description of each workcamp).

Volunteers should bring a sleeping bag, a sleeping mat, work clothes, warm clothes, sport shoes, gloves...Please notice that it's easier to have a backpack, especially in the mountains!

We welcome some volunteers with special needs in our workcamps. If your volunteers have special needs, please contact us. We will do our best to find a way to host them.









### Concordia Teenage workcamps (15-17 years old)

Concordia has been organising workcamps for teenagers for some 50 Years. We always have as general goal the mobility of youth of all publics at all age. The teenager exchanges need to be taken into consideration inside of partnership relations. We truly believe that to be able to exchange teenager volunteers, and explain to the volunteer and even to the parents what to expect, it is really important that we communicate about what each organisation means when they talk about a teenager workcamp.

In France, activities for minors are protected by the law which gives a frame. These rules facilitate or determine the organisation of workcamps, leisure activities, health and safety of the volunteer, and also the skills necessary for the group leaders.

The camp language is mainly English with some French. The volunteers work on a concrete project, doing about 25/30 hours per week.

French legislation changed in 2006 hardening rules, consequently we are organizing teenage workcamps only for teenagers between 15 and 17 years old and no other teen places will be offered.

Moreover, teenagers participating in teenage workcamps will be charged of 250 € extra fees to cover the costs of qualified coordinators who will lead the workcamps. Our proposal is that each volunteer's family or tutor pays by bank transfer before the camp start. Another agreement may be found on a bilateral level.

The leader team is composed of 2 to 3 persons who are qualified in leading and they are responsible at all times for the volunteers. Teenagers are taken in charge on their arrival at the meeting point (that will be mentioned in the info sheet) and they can't leave the camp without a written authorisation signed by their parents and sent to our organisation.

According to the French law we cannot host teenagers without the **Medical fact sheet**. This is why we ask you to **send a copy of the Medical Fact sheet together with the VEF** (in pdf by e-mail if possible, or by fax). Please note that we won't be able to accept your volunteers if we don't get it together with the VEF. The **confirmation slip with arrival details and the parental authorization should** be sent **at least 10 days before the camp starts**.

As all volunteers taking part in our workcamps, teens are asked to be volunteers too. They themselves must take the decision to participate because we are expecting from all volunteers a certain commitment to participate at the workcamp as well as the collective task of group life (washing the dishes, cooking, cleaning the accommodation etc.), and not ask the leader to do everything, they will have to be proactive and participative in all aspects of the workcamps.

Also, as the number of teenagers demands are increasing and the number of workcamps decreasing, we may have to privilege French teenagers on our workcamps as we cannot easily send them abroad. As much as we can, we will try our best to find the balance between French and foreigners volunteers.

It is really hard for the local host to change their habits so the volunteers must be prepared or at least aware of cultural changes. It is the same when it comes to what we expect from a teenage volunteer and what rights he or she may have in one country but not in another: therefore, we may expect the teens in France to have a certain degree of autonomy and not expect that the leaders will be like their









parents but at the same time, leaders will represent the authority and the volunteer will have to follow the rules.









### Call for workcamps' camp leader

Experience a real learning opportunity being a workcamp camp leader in Concordia!

Concordia's international workcamps have the aim to promote peace, solidarity, friendships, active citizenship, tolerance and respect for others and the environment. Coordinating a workcamp means working voluntarily during three weeks in a project for common good, such as environment, archaeology, culture, renovation and discovering a new region and its inhabitants.

Through this experience you will develop important skills that you will use in your professional life such as project, team management and leadership, you will improve your English and French, and you will discover the associative sector.

Each workcamp will be composed of 12 to 20 participants. One third of them will be French volunteers. The workcamps common language is English. Of course, if you have good bases of French, it will be easier to communicate.

Two leaders will be present in each workcamp:

- One for the group life (who will coordinate the group in the organisation of the daily life),
- Another one for technical work (who will transfer his technical know-how to the volunteers).

#### They will assure:

- The integration of all the participants;
- The learning of the technical and social skills;
- The contact with the local population and the representative of the local Municipality (if the international coordinator does not speak well French, the French coordinator will mostly cover this role).

**Leisure time is not planned before**: it will be organised by the group with the local population and it will be based on the discovery of the region. Most of the time, camps are in small isolated villages and there is not necessarily a car available on the camp: future coordinators should be ready to accept that.

#### **Conditions**

- Workcamp camp leaders have some particular responsibilities but they will be considered volunteers it means that they won't be paid.
- Accommodation and subsistence are covered as the coordinators will sleep and eat at the workcamp.
- Transports' cost in France are covered (for a maximum of 200 € for one way and return).

#### Who can be a camp leader?

We don't ask any particular certificate but we ask them to have some bases of oral French (the main Workcamp language is English), to be motivated and to be dynamic! If you have any previous experience as a camp leader you will be the perfect person for our workcamp. It will be great if candidate will participate in a training for camp leaders in his/her own country and organisation.

Did you decide to get involved? Please contact us!









Please fill up the application form and send it to your contact organization in your country. They will send it to us!

## Workcamps List

### **SORTED BY DATE**

### **Teenage Projects (15-17 years old volunteers)**

15-17	AQT	CONCF-3312	EDISCOVER THE RUINS OF CAMPARIAN 02/07		16/07 CANEJAN		CONS	RENO
15-17	AUV	CONCF-6301A	A SENSORY GARDEN TO GROW	04/07	18/07	CLERMONT-FERRAND	CONS	SOCI
15-17	RHÂ	CONCF-6903	MOUNTAIN MAKERS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW	04/07 18/07 VALLOIRE (ados)		ENVI		
15-17	PIC	CONCF-8013	ONE LESS BRICK IN THE WALL	09/07 23/07 LA CHAPELLE EN SERVAL (ado)		MANU	RENO	
15-17	AUV	CONCF-6302	CHARMING AND LIVING VINEYARD	11/07 25/07 PONT-DU-CHATEAU		MANU	ENVI	
15-17	AUV	CONCF-6301B	BRING LIFE TO THE FAMILY SPACE	18/07 01/08 CLERMONT-FERRAND		SOCI	CONS	
15-17	PIC	CONCF-8014	DREAM MAKEOVER : BRING CHAPELL BACK TO LIFE	01/08 22/08 Bernaville (ado)		RENO	MANU	
15-17	PIC	CONCF-8006	PRESERVE THE CASTLE	02/08	23/08	HAM (asso) (ado)	RENO	ENVI

### ESC Projects (18-30 years old volunteers)

18-30	SE	CONCF-3402 A-ESC	PROTECTING HERITAGE 1	11/04	25/04	CLERMONT L'HERAULT	ENVI	ARCH
18-30	PACA	CONCF-1301-ESC	BY THE LAKE IN PROVENCE	13/04	27/04	ISTRES	RENO	ENVI
18-30	SE	CONCF-3404A-ESC	TO THE CONQUEST OF THE MEDIEVAL PATH 1	09/05	23/05	LA COUVERTOIRADE	ENVI	CONS
18-30	MIPY	CONCF-3107A-ESC	CREATE AN OPEN AIR ECO-FRIENDLY CAFE	14/05	29/05 PREIGNAN		ENVI	RENO
18-30	SE	CONCF-3402B-ESC	PROTECTING HERITAGE 2	16/05	30/05 CLERMONT L'HERAULT		ENVI	CONS
18-30	AQT	CONCF-3311-ESC	ABOARD THE HERMIONE	11/06	25/06	ANGLET	RENO	
18-30	PACA	CONCF-1310-ESC	INTO THE WILD PROVENCE	16/06	30/06	6 lieu (TOTEM)		Z00
18-30	NOR	CONCF-7208-ESC	HANDS IN THE RACAN	09/07	7 30/07 AUBIGNE RACAN		RENO	MANU
18-30	PACA	CONCF-1303-ESC	DRY STONE IN PROVENCE	09/07	09/07 23/07 CHATEAUDOUBLE		RENO	ENVI
18-30	IDF	CONCF-7501-ESC	ACCESSIBILITY AND CINEMA SILHOUETTE WORKCAMP	25/08	25/08 08/09 PARIS		FEST	DISA
18-30	SE	CONCF-3404B	TO THE CONQUEST OF THE MEDIEVAL PATH 2	05/09 19/09 LA COUVERTOIRADE		ENVI	CONS	
18-30	PACA	CONCF-1302-ESC	ART AND SCULPTURES IN PROVENCE	01/10	01/10 15/10 PORT DE BOUC		ART	SOCI
18-30	RHÂ	CONCF-6913-2-ESC	SUMMIT STEPS: BULDING PATHS IN THE VERCORS	03/10	PNR VERCORS (adultes) - SAINT NAZAIRE EN ROYANS		ENVI	









### Adults Projects (18+ years old volunteers)

18+	AQT	CONCF-3314	AROUND THE BASQUE MOUNTAINS	11/06	25/06	ITXASSOU (département 64)	ENVI	CONS
18+	AQT	CONCF-3308	THE PATH UNDER THE GISQUET GATE	02/07	16/07	BAZAS	RENO	
18+	RHÂ	CONCF-6908	CASTLE IN THE STARS	04/07	18/07	GIVORS (adultes)	RENO	
18+	IDF	CONCF-7504	WOOD IN COURTYARD	04/07	18/07	BONNELLES		
18+	RHÂ	CONCF-6901	LAKE, MOUNTAINS AND SAVOY	04/07	18/07	LA MOTTE SERVOLEX (adultes)	ENVI	
18+	PACA	CONCF-1313	BACK TO THE SOURCE	09/07	9/07 30/07 MONTFERRAT		RENO	ENVI
18+	PACA	CONCF-1311	REVERSE DON QUICHOTTE ON THE MOUNTAIN	10/07	0/07 31/07 FREISSINIERES		RENO	ENVI
18+	PACA	CONCF-1314	RESTORE THE SHELT'EARTH ON THE MOUNTAIN	10/07	31/07	PUY SANIERES	RENO	ENVI
18+	RHÂ	CONCF-6906	THE MIDI STONES QUARRIES	16/07	30/07	30/07 SAINT PAUL TROIS CHATEAUX (adultes)		
18+	RHÂ	CONCF-6914	A HISTORIC RENOVATION	18/07	01/08	08 CICP VIVIERS (adultes)		
18+	IDF	CONCF-7502	BUILD WITH THE COMMUNITY	25/07	08/08 LES MUREAUX		RENO	SOCI
18+	CEN	CONCF-4506	RENOVATION ALONG THE CANAL	08/08	22/08	LAMOTTE-BEUVRON		
18+	AQT	CONCF-3315A	THE AUGA BOG	13/08	27/08	LATTES	ENVI	CONS
18+	AQT	CONCF-3301	AROUND THE MILL	15/08	29/08 ISLE		ENVI	CONS
18+	BRE	CONCF-3507	SAVE THE CHURCH AND THE BIRDS!	29/08	29/08 19/09 PLEURTUIT		RENO	ENVI
18+	PIC	CONCF-8001	NEW STORY FOR OLD HISTORY	29/08	13/09 AVRICOURT (adulte)		RENO	MANU









### **TEENS**

CONCF-3312
REDISCOVERING THE RUINS OF CAMPARIAN
CANEJAN
02/07-16/07
RENO
14 vols
15-17

#### Project and work:

Take part in the rediscovery of the Camparian ruins in the pretty commune of Canéjan! Set between a lake and a pine forest, the workcamp will take place on the site where archaeological digs in 1966 uncovered the ruins of a chapel and a monastery.

Together, you will restore and secure the two wells on the site. You will be accompanied by a technical guide who will show you how to rebuild and protect the stone walls.

#### **Accommodation and meals:**

Accommodation is in individual tents (Concordia provides), with sanitary facilities, kitchen and communal living area. The camp will be based close to Canéjan's sports facilities. You'll share collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the group, and you'll take part in shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce. WIFI available.

Together, you'll take part in organizing community life (housework, activities, etc.) and in preparing meals, taking turns using locally sourced produce. We aim to encourage vegetarian eating with local, seasonal produce, while respecting participants' diets and discovering local cuisines together.

#### Partner:

Camparian, a locality in the commune of Canéjan, is home to the ruins of an ancient priory. Excavations were carried out between 1966 and 1970, and again in 2010. These uncovered the ruins of a chapel and a monastery. The local authority now wants to enhance the area and bring back these ruins, so that the site can attract local residents and become a place to learn about history.

#### Geographical location and leisure activities:

The commune of Canéjan is located in the middle of a pine forest, and boasts a lake, the Lac Vert (Green Lake), as well as a number of sports facilities (stadiums, BMX area),









hiking trails in the pine forests and cycle paths. It is less than an hour from the city of Bordeaux and close to the Atlantic coast and its beaches. On the programme: a tour of Bordeaux, a day at the beach and the famous Dune du Pilat, local events and festivities.

#### Good to know:

Bring a sleeping bag, a thick mattress, work clothes, walking and work shoes, warm clothing and rain gear, a torch, a swimming costume and sun cream.

If you'd like to share a little of your culture (recipes, traditional stories, unusual objects, music...), don't hesitate to take a little bit of your country or region in your rucksack.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues happen on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

#### Languages:

English, French

#### Time and directions to the meeting point:

The meeting point is at CESTAS-GAZINET SNCF station on 02/07 in the late afternoon.

The exact meeting time will be communicated with the info sheet, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the project.

Several direct trains (approximately one per hour) leave PARIS to BORDEAUX. The journey takes between 2 and 3 hours.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: https://www.sncf-connect.com/

The nearest airport is Bordeaux or Paris.









CONCF - 6301A
A SENSORY GARDEN TO GROW
Clermont-Ferrand 1
04/07 - 18/07
CONS/SOCI
12 vols
15-17

#### **Project and Work:**

Get involved in the creation of a sensory garden with associations and young people from the neighbourhood.

The Four Seasons park was designed in collaboration with local youth and it opened its doors to the public a few months ago. In the middle of family gardens, the park offers a playground for children, green spaces to relax, a picnic area with barbecues and a sensory garden.

The park is currently being developed and the local associations has a lot of ideas: barefoot path, wild flowers meadow, thematic and intergenerational wooden planters, "5 senses Jungle" track, living shacks, etc.

To contribute to this great project, the animation team offers young international volunteers an introduction to carpentry and woodworking techniques, so that you can build wooden planters, street furniture and small construction to explore senses, or for the benefit of wildlife (bird nesting boxes or hedgehog shelter!)

Calling all handiwork enthusiasts, you'll learn how to use hand and power tools, working alongside a technical supervisor.

#### Accommodation and food:

You will be accompanied by two camp leaders throughout your stay.

The accommodation is located at the campsite "Pierre et Sources" in Volvic, in the heart of Auvergne Volcanoes Regional Nature Park, close to the Chaîne des Puys. Concordia provides individual sleeping tents and a collective tent for daily life.

The group will be sharing the different tasks of collective life together. A budget will be allocated to the camp leaders and you will participate in the preparation of meals, run errands from the market and local producers. Free WIFI at the campsite. Laundry will be hand-washed or in a washing machine at the campsite (for a fee).









#### Partner:

Since 1993, Concordia has been organizing international workcamps with the city of Clermont-Ferrand, showing how well this partnership works. The city has elaborated participative projects in cooperation with the local population. Every year, we come back to active neighbourhoods, where residents created familial gardens and non-profit organizations developed their activities.

This workcamp offers the chance to participate in the life of Les Vergnes neighbourhood, by helping two local associations in the creation of the sensory garden: Jardins Solidaires which takes care of landscaping and maintaining plantations, and the Family Social Club, which will animate activities within the garden with children and young people.

Local young people will be able to take part in the work camp alongside you and help you discover their locality.

#### Location and leisure:

Clermont-Ferrand is the capital of the Auvergne region. It is located in an exceptional volcanic area, at the foot of the Puy de Dôme volcano and the Chaîne des Puys which is listed as UNESCO World Heritage. During your stay, you will be able to enjoy the town's summery energy (shows, concerts, fireworks, etc.) and the countryside, located right on its doorstep: hiking over the volcanoes, swimming in the lakes, outdoor activities, etc.

#### Special requirements and remarks:

The accommodation is located outside of the city of Clermont-Ferrand, in a little town in the countryside.

Bring work clothes and shoes, walking boots and a swimming suit. Nights can be chilly, so bring warm clothes and a good sleeping bag. You can also bring recipes from your home country, music instruments and games.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues arise on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

For more information: <a href="https://www.clermontauvergnevolcans.com/en/">https://www.clermontauvergnevolcans.com/en/</a>









#### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is at the train station of CLERMONT-FERRAND at the end of the afternoon. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the Info Sheet, sent one month before the beginning of the workcamp.

From PARIS, you can take the train from PARIS - Bercy train station. Regular departures are scheduled throughout the day (every two hours) and the journey is about 3.5 hours. From LYON, you can take the train from LYON - Part-Dieu train station. Regular departures are scheduled throughout the day, and the journey is about 2.5 hours.

If you are coming first by plane, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress-free journey.

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website:

https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/

#### **Closest airport:**

Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon or Paris.

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**CONCF-6903** 

MOUNTAIN MAKERS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

**VALLOIRE** 

04/07 - 18/07

**RENO/ENVI** 

14 vols

15-17

#### **Project and Work:**

Looking for an adventure in the heart of the Alps? Join a committed project in Valloire! This summer, experience something unique and participate in an international volunteer camp in one of the most beautiful locations in Savoie. In collaboration with Concordia and the municipality of Valloire, engage in a project that promotes solidarity, environment, and local heritage.

Contribute to the improvement of the environment by working on projects that benefit both residents and tourists. This camp is part of a broader ecological transition and









sustainable development initiative led by the municipality and its partners. Supervised by professionals, you will learn eco-friendly development techniques and use materials suited to the site's conditions.

This is also an opportunity to share moments with a team from around the world in an exceptional natural setting. No specific skills are required - only motivation and a willingness to contribute to a meaningful project. Ready to take on the challenge?

#### **Accommodation and food:**

You will stay in individual tents at a campsite in Valloire, with access to restrooms and showers. The tents will be provided by Concordia. The municipality will provide a section of the community hall, located less than 200 meters from the campsite, where we will set up a kitchen and communal area for group activities and shelter in case of bad weather.

Participants will take turns organizing communal life (cleaning, activities, etc.) and preparing meals using locally sourced products when possible. We will promote a vegetarian diet with local, seasonal foods, while respecting dietary preferences and introducing regional cuisine (mainly vegetarian meals). Free Wi-Fi is available in certain areas of the resort and at the campsite. The campsite also has a washing machine.

#### Partner:

Since 2022, Valloire has partnered with Concordia to organize international volunteer camps, based on shared values: solidarity, civic engagement, and heritage preservation. After the success of the first three editions, we are excited to invite you to join this fourth camp, designed as a shared learning experience.

Beyond physical work, you will engage in discussions about the future of mountain resorts in the face of climate change. Valloire is exploring its future development, and along with Concordia, you will contribute to conversations on ecological transition and mountain tourism.

If you're between 15 and 17 years old and live in Valloire, two spots are reserved for local youth to encourage cultural exchange. To sign up, contact the international work camp coordinator at: chantiers.rhone-alpes@concordia.fr.

#### Location and leisure:

Located in the Savoie department, Valloire is made up of 17 hamlets in the Maurienne massif, near the Italian border. The village sits at an altitude of 1,400 meters, ideal for mountain lovers. For hikers, marked trails await, including one to Lac des Cerces, offering breathtaking views. Nearby lakes provide swimming areas to cool off during hot summer days.

History buffs can explore landmarks such as the Fort du Télégraphe, a military structure, or the Baroque-style Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Church, a historical monument.









On the culinary side, don't miss Savoyard cheeses, a staple of the region. The resort also offers sports and cultural facilities, including a swimming pool, cinema, media library, and local shops.

#### Special requirements and remarks:

For work sessions, bring sturdy, protective clothing that can withstand dirt and wear. Mountain weather can be unpredictable, so pack appropriate clothing: warm fleece or sweater, hiking shorts/pants, windbreaker, down jacket, and warm socks. Sturdy, ankle-high hiking boots are mandatory. Bring sun protection, including a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

For accommodation, bring a warm sleeping bag (comfort temperature 5-10°C) and a pillowcase (you can stuff it with clothes). A small backpack for daily activities is also recommended, along with comfortable sneakers and flip-flops for relaxation. Other essentials include a phone charger, water bottle, first-aid kit, and a flashlight. Hiking poles are optional but helpful.

Social activities will be organized based on the group's interests. Feel free to bring a cultural item (recipe, story, music, etc.) to share with others. A small Bluetooth speaker can be useful for group activities.

If you are under 18, remember to submit your Medical Factsheet and Parental Authorization at least one month before the start of the camp.

#### Language:

English, French

#### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

Participants should plan to arrive in central Valloire in the late afternoon, between 5 PM and 6 PM. More information will be provided based on summer timetables. Valloire is accessible by a shuttle service from Saint-Michel-Valloire train station, located 17 km away. It is recommended to book the shuttle in advance. Trains to Saint-Michel-Valloire are available from major cities such as Lyon Part-Dieu, Chambéry-Challes Les Eaux, and Modane.

For those traveling by car, Valloire is one of the rare mountain resorts with two access routes in summer: via the Col du Télégraphe (Maurienne Valley) and the Col du Galibier (Briançonnais).

Train reservations can be made approximately four months in advance through the SNCF website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com">https://www.sncf-connect.com</a>.

#### **Closest Airports:**

The nearest airports are Lyon-Saint Exupéry and Chambéry. Trains connect Lyon-Saint Exupéry TGV station to Saint-Michel-Valloire in about 3.5h (with two connections). Chambéry to Saint-Michel-Valloire takes about 1h with no transfers. You can check the











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LA-CHAPELLE-EN-SERVAL
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#### **Project and work:**

Discover the charming village of La Chapelle-en-Serval and take part in an exciting project to create a new passageway to the community hall!

In a spirit of openness and shared space enhancement, La Chapelle-en-Serval partners with Concordia to host an international youth volunteer workcamp.

The goal of the current project is to create a passageway to the community hall, a central gathering place for the town. On the agenda: dismantling a stone wall to create an opening, masonry work for the new passage, building a step and path using the recovered stones.

A rewarding experience blending craftsmanship, creativity, and intercultural exchanges!

#### **Accommodation and meals:**

You'll stay in tents at the town's communal stadium, where a large tent (marabout) will serve as your living and dining area. Showers will be available in the stadium's locker rooms.

Life at the camp will be all about teamwork: you'll share daily tasks and prepare meals together. The animation team will manage the budget, and you'll take part in the shopping and meal preparation, focusing on healthy and locally sourced products.

#### Partner:

With its picturesque landscapes and remarkable heritage, La Chapelle-en-Serval provides the perfect environment for community engagement.

La Chapelle-en-Serval, located in the Oise department, is a dynamic and committed









community actively working to preserve and enhance its heritage and public spaces. The town partners with Concordia to develop restoration and improvement projects, founded on shared values: engaging young people in local initiatives and fostering intercultural connections.

Thus, the workcamp reflects the town's dedication to combining efforts to improve the residents' quality of life. The municipality is deeply involved, offering a warm welcome to our volunteers each year.

#### Location and leisure:

La Chapelle-en-Serval is nestled in the heart of the Oise department, between the towns of Senlis and Chantilly, and just 40 km from Paris. This prime location offers easy access to a variety of natural and cultural landmarks. The surrounding forests, including the famous Chantilly Forest, are perfect for hiking and cycling. The region is also renowned for its historical treasures, such as the Château de Chantilly and the Royaumont Abbey, both nearby.

During your stay, activities will be organized to help you explore the rich cultural and natural heritage of the area. You'll also have the chance to connect with the locals, enjoy moments of shared conviviality and engage with children at the town's leisure center, fostering meaningful exchanges throughout your stay. Whether you're a heritage enthusiast, a nature lover, or simply curious about engaging with a local community, La Chapelle-en-Serval is sure to charm you.

As a special highlight, you'll have the opportunity to attend the town's fireworks during the Bastille Day celebrations on July 14th.

Warning: While a day trip to Paris may be scheduled, the primary focus of the work camp remains the community project and local engagement.

#### Important to know:

Please bring good shoes, working clothes and a swimsuit. As nights can be quite cold,

remember also to bring warm clothes and a sleeping bag. You can also bring traditional recipes from your home country/region, music instruments and games.

Foreigners coming from the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues arise on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

#### Languages:

English, French

#### **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is planned at the train station of Orry-la-ville on 09 July at the end of









the day. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the info sheet, sent at least 4 weeks before the beginning of the workcamp.

From PARIS, regular trains (around 1 every 30 minutes) leave from the Gare du Nord train station for Orry-la-ville train station (20-minute trip).

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website: https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/

If you are coming first by plane, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress-free journey.

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Pont-du-Château
11/07 - 25/07
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#### **Project and Work:**

This year, the city of Pont-du-Château will host its sixteenth International Workcamp. Take part in this great project to restore the terraced gardens, which are gradually being transformed into an ecological place for walking, relaxing and discovering the landscape.

The 3-hectare site includes an eco-pasture, terraced gardens, a small orchard, a community vineyard and a play and relaxation area. This year, the city of Pont-du-Château has asked us to embellish the vineyard site: lime plasters, DIY supports for climbing plants and restoration of a Volvic stone stairway are on schedule.

The Workcamp will also have a strong environmental scope, and actions will be carried out around the biodiversity theme: small wildlife shelters, clean walks, debates and animations on environmental issues, etc.

You want to learn a variety of skills from masonry to carpentry, and carry out activities to support the local biodiversity? You want to discover a village in the Auvergne









region, in a relaxing natural setting? This project is for you!

#### Accommodation and food:

Two group leaders will accompany you during your stay.

The accommodation will be situated on a municipal site located near the workcamp. You will sleep in individual tents (provided by Concordia) set up in the grass. Changing rooms and sanitary facilities are in the municipal center, collective life and kitchen under a large tent reserved for your group. WIFI is available on site. Laundry will be hand-washed or in a laundromat in town (for a fee).

The group will be sharing the different collective tasks together. The budget will be allocated to the group leaders and you will participate in the preparation of meals, run errands from the market and local producers.

#### Partner:

Pont-du-Château wishes to bring nature into the city through sustainable management and creation of natural areas. Former terraced gardens have been gradually redeveloped and turned into ecological gardens by international volunteers. New works are planned, with the aim of enhancing the vineyard with the creation of a barrel, the development of the southern terrace offering a beautiful view over the whole valley and the creation of a green theatre.

This sixteenth workcamp in Pont-du-Château is part of this major landscaping project.

#### Location and leisure:

Pont-du-Château is a lively town which overlooks the river Allier. Clermont-Ferrand, the capital of the region, is only 15km away and can be reached by train or bus. The castle is in the heart of the city and offers a remarkable view over the agglomeration of Clermont-Ferrand and the Auvergne volcanoes.

You will be welcomed by local organizations who will offer you activities to do during your leisure time: kayaking, hiking, swimming, learning how to play the popular ball game called "petanque", team sports, etc.

Local celebrations, meals with the inhabitants and the discovery of the region will be on your schedule, as well as the party organized at the end of the workcamp!

#### Special requirements and remarks:

Please bring sturdy shoes and clothes suitable for work, your swimsuit and a sleeping bag. You can also bring recipes from your home country/region, musical instruments and games. You will get around Pont-du-Chateau on foot and from time to time by car or minibus.









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For more information:

https://www.pontduchateau.fr/ and https://www.clermontauvergnetourisme.com

#### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is at PONT-DU-CHATEAU train station at the end of the afternoon. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the Info Sheet, sent one month before the beginning of the workcamp.

- From Paris, you can take a train from PARIS-BERCY train station (regular departures are scheduled throughout the day, about every two hour) to CLERMONT-FERRAND, then take a train to PONT-DU-CHATEAU (15 min, Clermont-Ferrand Thiers line).
- From Lyon, you can take a train from LYON PART-DIEU train station (regular departures are scheduled throughout the day) to CLERMONT-FERRAND, then take a train to PONT-DU-CHATEAU (15 min, Clermont-Ferrand Thiers line).

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website:

https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/

#### **Closest airport:**

Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon or Paris.

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Clermont-Ferrand 2
18/07 - 01/08
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#### **Project and Work:**

Get involved with Clermont-Ferrand's residents in summer activities for families: children, teenagers and parents!

As part of the "Mon Été à Clermont" project (My Summer in Clermont), you will be welcomed by the animation team of a Family Space on the site of the "Granouillet" gymnasium and its outer courtyard, in the heart of the city. With them, you will offer activities for diverse audiences. The agenda will be determined daily by the city agents, local associations and the families coming to the Space: animations, games, DIY workshops, awareness actions, debates, etc. You may build small constructions like play structures for children or temporary furniture.

This is a unique experience to develop animation skills in a dynamic and caring environment, rich with encounters and intercultural discoveries.

#### **Accommodation and food:**

You will be accompanied by two camp leaders throughout your stay.

The accommodation is located at the campsite "Pierre et Sources" in Volvic, in the heart of Auvergne Volcanoes Regional Nature Park, close to the Chaîne des Puys. Concordia provides individual sleeping tents and a collective tent for socializing.

The group will be sharing the different tasks of collective life together. The budget will be allocated to the camp leaders and you will participate in the preparation of meals, run errands from the market and local producers. Free WIFI at the campsite. Laundry will be hand-washed or in a washing machine at the campsite (for a fee).

#### Partner:

Since 1993, Concordia has been organizing international workcamps with the city of Clermont-Ferrand, showing how well this partnership works. The city has elaborated participative projects in cooperation with the local population. Every year, we come back to active neighbourhoods, where residents created familial gardens and non-profit organizations developed their activities.

This workcamp offers you the chance to take part in the "Mon Été à Clermont" project, which is a rich and diverse program extended to all of the city's districts. It offers animations, shows and concerts, to create sharing and convivial times.

Local young people will be able to take part in the work camp alongside you and help you discover their locality.

#### Location and leisure:

Clermont-Ferrand is the lively capital of the Auvergne region. It is located in an exceptional volcanic area, at the foot of the Puy de Dôme volcano and the Chaîne des









Puys which is listed as UNESCO World Heritage. During your stay, you will be able to enjoy the town's summery energy (shows, concerts, fireworks, etc.) and the countryside, located right on its doorstep: hiking over the volcanoes, swimming in the lakes, etc.

#### Special requirements and remarks:

The accommodation is located outside of the city of Clermont-Ferrand, in a little town in the countryside.

Bring work clothes, walking boots, a backpack and a swimming suit. Nights can be chilly, so bring warm clothes and a good sleeping bag. You can also bring recipes from your home country, music instruments and games.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues arise on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

For more information: <a href="https://www.clermontauvergnetourisme.com">https://www.clermontauvergnetourisme.com</a>

#### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is at the train station of CLERMONT-FERRAND at the end of the afternoon. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the Info Sheet, sent one month before the beginning of the workcamp.

From PARIS, you can take the train from PARIS - Bercy train station. Regular departures are scheduled throughout the day (every two hours) and the journey is about 3.5 hours.

From LYON, you can take the train from LYON - Part-Dieu train station. Regular departures are scheduled throughout the day, and the journey is about 2.5 hours.

If you are coming first by plane, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress free travel.

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website:

https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/

#### **Closest airport:**









Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon or Paris.

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DREAM MAKEOVER: BRING CHAPEL BACK TO LIFE

BERNAVILLE 01/08 - 22/08 RENO - MANU 16 vols 15-17 years old

#### **Project and work:**

Discover the town of Bernaville and contribute to a renovation project for the town's two small chapels.

On the agenda: removing roots damaging the structure, repointing damaged sections, repairing wooden doors, as well as sanding and cleaning. You'll learn a variety of different techniques throughout the project. A rewarding experience blending craftsmanship, creativity, and intercultural exchanges!

#### **Accommodation and meals:**

You'll stay in tents in the garden of the CAJ, known as "I'Usine," where a large communal tent (marabout) will be set up as a living space with a dining area. Sanitary facilities, including showers provided by local sports clubs, will be available in the main building.

Collective living will be at the heart of this experience: you'll share daily tasks and prepare meals together. The animation team will manage a budget, and you'll take part in shopping and cooking, prioritizing healthy and locally sourced products.

#### Partner:

The town of Bernaville, located in the Somme, is a long-standing partner of Concordia. The municipality is always dedicated to welcoming volunteers, ensuring a warm and enriching stay, filled with intercultural exchanges and a true spirit of cooperation.

You'll have the opportunity to meet the youth of the animation center, who will help on the workcamp some days, and with whom some activities will be shared.

#### Location and leisure:

Bernaville is situated in the heart of the Picardy countryside, approximately 30 km from Amiens and its famous hortillonnages (floating gardens). The region offers a peaceful and green setting, perfect for hiking or cycling. Volunteers will also have the chance to explore nearby towns like Abbeville, Saint-Valery-sur-Somme, and the Bay of Somme, one of France's most beautiful natural sites.









In August, there will be plenty of activities to enjoy, including local markets, summer festivals, and cultural events. With the animation team, you can organize trips to discover these local treasures while also enjoying moments of relaxation and sharing. Bernaville and its surroundings offer the perfect balance between cultural immersion, historical heritage, and nature-based leisure.

#### Important to know:

Please bring good shoes, working clothes and a swimsuit. As nights can be quite cold,

remember also to bring warm clothes, a sleeping bag and a mattress for more comfort. Tents will be provided. You can also bring traditional recipes from your home country/region, music instruments and games.

Foreigners from the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues arise on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

#### Languages:

English, French

#### **Meeting point:**

The meeting is planned at the train station of Amiens on August 1st, at the end of the day. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the info sheet, sent at least 4 weeks before the beginning of the workcamp.

From PARIS, regular trains (around 1 per hour) leave from the Gare du Nord train station for Amiens train station (1 hour trip).

From BEAUVAIS, a 1€ bus is available from the airport to the Amiens Train station.

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/</a>

If you are coming first by plane, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress-free journey.

#### **Nearest Airport:**

Paris Charles De Gaulle / Paris-Beauvais









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## **ESC**

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PROTECTING HERITAGE 1
CLERMONT L'HÉRAULT
11/04 - 25/04









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#### **Project and Work:**

You love heritage and nature and want to make yourself useful? Come contribute to the development of the heritage trails in Clermont L'Hérault!

The municipality wishes to maintain these paths for the pleasure of hikers. Discover the rich heritage of the commune, with its archaeological oppidum, its castle, its small dry-stone walls, and its calades in an exceptional natural environment near the Salagou lake. Your work will consist of preserving the Clermont-Hérault heritage by carrying out small-scale landscaping work, clearing undergrowth or even making the accesses and paths leading to these different sites safe.

This work is essential to maintain these paths while allowing visitors, walkers and the curious of all horizons to come and discover this rich heritage!

#### Accommodation and food:

Accommodation will be at the Lac du Salagou campsite. You will sleep in individual tents (bring your own mat and sleeping bag). You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the camp leaders. Grocery-shopping and cooking will be done collectively, by fostering healthy, vegetarian and local products.

#### Partner:

Since 2015, we have had a very strong partnership with the town of Clermont l'Hérault and local associations that promote the discovery of local heritage.

Our delegation's office is located in the town. We also run a number of volunteering projects for local young people in the area. We work closely with volunteers from local heritage associations. This project, which involves enhancing the calade on the communal path, is part of and contributes to the enhancement of the commune's heritage.

#### Location and leisure:

Clermont L'Hérault is a charming little town located north of Montpellier in the South of France. Benefiting from a Mediterranean climate and a remarkable natural environment (Lac du Salagou, rivers of the Gorges de l'Hérault nearby), it also has a rich cultural heritage with its castle and its cathedral.

In the heart of a preserved setting, you can enjoy outdoor activities and make cultural and festive discoveries.









#### Special requirements and remarks:

Remember to bring gloves, clothes and shoes suited for work. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm duvet. We recommend bringing a swimsuit if you want to swim in the river. Feel free to bring something you would like to share with others (a speciality from your country, a music instrument, an object from your culture etc.)

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues happen on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

This project is supported by the program European Solidarity Corps for young people between 18 and 30 years. It is open to all volunteers that fit the ESC criteria.

The participation to the ESC volunteering teams is subjects to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission\_en

- Volunteers do not have to pay any fee (no sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project;
- Volunteers need to enroll in the PASS, the European Solidarity Corps Portal; Concordia France will organise their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project;
- Volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 6€/day, once they arrive on the project in France;
- Volunteers will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
- Volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

#### Language:

English

### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

Clermont l'Hérault bus station at 17:00

#### **Closest airport:**

Montpellier









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#### **Project and Work:**

Get involved in the restoration of the Saint-Étienne chapel, a real jewel of Istres' heritage! The Saint-Étienne chapel possesses a soul that compels all Istres residents to love it. You can't help but adore it!

You'll be helping to build an open-air theatre using traditional techniques (dry stones) adjacent to the Saint-Étienne chapel: three stone tiers to seat the future audience for events hosted in this corner of paradise. This traditional technique gives a very pretty aspect.

This project is part of an overall project to restore the chapel, which has been led by the "Saint-Étienne Renaissance" association for a number of years. Simple yet ambitious, the aim of the association's 20-year project is to bring this exceptional site back to life. The aim is to enhance this natural area, offering a unique view over Provence, the town of Istres and the Berre and Olivier lakes, while restoring this monument rooted in local history.

We will have the chance to have 14 young people from Istres' Quartiers Prioritaires de la Ville (QPV Le Prépaou) to lend us a hand. Volunteers from the "Saint-Etienne Renaissance" association will also often be present at our events.

Our mission is based on a mixed public, benevolence, group cohesion and the construction of unforgettable experiences. A common goal for all: get out of your comfort zone!

Please note: due to a flowing problem, the work project may have to be changed (location and dates will remain the same). We will keep you informed as soon as possible.

#### Accommodation and food:

The Résidence Lionel Trompette will welcome you for the duration of your stay. It is a permanent accommodation: three small houses with individual beds and a collective outdoor terrace. Sanitary facilities in a heated building. You'll share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you'll take part in shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local products.









#### Partner:

The commune of Istres, through its Maison du Citoyen, is organizing its third youth workcamp in 2025 around Saint-Étienne chapel. Built 116 meters above sea level on a hill called "Volturno", it overlooks the Etang de Berre, the Etang de l'Olivier and the area to which it gave its name: the Saint-Étienne district.

#### **Location and Leisure:**

Istres is a commune in southern France, located in the Bouches-du-Rhône département (13), 60 km northwest of Marseille. Surrounded by the Berre and Olivier lakes, on the edge of the Crau plain, close to the beaches, the Alpilles and the Camargue, Istres enjoys an exceptional living environment. Local festivals and the chance to explore the region will punctuate your stay.

#### Remarks:

Don't forget gloves, clothes and shoes for work, as well as a swimsuit for the more courageous! Don't forget to bring sun protection (hat, sunglasses, etc.). Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm comforter. You can also take along recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

The last day is devoted to departure, usually in the morning.

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This project is supported by the program European Solidarity Corps (ESC) for young people between 18 and 30 years. It is open to all volunteers that fit the ESC criteria.

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- volunteers do not have to pay any fee (not sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project and will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
- volunteers need to enrol in the PASS, the ESC Portal; then Concordia France will organise their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project;









- volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 6€/day, once they arrive on the project in France;
- volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

### **Meeting Point:**

The meeting point is at Istres railway station in the late afternoon of 16/04. The exact meeting time will be communicated with the roadmap, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the work.

The last day (04/30) is devoted to departure, generally in the morning.

From Marseille's Gare Saint-Charles, TER trains run regularly to Gare d'Istres. The journey takes about 1 hour. Train reservations are possible around 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below:

https://www.sncf-connect.com/

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#### CONCF-3107A-ESC

CREATE AN OPEN AIR ECO-FRIENDLY CAFE

PREIGNAN 14/05 - 29/05 ENVI/RENO 18 vols 18-30

## Project and work:

You want to contribute to the revitalization of a rural community and connect with locals? Join a team of volunteers to set up a guinguette and bring a lively meeting place to life in the heart of Gers, one of the most welcoming regions in France!

In Preignan, a dynamic village surrounded by nature, you will help breathe new life into L'Hydroberge, a community café cherished by locals. The goal of this project is to transform this alternative space into a hub for connection and exchange while upholding









values of inclusion, equality, and eco-responsibility.

On-site, you will take part in preparing the venue for the summer season by building a pizza oven and outdoor wooden furniture. No prior experience is required—if you've never done masonry or carpentry before, don't worry, everything can be learned on-site! What truly matters is your motivation and willingness to bring creativity to this project full of potential.

Your stay will also be filled with exciting activities and local tourism, ensuring an immersive experience in the life of the village.

### **Accommodation and meals:**

You will sleep in individual tents (provided by Concordia) with access to sanitary facilities, showers, and a kitchen.

Everyone will take turns preparing meals and managing the living space (organizing schedules, cleaning, shopping, etc.). Tasks will be shared collectively, and meals will be prepared together (mainly vegetarian). A budget will be allocated to the team leaders, and you will participate in grocery shopping, prioritizing healthy and locally sourced products. Laundry will be done by hand.

Wi-Fi is not available, but volunteers can share their mobile data if needed.

#### Partner:

During the project, you will be ambassadors of L'Hydroberge, a former mill that has become a true community hub. This café is now a cornerstone for locals, combining culture, conviviality, and creativity.

L'Hydroberge hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including jam sessions, thematic fairs (eco-construction, wellness, cosplay), book signings, conferences, and concerts. During your stay, you will have the chance to take part in one of these jam sessions. Music instruments will be available, but you can bring your own to join the lively musical atmosphere of the venue. This is the perfect opportunity to meet residents, exchange ideas, and experience a rich and dynamic immersion in local life.

### **Location and Leisure:**

L'Hydroberge is located in Preignan, a charming village in Gers, at the heart of the Occitanie region in southern France. This picturesque village, with everything you need nearby, is just a stone's throw from Auch, the city of d'Artagnan, known for its rich history.

Preignan hosts fascinating remnants such as an ancient villa visible on the ridges. The village's Romanesque church, at its center, was built on a former Merovingian cemetery, offering a true journey through time. The Rambert Mill, home to L'Hydroberge, is itself a









historic monument and a symbol of local life.

If you love history and authenticity, Gers is the ideal place to explore France in a unique way. You can discover the Santiago de Compostela trails, visit archaeological sites like the Gallo-Roman villa of Seviac, and more! The region is also home to the Occitan language, adding even more charm to its rich character.

### Special requirements and remarks:

Consider taking clothes and footwear suited for work and hiking (including rain clothes). Bring a warm sleeping bag and a good floor mat, tents are provided but if you want, you can bring your own tent. Don't forget to bring a bathing suit in case you go swimming. Don't hesitate to bring home specialties, photos, games, music instruments, etc.

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## Language:

**English** 

### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is AUCH Train Station on the 14th of May at 6 PM. There are regular trains to AUCH from TOULOUSE Matabiau station.

From PARIS, you can take the train from Montparnasse train station to TOULOUSE Matabiau train station, regular departures are scheduled throughout the day (about every hour). The trip last for about 4.5 hours, once in TOULOUSE Matabiau train station. Trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, available on the following website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/</a>

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### **Closest airport:**

Toulouse Blagnac Airport.









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PROTECTING HERITAGE 2
CLERMONT L'HÉRAULT
16/05 - 30/05
RENO/ENVI
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## **Project and Work:**

Do you love heritage and nature and want to make yourself useful? Come contribute to the development of the heritage trails in Clermont L'Hérault!

The municipality wishes to maintain these paths for the pleasure of hikers. Discover the rich heritage of the commune, with its archaeological oppidum, its castle, its small dry-stone walls, and its calades in an exceptional natural environment near the Salagou lake. Your work will consist of enhancing the Clermont-Hérault heritage by carrying out small-scale landscaping work, clearing undergrowth or even making the accesses and paths leading to these different sites safe.

This work is essential to maintain these paths while allowing visitors, walkers and the curious of all horizons to come and discover this rich heritage!

#### Accommodation and food:

Accommodation will be at the Lac du Salagou campsite. You will sleep in individual tents (bring your own sleeping bag and duvet). You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the camp leaders. Grocery-shopping and cooking will be done collectively, favouring healthy and local products.

### Partner:

Since 2015, we have had a very strong partnership with the town of Clermont l'Hérault and local associations that promote the discovery of local heritage.

Our delegation's offices are located in the town. We also run a number of volunteer projects aimed at young people in the area. We work closely with volunteers from local heritage associations. This project, which involves enhancing the calade on the communal path, is part of and contributes to the enhancement of the commune's heritage.









### Location and leisure:

Clermont L'Hérault is a charming little town located north of Montpellier in the South of France. Benefiting from a Mediterranean climate and a remarkable natural environment (Lac du Salagou, rivers of the Gorges de l'Hérault nearby), it also has a rich cultural heritage with its castle and its cathedral.

In the heart of a preserved setting, you can enjoy outdoor activities and make cultural and festive discoveries

## Special requirements and remarks:

Remember to bring gloves, clothes and shoes suited for work. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm duvet. We recommend bringing a swimsuit if you want to swim in the river. Feel free to bring something you would like to share with others (a speciality from your country, a music instrument, an object from your culture etc.)

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- Volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.









### Language:

**English** 

## Time and directions to Meeting Place:

Clermont l'Hérault bus station at 17:00

### **Closest airport:**

Montpellier

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### Project and work:

You're in for a unique experience aboard the Hermione frigate! Accompanied by volunteers and professional sailors who work on the restoration of the boat throughout the year, you will discover traditional techniques: repairing the wooden parts that make up the boat's structure, tarring ropes, painting, etc. Alongside the main tasks on the frigate, the sailors on site will teach you about the history of the boat and sailing techniques. You don't need any special skills, just a lot of motivation!

#### Accommodation and food:

This workcamp is like no other! You will be accommodated directly on board the boat, in a shared cabin with individual wooden berths. The whole group will be in the same cabin, so you'll be in real sailing conditions. You will also be able to use other areas of the boat for group time and meals. The boat is not on the water; it is currently being restored.

On land, there are several temporary structures with a kitchen, sanitary facilities, showers and a communal living room.

You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with the shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce.









Together, you'll help organise community life (cleaning, activities, etc.) and take turns preparing meals using locally sourced produce. We want to encourage vegetarian eating with local, seasonal produce, while respecting the diets of the participants and discovering local cuisine together.

You'll be living with a number of other volunteers (most of them French) who are on site throughout the year to restore the boat, including professionals from the sector, sailors and carpenters, who will be able to guide you through the technical tasks to be carried out on the boat and pass on their passion!

#### Partners:

In 1992, a group of maritime history enthusiasts set up the Hermione-Lafayette Association, with the aim of rebuilding a late 18th century frigate in the heart of Rochefort's historic arsenal. A long period of preparatory work then began, with the collection of historical sources, the reconstitution of plans, the search for funding, the launch of a call for tenders to find a builder... The worksite was launched on 4 July 1997. The boat sailed for several years and visited several cities in France and around the world. For several years now, the boat has had to be taken out of the water to be restored, so it was transported to Anglet, where a number of volunteers and professionals are working to repair it to get it back in the water as soon as possible! You are going to be part of this work.

### Geographical location and leisure activities:

The boat is currently located in Anglet, on the Basque coast. So you'll be close to the ocean and its beaches, between the magnificent towns of Bayonne and Biarritz. On the programme: discover the Basque heritage, its culture, its gastronomic specialities and its people. There are plenty of outdoor activities on offer, from beach and surfing to hiking in the Pyrenees... Most of the journey is by public transport, and the boat is located near the Adour, at the entrance to the port of Bayonne. It's close to several shops.

### Good to know:

Don't forget sun protection (a hat or cap is essential, sunglasses with high protection factor, sun cream with high protection factor IP 30-50, etc.) and a swimming costume for swimming or white-water activities.

For accommodation, remember to bring a warm sleeping bag and a towel. You should also bring a rucksack (in addition to your luggage), comfortable trainers and a pair of flip-flops. You'll also need to pack the following essentials: a mobile phone charger, a water bottle, a set of bandages and a headlamp or torch.









Social events will be organised in collaboration with our activity leaders and according to your wishes. In particular, we'll be organising themed evenings for each country. If you'd like to share a little of your culture (recipes, traditional stories, unusual objects, music, etc.), don't hesitate to take a little piece of your country/region in your rucksack.

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- Volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on the basis of 6€/day, once they arrive at the project in France;
- Volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

### Language:

English, French

## Time and direction to reach the meeting point:

The meeting point is at BIARRITZ train station on 11/06 in the late afternoon.

The exact meeting time will be communicated with the route map, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the project.

There are several direct trains from Paris Gare Montparnasse to BIARRITZ. The journey takes approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a>









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CONCF - 1310 LE PRADET A 16/06 - 30/06 RENO/DISA 12 vols 18-30

### Projet et travail:

Come and help set up a care center for wild animals!

The TOTEM association welcomes you to an international work camp in sunny Le Pradet, where you can join other volunteers on a project to set up a wildlife care center and preserve local biodiversity.

The project is located in the commune of Le Pradet, on land belonging to the Conservatoire du Littoral, and includes 2 buildings to be completely renovated to become care buildings.

## **Program:**

Construction of dry-stone walls to demarcate areas, construction of animal shelters, restoration of antique furniture (1800), landscaping of outdoor areas, organization of garage sales with the commune to present the TOTEM project and international workcamps, creation of a fresco inside the building...

It's a great opportunity to discover the region and meet some unforgettable people!

### Hébergement et repas:

Accommodation will be either hard-standing or in tents, depending on the weather and the group's wishes. The kitchen area and toilets will be hard-standing inside the building.

You will take it in turns to prepare meals, in pairs or triples.

A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you'll take part in shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce. A recipe booklet will be provided to encourage responsible purchasing and sustainable eating.

#### Partenaire:

TOTEM is an association founded by a veterinarian and a veterinary assistant. It works to preserve wildlife by setting up care centers that prepare animals to return to their









#### natural habitat.

In addition to saving hundreds of animals each year, this project aims to raise public awareness, train professionals and contribute to the protection of the region's biodiversity. Through this project, the association aims to promote the protection of biodiversity in the South Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur region through several objectives: care, knowledge, protection and education.

### Situation géographique et activités de loisir:

Le Pradet is a commune in southern France, located in the Var department (83), 57 km from Marseille and just 8 km from Toulon. It is home to some of the most beautiful coves and beaches on the Mediterranean coast.

Your volunteer work will be punctuated by a variety of activities: discovering the region and its specialties, hiking, swimming in the sea, lake or river, nature sports, meeting local people... and much more!

### À savoir:

Remember to take gloves, work clothes and shoes, as well as a swimsuit. You'll also need sun protection: sunglasses, cap (or similar) and sunscreen. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm comforter.

You can also bring recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

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LES MAINS DANS LE RACAN
AUBIGNE RACAN
09/07 - 30/07
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European Solidarity Corps project

### Project and work:

Get your chisels and sledgehammers, this year we're restoring the wall of the village cemetery!

On the technical side, this project is being supervised and coordinated by professionals. By the end of the project, you'll know all about lime!

What's more, you'll be accompanied by skilled facilitators throughout the project, to help you learn these techniques step by step.









You'll also take part in setting up events and activities to create links with local residents: setting up a stall at the Saturday morning market, organizing an international meal, the famous aperitif with local residents, offering service exchanges...

#### Accommodation and food:

You'll sleep in individual tents (tents will be provided but bring your own sleeping bag and comforter), so you'll be in direct contact with nature. The kitchen and living area will be hard-standing in a room near the camp. Toilets and showers are hard-standing, also close to the camp. There will be no wifi on site. Laundry will be done by hand. You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce and vegetarian meals.

#### Partner:

We've been working in partnership with the town of Aubigné-Racan since 2013. We used to work on the renovation of the archaeological site, but today we're changing projects to work on the renovation of the town's cemetery wall.

Aubigné-Racan is a charming town near the river Loir, proud of its heritage. Its inhabitants are accustomed to welcoming young international volunteers every year. You'll be welcomed by the town's mayor, who will be delighted to show you around the village. Between the July 14th festivities and aperitifs at the locals' homes, you'll have plenty of opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture.

What's more, you'll have a stand at the local market on Saturday mornings, a great opportunity to meet the locals (and bargain for unsold goods!).

#### Location and leisure activities:

Aubigné-Racan is located in the south of the Sarthe region, 40 km south of Le Mans and 15 km West of Château du Loir. Time will be set aside to meet local residents and exchange services. You'll also be able to take part in local festivities in July, including the July 14th parade and fireworks, the "Nuit des Chimères" in Le Mans, local heritage discoveries and hikes.

### Special requirements and remarks:

For work on the construction site, remember to wear closed shoes that you don't mind being used. Don't forget to bring warm clothes for the cold and the rain as well as a warm sleeping bag: the nights can be chilly in the Sarthe. Don't hesitate to bring home specialties, photos, games, music instruments, etc.

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### Languages:

English, French

#### Rendez-vous:

The meeting point is set at the end of the afternoon at the Aubigne Racan (72) train station on the 3rd of July. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the infosheet, sent at the latest 4 weeks before the beginning of the work. On the last day (30/07), the departure time is usually set in the morning.

Several trains with connections leave from Paris Montparnasse to the station of Louverné. Please consider using low-carbon transportation (train or bus, rather than aeroplane) for a sustainable international workcamp.

Train reservations are possible about 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: https://www.sncf-connect.com/.

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### **Closest airports:**

NANTES or PARIS AIRPORTS (We encourage you to avoid flying and use sustainable means of transport.)

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CHATEAUDOUBLE
DRY STONE IN PROVENCE
RENO/ENVI
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CORPS EUROPEEN DE SOLIDARITE
18-30

### Projet et travail:

Help preserve the heritage of Châteaudouble, a small medieval Provencal village typical of southern France. For lovers of nature, hilltop villages and heritage!

The village hosts a number of cultural events at its open-air Théâtre de Verdure, on an esplanade overlooking the village and its listed monuments, with a magnificent unobstructed view.

As the site is vast, a number of restoration projects are planned, with the main aim of building the dry-stone wall adjoining the Châteaudouble open-air theater, and the secondary aim of constructing the steps to demarcate the passageway.

### Hébergement et repas :

You'll be housed in tents (provided by CONCORDIA) on the Plateau de Sainte-Anne, adjacent to the Théâtre de Verdure, with access to the former Sainte-Anne chapel, now a multi-purpose hall with toilets and an indoor kitchen and dining area. As we don't have a bathroom on site, we'll be installing solar-powered showers. Laundry will be done by hand.

You'll share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together, either in the outdoor summer kitchen or under the small covered facility. A budget will be allocated to the organizers, and you'll help with shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, vegetarian, local produce.

#### Partenaire:









Châteaudouble is a medieval village with a rich heritage of sumptuous monuments, some of which are listed. Very dynamic and committed to promoting its historical and natural heritage, the commune is also developing several projects in the village. For the seventh consecutive year, we are renewing our partnership with the commune of Châteaudouble.

Our work and your commitment will enable us to restore and enhance this magnificent site for the benefit of local residents and tourists alike!

## Situation géographique et activités de loisirs :

A veritable eagle's nest, overlooking the Nartuby gorges in the Haut Var, Châteaudouble has preserved its authentic medieval appearance. The village invites you to explore its narrow streets, wander between the houses and climb up to the castle ruins on the Sainte Anne plateau.

Châteaudouble offers a wide range of leisure activities, including visits and walks, swimming in the rivers and gorges, kayaking in the gorges or at sea, hiking, local sports such as pétanque, and participation in the various village festivities.

As the commune is isolated with little public transport, the vast majority of activities will take place on site. Outings to the gorges and/or the sea can also be organized.

### À savoir:

Remember to pack clothes and shoes for work and hiking. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm comforter and a sleeping mat. Don't forget to bring a hat or cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, a small backpack, a water bottle and mosquito repellent, as well as loose-fitting clothing for the evenings.

You can also bring recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

As the village is far from the meeting point (Gare les Arcs Draguignan) and has no public transport, it's imperative to be at the meeting point on time!

The last day is devoted to departure, usually in the morning.

## Heure et direction pour rejoindre le point de rendez-vous :

The meeting point is the Gare des ARCS DRAGUIGNAN on 09/07 at 5pm. From the Gare de Lyon in Paris, there are several direct or connecting trains to Les ARCS DRAGUIGNAN station. The journey takes around 5 hours.

An "on-demand" rural bus service operates in the area, linking Draguignan and Châteaudouble; the organizers will be in touch with you in the days leading up to the site, with specific instructions on how to get to the site.









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ACCESSIBILITY AND CINEMA SILHOUETTE WORKCAMP
PARIS
25/08 - 8/09
HAND
12 vol
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#### Présentation:

Take part in the Silhouette film festival, the biggest short film festival in Paris!

The Silhouette Festival is organized every year for over 20 years in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. This year, the focus is on cultural accessibility and disability awareness.

The first three days of your stay will be devoted to a training on the theme of "Disability and Cinema". This course will enable you to explore the representation of disability in cinema, and raise your awareness of the issues surrounding accessibility.

On the following days, you'll be fully immersed in the festival, mostly carrying out logistics and catering tasks; you will also contribute to the implementation of cultural accessibility measures and the organization of awareness-raising workshops on cultural disability: running games on youth cinema techniques for children, manning a stand at the festival's accessibility evening, creating educational tool (quiz about accessibility) You'll also produce a vlog about the volunteers at the festival.

### **Accommodation and meals:**

You will be housed in part of Concordia's headquarters in the 17th arrondissement of Paris. The placewill be specially converted into 2 non-mixed dormitories on the lower









floor. Mattresses will be placed on the floor, and sleeping bags will be provided. Remember to bring pillowcases. There's a small kitchen and a room just for you upstairs. Breakfasts will be taken on site, and you'll take it in turns to cook your own lunches. A budget will be allocated to the coordinators, and you'll help with shopping, food recovery and meal preparation. As far as possible, we will promote vegetarian meals, using healthy, local and seasonal produce, while respecting the dietary requirements of all participants and allowing them to discover local gastronomy.

Dinners will be catered directly at the festival site.

#### Partner:

Our partner is the Silhouette association, which is dedicated to image education, and has been organizing this festival every year since 2002, attracting ever-increasing audiences and becoming a not-to-be-missed event in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. Since 2018, the association has also been committed to developing inclusive features to make its festival more accessible to people with disabilities, particularly hearing disability. In 2024, one of the festival's evenings was fully accessible, with a signed concert, a screening subtitled in VSM (Version Sourds et Malentendants) and adapted activities. Concordia has been a partner of the festival since 2015, and is delighted to renew this collaboration.

For more information, click here: <a href="https://www.association-silhouette.com/">https://www.association-silhouette.com/</a>

#### Location and leisure activities:

The festival takes place in the Butte du Château Rouge park in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. The accommodation is located in the 17e arrondissement of Paris, which combines urban dynamism and large green spaces with the Parc Martin Luther King park.

This workcamp is designed to raise awareness on art and accessibility. To enrich your experience, we've planned a program of leisure activities to help you discover the city from this angle. You'll visit emblematic sites such as the "Les Souffleurs de sens" cultural center, showcasing venues designed for people with disabilities. You'll also discover some of Paris's best-known film locations, visit the "Ateliers des Artistes en Exil" (a cultural space that runs inclusive workshops and artistic projects created by and for disabled people and refugee artists), the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, and much more.

#### Good to know:

Festive events will be organized for the Concordia team, festival volunteers and participants. The festival site will provide daily public transport to the 19th to reach the festival (40 min).









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- Volunteers must register on PASS (the CES portal) and Concordia will then invite them to confirm their participation in the project;
- Volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on the basis of 6€/day, on their first day on the project ;
- Volunteers must complete a participation report, submitted online via the portal.

The last day is dedicated to the morning departure.

### Langues:

English and French

### Meeting time and directions:

The meeting place is Concordia headquarters, 64 Rue Pouchet, 75017 Paris, on August 25, 2025 at 6pm. There are several public transport options to get to the headquarters. Metro stations Brochant (line 13) and Porte de Clichy (lines 12, 13 and 14) are the closest, but you can also walk from the streetcar (streetcar T3b).

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**CONCF-1302** 

«GARDER LE MORALES» : RESTAURATION DES SCULPTURES DE RAYMOND MORALES

**PORT-DE-BOUC** 









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### Projet et travail:

Help restore Raymond Morales' sculptures in Port-de-Bouc!

The commune of Port-de-Bouc, owner of part of the work of the metal sculptor Raymond Moralès, wishes to offer, following the success of the workcamps

Following the success of the Concordia 2023 and 2024 workcamps, the commune of Port-de-Bouc would like to offer the maintenance of some of the pieces as part of a Concordia workcamp for young European volunteers in autumn 2025.

You'll work on cleaning and varnishing works of art, and learn how to maintain metal equipment by climbing your future friends' scaffolding. Beware of vertigo!

At the end of your work, the works will be moved to a dedicated space for the artist, to revive the artistic impulse of this former ironworker. This project is part of an overall project to restore the work of Raymond Moralès, which the Port-de-Bouc commune has been carrying out for many years.

### Hébergement et repas :

You'll be staying at the magnificent Bottal campsite by the sea. You'll have your own individual tents, provided by Concordia, and a communal living area (hammocks, tables and chairs, relaxation area, kitchen area).

Remember to bring your sleeping mats and winter comforters (very important!!).

Hard-walled toilets and showers at the campsite. You'll share daily chores and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you'll help with shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce.

#### Partenaire:

As you'll have gathered, this workcamp was unlike any other, and the motivation shown by the participants (almost as great as the sculptures themselves!) to bring the project to fruition was exceptional. This is the third youth workcamp that the Port-de-Bouc town council has organized, and we're determined to make sure it goes off without a hitch, with our feet in the water!









## Situation géographique et activités de loisirs :

Port-de-Bouc is a commune in southern France, located in the Bouches-du-Rhône département (13), 45 km northwest of Marseille. Embracing the sea and the Etang de Berre, the town has asserted its industrial and maritime vocation, becoming a land of the sea. The art of boats and the transformation of energy from the sea has found its home. Port-de-Bouc is famous for its militancy and resistance, its commitment to young people and its cultural initiatives. Port-de-Bouc, an industrial port, a home to many cultures.

## À savoir:

Don't forget gloves, clothes and shoes for work, as well as a swimsuit for the more courageous! You'll also need sun protection: sunglasses (for the water's reflection), a cap (or similar) and sunscreen. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm comforter. You can also take along recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

The last day is devoted to departure, usually in the morning.

This project is supported by the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) program for young people aged 18 to 30. It is open to all volunteers who meet the ESC criteria, and is subject to a number of principles and conditions presented on this page:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission\_fr

- Volunteers are not required to pay any fees (neither shipping costs nor participation fees) to take part in the project, and will receive financial support for their travel, up to a maximum amount established according to their travel distance and on presentation of original tickets;
- volunteers must register on PASS, the CES portal, and Concordia will then invite them to confirm their participation in the project;
- volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on the basis of 6€/day, as soon as they arrive on the project in France;
- volunteers will be required to complete a participation report, submitted online via the portal.

## Heure et direction pour rejoindre le point de rendez-vous :

The meeting point is at the Port-de-Bouc train station on 01/10/2025 at 5pm. The exact meeting time will be communicated with the route map, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the work.

From Marseille's Saint-Charles station, TER trains run regularly to Miramas station, where it is possible to take a TER train to Port-de-Bouc. The journey takes around 1.5









hours.

Alternatively, direct trains leave from the Arenc-Euroméditerranée station in the center of Marseille. The journey takes about 1 hour.

Trains can be booked around 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below:

https://www.sncf-connect.com/

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SUMMIT STEPS: BUILDING PATHS IN THE VERCORS

PNR VERCORS - SAINT-NAZAIRE-EN-ROYANS

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## **Project and Work:**

Come contribute to the preservation and development of a newly marked hiking trail, in the heart of the Vercors Regional Natural Park!

You will help make the "vanilla trail" more accessible and safer for everyone. Supervised by professionals, you will participate in creating steps, installing guardrails, and setting up other amenities to facilitate hikers' passage, while respecting the site's ecosystem. The work site is a 20-minute walk from the accommodation. A minibus will be available to transport tools and facilitate access. You will then need to walk with some equipment, as the site is only accessible by foot. This may be physically demanding, but everything will be organized to ensure it is accessible to all. No specific skills are required, just a willingness to learn, share, and get involved in a meaningful project. By joining this project, you will directly contribute to preserving a unique area of the Vercors and ensuring its accessibility for future generations!

#### Accommodation and food:









You will be accommodated in a communal lodge equipped with multiple beds per room. The lodging will be divided into two apartments within the same building. Remember to bring a sleeping bag. The group will be supervised by an animation team responsible for group life and technical aspects. Together, you will participate in organizing communal life (cleaning, activities, etc.) and take turns preparing meals, prioritizing local products and vegetarian recipes. Wi-Fi is not available directly at the accommodation, and there is no washing machine.

### Partner:

The Vercors Regional Natural Park and Concordia have been collaborating for many years, committed to the preservation of the territory. This long-standing partnership allows volunteers from all backgrounds to discover an exceptional region with diverse landscapes, rich history, and a strong cultural identity. In return, your participation in the workcamps directly supports the park's missions, in collaboration with local municipalities, to protect and enhance these natural areas. Beyond the work carried out on-site, you will have the opportunity to better understand local issues through discussions and activities organized by the PNR and its partners. These moments will explore key topics such as the preservation of natural environments, sustainable agriculture, responsible tourism, renewable energies, mobility, and ecological urban planning.

#### Location and leisure:

Located in the Drôme region, in the heart of the Vercors Regional Natural Park, Saint-Nazaire-en-Royans is a picturesque village crossed by the Isère and Bourne rivers. The village is dominated by an impressive 19th-century aqueduct, offering a panoramic view of the Vercors.

For leisure activities, you can embark on a paddlewheel boat for a guided cruise on the Isère, explore the prehistoric Thaïs Cave, or visit the Jardin des Fontaines Pétrifiantes. The surrounding area also offers numerous hiking trails for all levels, allowing you to explore the varied landscapes of the Vercors. These activities will be organized according to the group's interests, with the help of the facilitators, ensuring full immersion in this preserved area where culture and nature harmoniously meet.

### Special requirements and remarks:

It is recommended to bring sturdy, closed-toe work shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Remember to bring a sleeping bag, a fitted sheet, and a pillowcase. Additionally, pack waterproof clothing for walks, as nights can be chilly at higher altitudes; therefore, some warm clothing will be useful. Don't forget sun protection such as hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen, as well as a water bottle and your swimsuit for potential swimming activities (pools, water activity centers, etc.). Feel free to bring a small item representative of your country or region, as well as a Bluetooth speaker to play your favorite playlist.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If there are health issues on the project, volunteers will have to









pay for it, and then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

This project is supported by the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) program for young people between 18 and 30. It is open to all volunteers that fit the ESC criteria.

The participation to ESC volunteering teams is subjected to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage: <a href="https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission">https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission</a> en

- volunteers do not have to pay any fee (neither sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project and will receive financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established depending on their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
- volunteers need to enrol in the PASS, the ESC Portal; then Concordia France will organise their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project;
- volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on the basis of 6€/day, once they arrive at the project in France;
- volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

### Language:

English, French

### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

Meet between 5 PM and 6 PM at the "St Hilaire St Nazaire" train station. This station is accessible by TER train from Lyon Part-Dieu station, with a transfer in Valence or Grenoble. Trains run approximately every hour. You can easily reach Lyon Part-Dieu from major French cities like Paris or Marseille.

The exact time and final details will be confirmed in the infosheet sent before the workcamp. Make sure to book your tickets in advance, as sales open about two months before departure on the SNCF website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com">https://www.sncf-connect.com</a>.

## **Closest airport:**

Grenoble Alpes-Isère is the nearest airport, but Lyon Saint-Exupery bigger and you can easily reach Lyon Part Dieu train station by tram.

For long-haul flights, Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) is another option. High-speed TGV trains connect CDG to Lyon or Grenoble train station.









## **ADULTS**

CONCF-3314- AROUND THE BASQUE MOUNTAINS ITXASSOU 11/06 - 25/06 ENVI-CONS 14 vols 18+

### **Project and work:**

Come and take part in the project to protect several natural sites in the Basque Country! The programme includes guided tours with specialists from the Department and the Conservatoire des Espaces Naturels to discover the flora and fauna on site, as well as a range of different tasks: cutting down and removing invasive exotic species on wet moorland, repairing and installing fences in the mountains, creating sunbathing stations for the European pond terrapin (tortoise)... You'll have the opportunity to work on different sites in the middle of nature!

#### **Accommodation and food:**









You will be accommodated in individual tents, with sanitary facilities, kitchen and communal living area in the small village of Itxassou at the foot of the mountains. You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with the shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce.

Together, you'll help organise community life (cleaning, activities, etc.) and take turns preparing meals using locally sourced produce. Our aim is to encourage vegetarian eating using local, seasonal products, while respecting participants' diets and discovering local cuisine together.

No wifi & hand wash for clothes.

### Partners:

The Basque mountains are characterised by the presence of small wetlands on the slopes, known as peat bogs, in the middle of pastures and moors. There are also other wetlands along the banks of the River Adour, known as barthes. These areas are subject to various pressures, including invasive alien species, pastoralism and tourism. The various sites you will be working on, the Mondarrain and Sare peat bogs and the Mouguerre and Lahonce barthes, are protected natural areas managed by the Pyrénées Atlantiques department and the Conservatoire des espaces naturels. A whole host of actions are necessary throughout the year to preserve these fragile environments, so you'll be taking part in this work and supporting the teams on site. Numerous awareness-raising missions are also carried out throughout the year with schoolchildren and local residents to raise awareness of the remarkable animal and plant species. The workcamp will not only be an opportunity to help preserve these unique places, but also to discover all their secrets thanks to the many specialists who will be on hand to show you around the site.

### Geographical location and leisure activities:

Itxassou lies at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains. Set between mountains and sheep and cow pastures, this workcamp in the middle of nature will be an opportunity to discover this village, its inhabitants, its gastronomic specialities and the nearby footpaths. The various work sites are in the middle of nowhere, so you may have to walk a little to reach them. So it's a site that requires a certain level of physical fitness and a desire to spend time outdoors. When you're not on site, you can discover the Basque heritage, its villages, its cultural and gastronomic traditions and its magnificent landscapes between the ocean and the mountains!

#### Good to know:

Don't forget to bring work clothes and shoes that won't get dirty.

In the mountains, despite the sunshine, the weather is surprising and can change









rapidly.

For leisure activities, you'll need to pack clothes suited to the climate (warm fleece or jumper, shorts and hiking trousers, windbreaker, down jacket, warm socks, etc.). For hiking, high-top, notched shoes are recommended. Don't forget sun protection (a hat or cap is essential, sunglasses with a high protection factor because of the intense reflection, sun cream with a high protection factor IP 30-50, etc.) and a swimming costume for swimming or white-water activities.

For accommodation, remember to bring a warm sleeping bag and a towel. You should also bring a rucksack (in addition to your luggage), comfortable trainers and a pair of flip-flops. You'll also need to pack these essential accessories: a mobile phone charger, hiking poles (not compulsory, but recommended), a water bottle, a set of bandages and a headlamp or torch.

Social events will be organised in collaboration with our leaders and according to your wishes. In particular, we'll be organising themed evenings in each country. If you'd like to share a little of your culture (recipes, traditional stories, unusual objects, music, etc.), don't hesitate to take it with you.

### Language:

English, French

## Time and direction to reach the meeting point:

The meeting point is at BIARRITZ SNCF station on 11/06 in the late afternoon.

The exact meeting time will be communicated with the route map, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the project.

There are several direct trains from Paris Gare Montparnasse. The journey takes approximately 5 hours.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a>

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THE PATH UNDER THE GISQUET GATE
BAZAS
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**Project and Work:** 









Help restore a historic cobbled path at the entrance to the town of Bazas, in the middle of the Entre-deux-Mers vineyards!

You'll start this restoration project by clearing the weeds between the stones and then repairing the joints that have been destroyed through time. The section you'll be working on corresponds to one of the historic entrances of the town, which is surrounded by walls. The path goes under a stone gate, the Porte du Gisquet. You will be supervised by a technical guide who will teach you various traditional methods.

#### **Accommodation and food:**

You will be accommodated in individual tents, with sanitary facilities, a kitchen and a communal living room, in the sports facilities of the town of Bazas. You will share the various collective tasks (cleaning, activities, etc.). A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with shopping and preparing meals, giving priority to healthy, local products. We want to encourage vegetarian eating with local and seasonal products, while respecting participants' diets and discovering local cuisine together. WIFI is available.

#### Partner:

The commune of Bazas has a project to restore this pathway that enters the town. It is a popular route into the town for local residents, but it is now difficult for people with reduced mobility to use. It is also part of the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route, used by tourists who come to explore the city and its famous cathedral.

#### Location and leisure:

Bazas is a commune in south-west France, in the Gironde department, set amidst vineyards. You'll have plenty of opportunity to explore the surrounding châteaux, villages and vineyards. To the north-west, around 1h30 drive away, you'll find the city of Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The capital of the Bazadais region and a former bishopric, it has preserved a wealth of monuments, some of which date back to the Middle Ages and are symbolized by the Saint-Jean-Baptiste cathedral.

During the summer season, the town of Bazas organizes numerous events and village festivals, which you'll have the chance to take part in. With its market, cathedral, cafés, craftsmen and narrow streets, Bazas is a lively village! There are many natural sites in the area, including spots for kayaking and canoeing.

### Special requirements and remarks:

Bring a sleeping bag, a thick mattress, work clothes, walking shoes, warm clothing and rain gear, a torch, a swimming costume and sun cream.









If you would like to share some of your culture (recipes, traditional stories, unusual objects, music, etc.), don't hesitate to bring a small piece of your country or region in your rucksack.

### Languages:

English, French

### **Meeting points:**

The meeting point is Bordeaux SNCF station on 02/07 in the late afternoon.

The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the route map, which will be sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the project.

Several direct trains (approximately one per hour) leave Paris for Bordeaux. The journey takes between 2 and 3 hours.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a>

## **Closest airports:**

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**CASTLE IN THE STARS** 

**GIVORS** 

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### **Project and Work:**

Immerse yourself in history by participating in the restoration of Château Saint-Gérald! Located between Lyon and Saint-Étienne, this remarkable site overlooks the Rhône Valley and is the focus of an ambitious project to make it accessible and attractive.









Built in the 13th century and destroyed in 1591 during the Wars of Religion, the château was rediscovered in 1974. Today, a local initiative aims to rehabilitate it and integrate it into a broader project to enhance the region.

This participatory worksite will help develop welcoming spaces for the public. Participants will receive guidance in learning restoration techniques.

The project will adapt to different levels of experience, combining technical work with discussions on the history and conservation of the site.

#### Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated in an apartment in the heart of Givors, not far from the worksite. The accommodation consists of shared rooms with three to four single beds. It includes sanitary facilities, some accessible directly from the rooms and others located on the floor. A common room will be available for shared meals and social moments.

Please bring a sleeping bag suitable for a comfort temperature of about ten degrees Celsius. WiFi will be available nearby. The apartment is equipped with a washing machine.

Meals will be prepared collectively in a fully equipped kitchen. Participants will take turns preparing meals, cleaning, and handling other communal tasks. The diet will be primarily vegetarian, using local, seasonal, and short-supply-chain products while respecting individual dietary needs.

### Partner:

You will take part in the third collaboration between the city of Givors and Concordia, a partnership launched in 2022 to restore and promote Château Saint-Gérald. This worksite is a key step in a shared commitment to preserving local heritage through several upcoming projects.

This initiative relies on close collaboration between the city of Givors, its Cultural Affairs department, and a specialized architect working specifically on the site's restoration. You will also help strengthen ties with local residents, particularly younger generations, through the involvement of local associations. This year, the association "Les Amis de la Colline," currently being established, will follow the project and play a role in its local development.

#### Location and leisure:

Givors, with a population of 20,000, is located in the Lyon metropolitan area, about 20 kilometers from Lyon, easily accessible by public transport.

During your stay, leisure activities will be organized: hiking, cycling, and river swimming will allow participants to explore the area's natural beauty. With support from the local partner, bicycles will be available to facilitate travel and promote eco-friendly exploration. Cultural visits may also be arranged to explore local heritage and emblematic sites.









### Special requirements and remarks:

Make sure to bring sturdy, closed-toe work clothes that can get dirty. You will sleep in individual beds, so don't forget to pack a sleeping bag with a comfort temperature of 10°C, a fitted sheet, and a pillowcase. For outings, waterproof clothing is recommended. Remember to bring sun protection, including a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen, as well as a water bottle and a swimsuit for swimming in pools or water sports centers. If you would like to share a part of your culture, feel free to bring items representative of your country or region, such as photos, culinary specialties, music instruments, your favorite playlist, or games to play with other volunteers.

If you are under 18, don't forget to send us your Medical Factsheet and Parental Authorization at least one month before the beginning of the workcamp.

### Language:

English.

### Time and directions to Meeting Place:

Meet at **6:00 PM at Givors Ville train station**. The station is easily accessible by trains from Lyon's **Part-Dieu or Perrache stations in just 20 minutes**. These trains run frequently.

Reservations can be made now on the **SNCF website** via the following link: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a>. This is a TER train, so tickets are valid for any train throughout the day.

## **Closest airport:**

Lyon Saint-Exupery is the closest airport. From Paris CDG, you can easily reach Lyon Part-Dieu or Perrache trains stations.

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### **Project and work:**

Welcome to Bonnelles! A charming village located between the forests of Rambouillet and Dourdan. This workcamp is an opportunity to combine solidarity, nature discovery









and local traditions. For two weeks, you'll be helping to build furniture out of recycled pallets to furnish the Bonnelles courtyard, as well as creating a simple fresco.

#### **Accommodation and meals:**

You'll be staying in solid accommodation divided into 2 single-sex dormitories with sanitary facilities. Lunch will be taken in the canteen at midday, for dinners and breakfasts, it will be cooked by the youth group. You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. As far as possible, we will promote vegetarian meals using local, seasonal produce, while respecting the dietary requirements of all participants and introducing them to local gastronomy.

A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with shopping and meal preparation.

#### Partner:

For the first time this summer, the commune of Bonnelles is taking part in the adventure of international workcamps, with a project that will have a major impact on both residents and builders. This village of 2,200 inhabitants benefits from a very active community fabric, and makes a point of promoting its rural heritage and exceptional natural setting. Projects carried out as part of international workcamps enable the village to participate in preserving its heritage and improving its living environment. Opening up to the world is one of the village's key aims, to promote intercultural exchanges with its residents, especially the younger ones.

### Location and leisure activities:

Bonnelles is located in the Yvelines department, 50 km from Paris. Surrounded by forests, the village offers numerous hiking opportunities, perfect for discovering the region's natural gems. During the workcamp, you'll visit local producers such as Ferme des Clos, take part in board games with the locals or enjoy forest outings. Finally, you'll learn about migration and inequality, and meet several times with a group of male asylum seekers housed in Bonnelles. Visits can also be arranged to discover the various facilities in the village and surrounding area.

#### Good to know:

Bring work clothes and hiking boots. Nights can be chilly, so bring warm clothes, a pillowcase and a pillow. Bring rainwear (fleece, raincoat, etc.). Don't forget your sun protection (hat, sunglasses, cream, etc.), a water bottle and bathing suit for swimming in rivers and streams.









There will be plenty of time for socializing, especially with the village elders. If you'd like to share a little of your culture (music, songs, recipes, unusual objects...), don't hesitate to bring along a little piece of your country or region, children's books, a Bluetooth speaker or a musical instrument to show off your favorite playlist!

The internet connection is very weak, so you'll be immersed in nature. There's no launderette nearby, so laundry will mainly be done by hand.

The last day of the workcamp (18/07) is devoted to departure in the morning.

### **Meeting point:**

Meet in front of Bonnelles town hall at 6pm on 4/07. To get there, take the RER B southbound from Châtelet station.

From Orly airport: Take the OrlyVal bus to Antony, then the RER B to Orsay-ville station.

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport: take the RER B to Orsay-ville station.

Once in Orsay-Ville, take the bus 3907, heading to Collège des 3 Moulins. The town hall is a 5-minute walk away.

Don't hesitate to consult the train timetable on the RATP website (https://www.ratp.fr/), and wherever possible, consider using low-carbon transport (train and bus rather than plane) for a sustainable international worksite.

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LA MOTTE SERVOLEX

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### **Project and Work:**

Come and experience a unique adventure between lakes and mountains by joining an









international workcamp in the heart of Savoie!

In La Motte-Servolex, a charming town near Chambéry, you will be warmly welcomed by the locals and take part in a project that combines volunteering, learning, and cultural immersion.

In partnership with the municipality, this workcamp is part of a sustainable approach aimed at improving accessibility and preserving the local environment. Supervised by the technical and environmental services, you will contribute to the creation of a pond to promote biodiversity and the installation of signage for a daycare center. These actions are part of a broader municipal initiative to enhance the quality of life and raise awareness on ecological issues.

If you want to learn, contribute to a concrete project, or share a meaningful human experience, join us for a rewarding and solidarity-based adventure in the heart of the Alps!

#### Accommodation and food:

Accommodation will be provided by the municipality. You will sleep in tents (provided by Concordia) and have sanitary facilities close by. Further details will be shared later. You will actively participate in community life by sharing daily tasks such as cleaning and group activities.

Meals will be prepared together, on a rotating basis, prioritising vegetarian meals, seasonal and locally produced ingredients, while respecting individual dietary preferences.

Essential facilities, including kitchens, sanitary facilities, and communal living spaces, will be available nearby. Wi-Fi access will be available in public buildings within a five-minute walk. Since the workcamp is in an urban area, you will have access to laundromats for washing clothes.

#### Partner:

La Motte-Servolex and Concordia have been working together for over 20 years to organize international workcamps, creating a strong partnership based on shared values of solidarity, commitment, and sustainable development.

A young, dynamic, and sporty town, La Motte-Servolex is part of the Chambéry metropolitan area and fully integrates sustainability into its local policies. Waste sorting, bans on chemical pesticides, and the installation of public vegetable gardens are just some of the actions that have earned it the labels "Territoire engagé pour la nature" and "Best Small Town for Biodiversity 2021," particularly for its commitment to water and biodiversity preservation.

By joining this workcamp, you will actively participate in environmental preservation and the embellishment of the local environment. This project is also a unique opportunity to foster intercultural exchanges with local residents, particularly young people. Social events will be organized to strengthen these connections and immerse you in the life of









the town.

## Location and leisure:

La Motte-Servolex, a town of 12,000 residents in Savoie, offers an exceptional setting between the Alpine mountains and Lake Bourget, France's largest natural lake. Located less than 10 km from Chambéry, it enjoys a prime position in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, about an hour from Lyon and Geneva.

Combining urban life with preserved nature, the area offers numerous outdoor activities to enjoy after workcamp hours. You can go hiking in the mountains, relax on the lake's sandy beaches, or explore the local cultural and historical heritage. Bicycles will be provided by our partner to facilitate daily travel and allow you to discover the surroundings at your own pace. Thanks to the project's strong local roots and the warm welcome from the residents, this experience will provide full immersion in Savoyard life, blending solidarity and the discovery of an exceptional region.

## Special requirements and remarks:

For the workcamp, the municipality will provide gloves, reflective vests, and protective goggles, but it is essential to bring closed-toe shoes that can withstand mud and dirt. Bicycles and helmets will be available for your daily travels and excursions, so being comfortable riding a bike is necessary to fully enjoy your stay. Nights can be chilly, so bring a warm sleeping bag (comfort temperature around 5-10°C) and, if needed, a floor mat.

Pack clothes suitable for varying weather conditions, such as a fleece and rain jacket, as well as sun protection: sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle. Don't forget to bring a swimsuit.

Feel free to bring objects, traditional foods, stories, games, or a music instrument to enrich social activities. A small Bluetooth speaker can also help create a musical atmosphere.

### Language:

English.

## Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is set for 5:00 PM at Chambéry-Challes-les-Eaux train station. The exact time and final details will be confirmed in the roadmap sent before the workcamp begins. The station is accessible by TER from Lyon, Grenoble, and other cities, as well as by TGV from Paris, with several direct trains daily. It is advisable to book tickets in advance, as sales open approximately four months before departure on the SNCF website: https://www.sncf-connect.com/.

From the station, you will take a bus to La Motte-Servolex, arriving around 6:00 PM. The exact bus stop will be determined based on the accommodation location and will be communicated later. A detailed travel itinerary will be provided in the roadmap to help









you plan your journey efficiently. For more information on the bus route, visit: https://storage.googleapis.com/is-wp-3-prod/uploads-prod/2024/07/FH\_2024\_2025\_C.p df.

### **Closest airport:**

The nearest international airport to La Motte-Servolex is Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport (LYS), about 85 km away. From there, you can take a FlixBus or train to Chambéry-Challes-les-Eaux station, with journeys starting at €20 and taking around 1.5 hours. For long-haul flights, Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) is another option. High-speed TGV trains connect CDG to Chambéry in about 3.5 hours. Chambéry-Savoie Airport (CMF), just 4 km away, operates limited international flights. From CMF, you can reach Chambéry station by taxi (about €25) or bus.

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## Projet et travail:

Help preserve Montferrat's local heritage!

Located in the north-east of the commune of Montferrat, the Pierrepont spring is a place of refreshment for many villagers during the summer. With the aim of restoring the site's hydraulic heritage, an important element in the history and life of the village, you'll be tasked with clearing and demarcating the area to be rebuilt using picks and shovels; resuming the foundations on the sections requiring it; sorting the stones and assembling a hard base; building the low wall leading to the spring.

Take part in the enhancement of this committed and culturally rich commune, while making unforgettable encounters!

## Hébergement et repas:

Accommodation will be in tents provided by Concordia in the outdoor area of the stadium. This will be a large field with grass and shady trees. Access to the stadium's showers, kitchen and WC is included.

You'll share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together, outdoors in a summer kitchen or under the small covered facility. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you'll help with the shopping, giving preference to healthy, local produce.

#### Partenaire:









The commune of Montferrat joins Concordia in a 3-year project to revitalize damaged cultural heritage. For the year 2025, the commune wishes to focus on the restoration of the hydraulic heritage on the Pierrepont site. The commune's elected representatives are delighted to welcome a group of young internationals to lead this first workcamp with Concordia!

## Situation géographique et activités de loisir:

Montferrat (commune of approx. 1700 inhabitants) is located in the Var (83) department in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

Just 15 km from Draguignan and 5 km from Châteaudouble, the village is nestled among wooded hills, in an unspoilt natural setting. The Pierrepont site is a fifteen-minute walk from the town center.

Your volunteer work will be punctuated by a variety of cultural and natural activities: discovering the region and its specialties, hiking, nature sports, meeting local people... and much more!

### À savoir:

Bring work clothes, hiking boots and a swimsuit. Nights can be chilly, so take warm clothes and a good sleeping bag. You can also bring recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

CONCF - 1311
REVERSE DON QUICHOTTE ON THE MOUNTAIN
FREISSINIÈRES
10/07-31/07
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### Projet et travail:

Help restore a mill in Freissinières!

The Commune would like to restore the Moulin de Viollins, located along the Biaysse torrent and a popular passageway for hikers.

You're invited to take part in the process of giving the mill a new lease of life.

On the program: site clean-up to prepare the work area, removal of collapsed roof elements, removal of deteriorated walls, sorting of stones, deconstruction of unstable wall sections, repointing of masonry...









The aim of your work will be to restore the mill's perimeter walls, in particular by sorting materials and laying a sloping glacis.

This is a high-mountain project, so please read the description carefully before applying. You'll be asked to provide a letter of introduction to the project before you can register!

## Hébergement et repas :

You'll be staying in the cabin's outdoor area, in a large, shady spot where tents

tents will be pitched (and supplied by CONCORDIA). The commune also provides a village hall with WC access and a covered kitchen. No WIFI available, but telephone reception.

Meals will be prepared either in an outdoor kitchen or under the small covered facility. You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the animators, and you will participate in the shopping and preparation of meals, giving priority to healthy, vegetarian, local products.

A recipe booklet will be provided to encourage responsible purchasing and sustainable eating.

#### Partenaires:

This project is being carried out in collaboration with the Mairie de Freissinières and the Parc des Ecrins, who, following the restoration project in the Mercantour Park in 2024, have shown an interest in supporting the projects planned for 2025. The commune wishes to restore the Viollins mill, which is part of the commune's rural heritage and could also become a shelter for walkers.

In particular, the commune will be responsible for installing a water tank, purchasing materials and equipment, preparing the site, applying for authorization for the work and storing the materials needed to build the framework.

## Situation géographique et activités de loisir :

The commune and valley of Freissinières is located in the Hautes Alpes (05) at the gateway to the Ecrins National Park, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. The Viollins mill site is located downstream from the commune in the direction of Freissinières. It lies on the banks of the Biaysse torrent.

In winter and summer alike, the well-sheltered valley offers a wide variety of activities: discovering the region and its specialities, hiking, nature sports, meeting local people and intercultural exchanges...

#### À savoir:









Remember to bring gloves, work clothes and shoes. Nights can be chilly, so bring a good comforter and warm clothes. Don't forget to bring sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.).

You can also take along recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

The last day is devoted to departure, usually in the morning.

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CONCF-1314
RESTORE THE SHELT'EARTH ON THE MOUNTAIN
PUY-SANIÈRES
10/07-31/07 - ça peut changer d'un jour
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### Projet et travail:

Help restore a hut at the heart of the "hunters' site" in the south of France!

The commune of Puy-Sanière would like to restore the "hunters' hut", a structure located overlooking the Lac de Serre-Ponçon, and through which many hikers pass. Once used as a base for hunters, this structure is part of the commune's rural heritage and could also become a shelter for walkers.

You'll be taking part in the restoration of the hut's enclosure during a 3-week international work camp. You'll work on cleaning up the site, deconstructing it before starting to build, and finally constructing a low wall. At the end of your work, the walls will extend over 24 linear meters, allowing the hut to become a used shelter again!

This is a high-mountain project, so you'll need to read the description carefully before signing up. You'll be asked to provide a letter of introduction to the project before you can register!

## Hébergement et repas :

You'll be accommodated outside the hut, in a large shady area where tents (supplied by CONCORDIA) will be pitched to provide shelter from the elements. A party room is also available, with access to WCs and a covered kitchen. Telephone reception, but no WIFI.

Meals are prepared either in an outdoor kitchen or in the covered kitchen. You'll share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the animators and you will participate in the shopping and preparation of meals, giving









priority to healthy and local products.

### Partenaires:

Together with the Parc des Ecrins, Concordia has decided to set up a project in the Puy-Sanières mountain area. This Concordia project is part of an overall project by the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur delegation to work in the transalpine and Franco-Italian zones. Our aim is to highlight the need to restore dry-stone huts for workcamps.

## Situation géographique et activités de loisir :

Puy-Sanières is a commune in southern France, located on the southern flank of Mont Guillaume (2,552 m), at the southernmost tip of the Écrins massif. It lies in the Hautes-Alpes department in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, near the Serre-Ponçon lake.

The site of the "hunters' hut" is located a few kilometers from the center of the village of Puy-Sanières, on land mainly devoted to pastoralism and soft tourism activities.

The site will be punctuated by leisure activities, such as discovering the region and its specialities, hiking and other sporting activities, as well as opportunities to meet the local population.

## À savoir :

Remember to bring gloves, work clothes and shoes. Nights can be chilly, so bring a good comforter and warm clothes. Don't forget to bring sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.).

You can also take along recipes from your country/region, musical instruments and games.

The last day is devoted to departure, usually in the morning.

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### **CONCF-6906**

THE MIDI STONES QUARRIES SAINT-PAUL-TROIS-CHÂTEAUX 16/07-30/07 OR 30/07-13/08

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## **Project and Work:**

You love nature and history? Come help to restore the historical stone quarries of Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, a site full of hidden treasures!

Did you know that the stones from this small town in the Drôme region were used to build monuments in Paris, Lyon, Marseille, and even New-York? Today, this remarkable site still bears traces of this once-flourishing industry.

By joining this project, you will contribute to the preservation of the local heritage. Your mission: restore access paths damaged by erosion and protect local wildlife. On steep, wooded, and rocky terrain, you will set up drainage channels to facilitate water flow and prevent further degradation, as well as build steps to make the area more accessible. This work is a continuation of the restoration work carried out over the past three years. It requires dedication but provides an immersive and enriching experience.

Whether you're a history buff, nature lover or simply looking for a meaningful human adventure, this is the project for you!

No prior skills are required - just motivation and the desire to contribute to a valuable initiative in the heart of the Drôme Provençale.

### Accommodation and food:

You will sleep in individual tents (provided by Concordia) set up on a dedicated site near the municipal stadium. This location is just a few minutes from the town center. Access will be secured with keys provided to participants to control entry and exit. The stadium's locker rooms will be separated, with single-sex sanitary and shower areas, ensuring comfort and privacy. A communal hall will be available for meals and will also serve as a shelter in case of extreme weather.

Everyone will take turns preparing meals and managing the living space (organizing schedules, cleaning, shopping, etc.). Tasks will be shared collectively, and meals will be prepared together. A budget will be allocated to the team leaders, and you will participate in grocery shopping, prioritizing healthy and locally sourced products and vegetarian meals. A laundromat is located a 7-minute walk from the accommodation, and its use will be at the participants' expense. There is no Wi-Fi on-site but you can hotspot with other volunteers.

### Partner:

Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux is a town committed to preserving its environment and promoting its cultural wealth. This volunteer project is the result of a strong partnership with the municipality, which shares our goals and values: safeguarding the territory, raising environmental awareness, and fostering connections with the local population.









You will have the opportunity to meet residents, including children from the nearby leisure center, to share your experiences and introduce them to your culture. Other community activities may be organized to enhance these exchanges and enrich your stay.

### Location and leisure:

Located in the Drôme department, in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux (9,000 inhabitants) sits in the heart of the Rhône Valley, a region with a Mediterranean climate. This privileged setting—surrounded by vineyards, lavender fields, and rolling hills—makes the Drôme Provençale a sought-after destination for its heritage, unspoiled nature, and quality of life. You will discover its architectural treasures, including a Roman cathedral, elegant townhouses, and archaeological collections. The town is also famous for its gastronomy, particularly the Tricastin black truffle, a renowned regional product.

In your free time, you will enjoy a diverse program to explore the area and engage with locals. Guided tours, workshops and various summer events (concerts, artisan and craft demonstrations) will enrich your experience. For outdoor activities, the region offers numerous possibilities: hiking, cycling and kayaking on the Ardèche River. Organized excursions will allow you to visit iconic sites such as the Ardèche Gorges, the Chauvet Cave, and Montélimar, famous for its nougat.

## Special requirements and remarks:

Remember to bring gloves and appropriate clothing for work. You will be working on steep terrain, so it is essential to have high-ankle, lug-soled hiking boots, preferably reinforced, to prevent injuries.

For both leisure and work activities, make sure to bring clothing suited to the climate, as temperatures can be very hot in summer. Don't forget sun protection: hat or cap, sunglasses and sunscreen. Also, bring a swimsuit (no board shorts for men) for swimming at the aquatic center or for water activities. For sleeping, bring a sleeping bag and a pillowcase (you can stuff it with clothes to make a pillow). Also, pack a backpack (in addition to your main luggage), comfortable sneakers, and a pair of flip-flops. Other essential items include: phone charger, reusable water bottle, basic first aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic, etc.), headlamp or flashlight.

Don't hesitate to bring home specialties, photos, games, music instruments, etc.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If there are health issues on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

If you are under 18, don't forget to send us your Medical Factsheet and Parental Authorization at least one month before the beginning of the workcamp.









## Language:

English.

## Time and directions to Meeting Place:

The meeting point is at the Charles Gounod bus stop in Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, in the late afternoon. The exact time will be provided in the detailed worksite schedule. This stop is served by bus D42 from Pierrelatte SNCF station. As the bus runs every two hours, we recommend checking the timetable in advance. If necessary, our coordinators can pick you up at Pierrelatte train station.

For your journey: from Lyon Part-Dieu, regular TER trains connect Lyon to Pierrelatte, sometimes requiring a transfer at Valence Ville. From Paris, travel to Pierrelatte requires at least one transfer, either via Valence or Avignon. Train reservations open approximately four months before departure and can be booked on the SNCF website: www.sncf-connect.com

## **Closest airport:**

The closest airports are:

- Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport (LYS) (approximately 150 km). To go to Pierrelatte, take the Rhônexpress tram to Lyon Part-Dieu station, then a TER train to Pierrelatte.
- Marseille-Provence Airport (MRS) (approximately 140 km). To go to Pierrelatte, take a shuttle to Marseille Saint-Charles station, then a TER train to Pierrelatte.
- Avignon-Provence Airport (AVN) (approximately 65 km). To go to Pierrelatte, take a bus to Avignon Centre station, then a TER train to Pierrelatte.

We strongly recommend planning your itinerary in advance and checking train and bus schedules to ensure a smooth journey to the meeting point.

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### **CONCF-6914**

A HISTORIC RENOVATION

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**Project and Work:** 









Immerse yourself in history and take part in the restoration of the Maison des Chevaliers, a 16th-century architectural gem classified as a Historic Monument. This summer, join an international volunteer worksite in Viviers , Ardèche, and contribute to its preservation.

Under the Ardèche sun, you will learn many restoration techniques including stone cutting, under professional guidance. No previous experience required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and share!

This project is part of a broader initiative to enhance the historical center, in partnership with the local municipality and heritage experts. Your involvement will help to bring this iconic site back to life and invigorate the local community.

Beyond the worksite, enjoy the stunning landscapes of Ardèche and share a unique experience with volunteers from around the world. Come and take part in an unforgettable human and cultural adventure!

### Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated at Clos Saint Roc, a former cloister dating back to the 13th century. Located in the medieval quarter, near Viviers Cathedral, the accommodation is just a five-minute walk from the worksite.

The accommodation is in a house with several shared rooms. Mattresses will be provided. However, if you have a thick and comfortable mattress, you are encouraged to bring it for added comfort. It is also essential to bring your own sleeping bag suited to summer temperatures.

A fully equipped kitchen is available for use. Meals will be prepared collectively, with everyone taking turns cooking, cleaning, and organizing daily activities. Ingredients will be sourced locally, with an emphasis on seasonal and short supply chain products.

There is no washing machine on site. However, a laundromat is available about a seven-minute walk away. The cost of laundry services is the responsibility of participants. The accommodation has Wi-Fi access.

#### Partner:

We are pleased to collaborate for the second consecutive year with CICP Viviers, an association founded in 1981 dedicated to preserving and promoting the historical, monumental and archaeological heritage of Viviers and its region. CICP organizes numerous initiatives to study and showcase local heritage.

By participating in this worksite, you will not only contribute to the restoration of a remarkable monument but also help energize the village and highlight CICP's work. You will have the opportunity to explore local history through visits and discussions with association members, enriching your experience beyond the worksite.









### Location and leisure:

Located in the heart of the Rhône Valley, Viviers is close to Montélimar, the Ardèche Gorges, and the gateway to Provence.

You will have the opportunity to explore the region outside of work hours. Concordia facilitators will help organize leisure activities in collaboration with the group. Options include local hikes, visits to the market, and cultural excursions.

For swimming, the Viviers municipal pool may be an accessible option to cool off. Natural swimming sites such as Pignedoré Lake in Pierrelatte or the beaches of the Ardèche Gorges are also possible, though they require longer travel times and cannot be planned on a daily basis.

We encourage sustainable mobility: as there may not be a minibus available, travel will be arranged collectively using the available means (walking, carpooling, or public transport where feasible).

## Special requirements and remarks:

A motivation letter is required to participate—explain your motivations and how you hope to contribute to the project.

Bring sturdy clothing that can get dirty and closed-toe shoes. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor, so bring a sleeping bag suited for summer conditions (comfort around 15°C), a fitted sheet, and a pillowcase.

Don't forget to bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a water bottle, a swimsuit as well as a waterproof jacket in case it rains. Public transport in Ardèche is limited. A bus line connects Viviers to Montélimar and Le Teil, but with few daily trips. Plan your journey in advance and prioritize sustainable mobility.

Feel free to bring a piece of your culture: local delicacies, musical instruments, games, or photos. A small Bluetooth speaker can also be great for sharing your favorite music.

Foreigners that are part of the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If there are health issues on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will be reimbursed once back in their home country."

## Language:

English.

## **Time and directions to Meeting Place:**

Meet at Montélimar train station at 5:00 PM. From the station, a bus will take you to









Viviers, stopping at "La Poste" (arrival at 5:52 PM). You can check the schedule here: https://www.laregionvoustransporte.fr/media/3374/download?inline=inline.

Montélimar station is easily accessible from Lyon, Valence, Paris, and Marseille.

Bookings can be made approximately four months before departure via SNCF (https://www.sncf-connect.com/). We recommend selecting trains arriving in the afternoon for greater flexibility in your journey. More details on the exact itinerary will be provided in the roadmap.

Keep in mind that bus services may be infrequent, particularly in rural areas. It is recommended to plan your journey carefully and consider alternative options if needed.

## **Closest airport:**

For international travelers, the best major airports near Viviers with global connections are :

- Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport (LYS) Approximately 150 km from Viviers, this is the largest nearby international airport with flights to major destinations worldwide. It has a direct TGV train connection to Montélimar.
- Marseille Provence Airport (MRS) About 140 km away, this is another major international airport with connections to Europe, North America, and beyond.
- Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) While farther (around 600 km), CDG is France's largest airport with worldwide flights. Travelers can take a direct TGV from CDG to Montélimar in about 3 hours.

For the easiest access to Viviers, Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport is the best option due to its train connections and variety of international flights.

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## **CONCF-7502 - BUILD WITH THE COMMUNITY**

25/07-08/08

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### **Presentation:**

Help us to create pallet outdoor furniture for the commune of Les Mureaux, creating a









cheerful, welcoming environment for local residents!

The city of Les Mureaux has a number of social and youth structures that are essential for social action at family level, and for the city's cultural activities. The aim of the project will be to create an outdoor living room using recycled wooden street furniture, so that it can once again become a welcoming and convivial space for the community, and in particular for the neighborhood's young people! Workshops will be organised to raise awareness of sustainable development, as well as workshops with children and many community visits.

### Accommodation and meals:

You will be accommodated in a hard-standing building (gymnasium, school or social center) with hard-standing toilets and showers. Lunches and dinners will be cooked collectively, i.e. you will take it in turns to cook for all the volunteers. Weekday lunches will be taken in the canteen. A budget will be allocated to the leaders for the shopping in which you will participate, giving priority to healthy and local products, and vegetarian products. Wifi will not be available at the mission site and at the accommodation site. There is no washing machine but laundries are accessible in town if needed, 4€.

### Partner:

For the fourth year, Concordia is pleased to be working in partnership with the town of Les Mureaux. You'll be teamed up with young people from the community, thanks to the town council, which has asked us to get involved in a civic and supportive approach.

### Location and leisure activities:

Les Mureaux is a suburban town with a population of 32,000 in the northern Yvelines region, just under an hour from Paris. Civic activities include a visit to the Musée de l'Immigration in Paris, a meeting with the NGO Terre d'Asile, Refugee Food, the Château de Versailles and the Amarres third place center. Social events in Les Mureaux and Paris are planned throughout the workcamp.

### Good to know:

Bring work clothes. Nights can be chilly, so bring warm clothes, a sleeping bag, a pillowcase and a pillow. Bring rain equipment (fleece, raincoat, etc.). Don't forget your sun protection (hat, sunglasses, cream, etc.), a water bottle and your swimsuit for swimming at the leisure center.

There will be plenty of time for socializing, especially with local adults, children and teenagers. If you'd like to share a little of your culture (music, songs, recipes, unusual objects...), don't hesitate to bring along a little piece of your country or region, children's books, a Bluetooth speaker or a musical instrument to show off your favorite playlist!

The internet connection is very weak, so you'll be immersed in nature. There's no launderette nearby, so laundry will mainly be done by hand.

The last day of the workcamp (8/08) is devoted to departure in the morning.









## **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is at Les MUREAUX train station at 6pm on 25/07. To get there, take train line J from Gare Saint-Lazare.

From Orly airport: Take the OrlyVal bus to Antony, then RER B to Châtelet, then Line 14 to Saint-Lazare.

From Roissy - Charles de Gaulle airport: take RER B to Gare du Nord, RER E to Haussmann-Saint Lazare.

Whenever it is possible, please use the following means of transport

Wherever possible, consider using a green travel option (train and bus rather than plane) for a more sustainable journey.

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RENOVATION ALONG THE CANAL
LAMOTTE-BEUVRON
08/08 - 22/08
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## **Project and work:**

Take part in the renovation of the Sauldre canal basin, a natural and historical heritage in the heart of the Sologne, in Lamotte-Beuvron, about two hours away from Paris.

The basin used to be a harbor and a manoeuvring area for barges carrying rock cargoes.

Located in the town centre, the basin and the esplanade around it are in the heart of a development project led by the town council.

In the continuity of a workcamp organised last year, your mission will be to repair the stone riprap that composes the structure of the basin. You will need to remove the weed from the banks and fix the disjointed stones by using traditional masonry techniques.

Some of the work will be performed from a floating platform. Even if the water is low in summer, it is essential to know how to swim to participate in this workcamp.

### **Accommodation and food:**

Your accommodation will be at a 20-minute walk from the worksite. You will have your own tent (provided by Concordia), on the field of the stadium close to the House of Sports, where you will have access to sanitary facilities, showers, as well as a kitchen and a common room. You will share various collective tasks (cleaning, activities, etc.). A









budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with shopping and cooking, prioritizing healthy, local products. Feel free to bring your own recipes, it's a great opportunity to share your history and culture with the group. A washing machine and a laundromat will be available (it is still recommended to bring 2 weeks of clothes). WIFI will be available in the town hall or through hotspot.

#### Partner:

The town of Lamotte-Beuvron has been working for years to rehabilitate the Sauldre canal. This is the fifth time that a workcamp is organised here. Built on the orders of Napoleon III, the canal drains into the Lamotte-Beuvron's basin. Abandoned almost a century ago, the canal has now become a tourist trail, located both on the equestrian route linking Chambord to Sancerre and on the Grande Randonnée trail no. 31, which is very popular amongst nature lovers.

### Location and leisure:

Only two hours from the south of Paris, surrounded by woods and ponds which embellish the Sologne, the town of Lamotte-Beuvron is known as the home of the largest equestrian centre in Europe. It is appreciated for its gastronomy, especially for the famous apple dessert: the very tasty Tarte Tatin. You will undoubtedly have the opportunity to discover this sweet dessert while visiting the village in your free time. The city of Orléans, the regional capital of the area, is also easily accessible by public transport.

## Special requirements and remarks:

The work site will take place in a rural environment. For practical and ecological reasons, travel will mainly be on foot or by bicycle. Remember to bring gloves, clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor work. Don't forget to bring a sleeping bag and a floor mat, summer and rain clothes, as well as a swimsuit and toiletries. You can also use a pillowcase as a pillow by filling it up. You can bring board games, a music instrument or anything from your region/country that you want to share with the group, as well as a Bluetooth speaker. Please note that volunteers must be able to swim!

On the last day (22/08), the departure time is usually set in the morning.

### **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is set at the LAMOTTE-BEUVRON train station. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the infosheet, sent 4 weeks before the camp starts. Please consider using low-carbon transportation (train or bus, rather than airplane) for a sustainable international workcamp.

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LOUVIE-JUZON 13/08-27/08 ENVI-CONS 14 vols 18+

## **Project and work:**

Come and take part in the project to protect the Auga peat bog! At the foot of the Pyrenees mountains, this natural area is a unique mosaic of ecosystems! You'll be able to discover the local fauna and flora and carry out a number of tasks to help preserve this environment: thermal brush-cutting, small-scale logging, removal of certain invasive exotic plant species, construction of pontoons to cross streams, creation of wooden signs to raise awareness. A worksite right in the heart of nature!

### **Accommodation and food:**

You will be accommodated in individual tents, with sanitary facilities, kitchen and communal living area. You'll have the chance to sleep on the peat bog site, right in the middle of nature. An old barn on the site has been refurbished and now contains modern facilities, with a kitchen, toilets and a large enclosed room for meals and activities during the stay. The showers are in Louvie-Juzon, a 5-minute drive away, and we'll be going there at least once a day.

You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals together. A budget will be allocated to the leaders, and you will help with the shopping and meal preparation, giving priority to healthy, local produce. Once a week, we'll go to the nearest village market, in Louvie-Juzon.

WIFI available, laundry done by hand.

Together, you'll help to organise community life (housework, activities, etc.) and take it in turns to prepare meals using locally sourced produce. Our aim is to encourage vegetarian eating using local, seasonal produce, while respecting participants' diets and discovering local cuisine together.

### Partners:

The peat bog is a wetland classified as a sensitive natural area. Around ten years ago, the commune of Louvie-Juzon undertook the restoration and enhancement of this former pastoral site. It is now managed by the Pyrénées-Atlantiques department. Numerous awareness-raising missions are carried out on site throughout the year for schoolchildren and local residents. The Auga peat bog is home to some remarkable plant and animal species (including a rare species of butterfly and numerous species of dragonfly). The workcamp will not only be an opportunity to help preserve this unique site, but also to discover all its secrets thanks to the many specialists who will be on









hand to show you around.

## Geographical location and leisure activities:

The commune of Louvie-Juzon is located at the gateway to the Ossau valley, just a stone's throw from the Pyrenees mountain range. Between the mountains and the sheep and cow pastures, this site, right in the middle of nature, will be an opportunity to discover the small mountain villages around, their inhabitants, the gastronomic specialities and the nearby hiking trails! Get your boots ready! On the site of the peat bog itself, small footpaths allow you to wander through this magnificent natural area and observe the birds, dragonflies and endemic flowers.

### Good to know:

Don't forget to bring work clothes and shoes that won't get dirty.

In the mountains, despite the sunshine, the weather is surprising and can change rapidly.

For leisure activities, you'll need to pack clothes suited to the climate (warm fleece or jumper, shorts and hiking trousers, windbreaker, down jacket, warm socks, etc.). For hiking, high-top, notched shoes are recommended. Don't forget sun protection (a hat or cap is essential, sunglasses with a high protection factor because of the intense reflection, sun cream with a high protection factor IP 30-50, etc.) and a swimming costume for swimming or white-water activities.

For accommodation, remember to bring a warm sleeping bag and a towel. You should also bring a rucksack (in addition to your luggage), comfortable trainers and a pair of flip-flops. You'll also need to pack these essential accessories: a mobile phone charger, hiking poles (not compulsory, but recommended), a water bottle, a set of bandages and a headlamp or torch.

Social events will be organised in collaboration with our leaders and according to your wishes. In particular, we'll be organising themed evenings in each country. If you'd like to share a little of your culture (recipes, traditional stories, unusual objects, music, etc.), don't hesitate to take it with you.

## Language:

English, French

### Time and direction to reach the meeting point:

The meeting point is at PAU SNCF station on 13/08 in the late afternoon.









The exact meeting time will be communicated with the route map, sent out no later than 4 weeks before the start of the project.

There are several direct trains from Paris Gare Montparnasse to PAU. The journey takes approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a>

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CONCF-3301 AROUND THE MILL ISLE 15/08 - 29/08 RENO/ ENVI 14 vols 18+

## **Project and Work:**

Help restore an old mill in the charming village of Isle, in the heart of the forest! The Moulin du Meynieux site is a 5-10 minute drive from the town center, in the middle of the forest, beside a stream. It's an amazing site, at the crossroads of several hiking trails.

Your mission: continue the rehabilitation of the site (started 4 years ago with other international volunteer workcamps), by clearing weeds, strengthening the walls of the low stone walls and rebuilding the destroyed parts.

You will be supervised by a technical leader who will teach you various traditional masonry techniques.

### Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated in individual tents (provided by Concordia), and have access to sanitary facilities, a kitchen and a communal living room. The accommodation will be next to the local sports infrastructures. You will share various collective tasks (cleaning, activities, etc.). A budget will be allocated to the









campleaders, and you will help with the shopping and preparation of meals, giving priority to healthy, local produce. We want to encourage vegetarian eating, using local and seasonal produce, while respecting participants' diets and discovering local cuisine together. WIFI is available.

### Partner:

The town of Isle is planning to restore an old mill and the miller's house located in the middle of the forest. To do so, the local authority will take many measures to improve the site: building premises for hunters, an educational room for the leisure centre, a footpath and reactivating the mill. Through this project, you'll be helping to restore the site while discovering and sharing a human and cultural experience with the local people.

### Location and leisure:

Isle is a French commune located in the Haute-Vienne department in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, close to the city of Limoges, famous for its porcelain, but also rich in history and heritage.

The town is proud of its exceptional natural environment. In the town centre, flower gardens, green spaces and leisure facilities sit alongside local shops and services. Just a few minutes' walk away, Isle reveals an unspoilt rural area, shaped by the two valleys of the Vienne and Aurence. Woods, clearings and farms mingle with the many châteaux and manor houses in the commune, while enjoying the urban dynamism offered by the city of Limoges, just 5 minutes away.

## Special requirements and remarks:

Bring a sleeping bag for cold weather, a mat or a thick sleeping mattress depending on your need for comfort, work clothes, sports shoes, warm and rain clothes, a flashlight, a swimsuit and sunscreen.

Don't hesitate to bring anything interesting to share from your home country/region (traditional recipes, folklore stories, music, games, intriguing objects...) if you would like to share!.

## Languages:

English, French

### **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is scheduled at Limoges-Benedictins train station on the 15th of









August at the end of the afternoon. The exact meeting time will be given with the infosheet which will be sent at the latest 4 weeks before the start of the workcamp. On the last day (29/08), the departure time is usually set in the morning.

From Paris, you can take a train from Paris - Gare d'Austerlitz train station, regular departures are scheduled throughout the day to Limoges (about one train every hour). The trip lasts around 3 and a half hours.

If you are coming by plane first, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress free travel.

If possible, please consider using low-carbon emissions transportation (train and bus rather than plane) for a sustainable international workcamp.

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/</a>

## **Closest airports:**

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### **Project and Work:**

Join a unique project by participating in a construction site on the coast of Brittany!

The town of Pleurtuit welcomes you for its first international workcamp and needs you to embellish the church in the town center! You will work on the renovation of the church walls, but also and above all, you will actively participate in the preservation of local endangered bird species that nest in the church. The project is to renovate the building without disturbing these rare birds.

A great opportunity to discover the Emerald Coast, to have unforgettable encounters and to actively participate in the protection of biodiversity!

### **Accommodation and food:**

You will sleep in two-person tents (provided by Concordia) in the municipal camping









area, only a 5-minute walk away from the worksite! The group activities and meals will take place in a room dedicated to the volunteers. The group will be sharing the different tasks of collective life together. A budget will be allocated to the group leaders and you will participate in the preparation of meals, run errands from the market and local producers, and prioritize healthy and seasonal products. Together, you'll help organise community life (cleaning, activities, etc.).

### Partner:

The elected officials of the municipality are very attached to their heritage and are delighted to welcome a group of young internationals to animate their territory for this first workcamp with Concordia! The environmental associations are also very satisfied with the development plan for the construction site: indeed, if the construction site takes place in September, it is to avoid disturbing birds nesting. These same associations will be happy to share their knowledge of these local species and activities are planned to allow you to learn more.

### Location and leisure:

Pleurtuit is a French town made up of around 7,000 residents, located in the north of the department of "Ille et Vilaine". It is located 15 minutes away from the city of Dinard and 25 minutes away from Saint-Malo. It is also very close to the sea where you can go on many outings.

If you want to know more about Pleurtuit and its history, it's here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8z\_VnyZx744

## Special requirements and remarks:

You will have to bring warm clothes (trousers, sweaters, socks, closed shoes, rain clothes) and light ones (skirts or shorts, t-shirt, open shoes) because the weather can change very suddenly in Brittany. You can literally experience all four seasons in one day! Please also take with you working clothes, gloves and shoes in addition to your swimsuit. Bring a warm sleeping bag and an insulated camping mat as nights are sometimes fresh and wet.

You can bring board games, a music instrument or any other object from your country/region that you wish to share with the group. Don't hesitate to share your culture as much as possible with the other members of the group!

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues happen on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

On the last day (19/09), the departure time is usually set in the morning.









## Language:

English, French

## **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is set at the DINARD train station. The exact time of the meeting will be communicated with the infosheet, sent 4 weeks before the camp starts.

Train reservations can be made approximately 4 months before departure on the SNCF website, link below: https://www.sncf-connect.com/

You will have first to get a train from Paris to RENNES, and then take a BreizhGo bus to get to Dinard:

https://www.ter.sncf.com/bretagne/se-deplacer/prochains-departs/dinard-87478230

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## **Project and work:**

Come and experience a unique project in Avricourt, in the heart of Picardy! Join us in restoring the charming church of Avricourt, a true local heritage gem that withstood the challenges of World War I. Building on the work of previous teams, you'll help renovate the church's interior.

On the agenda: traditional masonry, joint repairs, pillar restoration, and plasterwork. And there's more! Depending on your skills and interests, surprises await you throughout this exciting project.

### **Accommodation and meals:**

You will have the village hall at your disposal as a place to live, which includes a well-equipped kitchen (community oven, dishwasher, big fridge etc.). Individual tents will be provided as well as a fallback solution in the village hall in case of bad weather. Please note that only one shower and one toilet will be available on site. The group will be sharing the cleaning chores and preparing meals together. A budget will be allocated









to the group leader and you will participate in the grocery shopping and in the preparation of meals, prioritising healthy products from local producers.

### Partner:

The village of Avricourt is a historical partner of ours. With just 500 residents, this small community goes above and beyond to warmly welcome volunteers: shared meals, dinner invitations, homemade jam, and fresh vegetables from the garden are just part of the tradition here.

Plenty of interactions await you! Together with the support of the animation team, you'll also have the opportunity to organize events and activities for the villagers and the local school children.

### Location and leisure:

Avricourt is located 15 km away from Noyon, in the North of Oise. In a central location in Picardie, you can visit Amiens, its cathedral and its "hortillonnages" (floating gardens), Compiegne and its imperial palace, Noyon and its historical centre. You can also hike in the surrounding countryside among cereal fields and small pasture valleys. If you are a nature lover, you could even discover the educational beehive with the school children and the beehives of a small local producer. A concert given by the local band in the church is planned the day before the departure.

## Important to know:

Please bring work clothes for the construction site and tight shoes. Don't forget your sleeping bag as well as a floor mat for more comfort.

You can also bring with you specialties from your country, photos, music instruments, in short what you like and want to share on this site, either with the local population or with the group!

EU citizens must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues arise on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and will then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

### Language:

English, French.

### **Meeting point:**

The meeting point is scheduled at NOYON train station at the end of the afternoon on August 29. The exact meeting time will be given with the infosheet which will be sent at least 4 weeks before the start of the workcamp.

From PARIS, you can take a train from PARIS - Gare Du Nord train station, regular









departures are scheduled throughout the day (one train per hour). It is roughly a one-hour journey.

The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website: <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/</a>

If you are coming first by plane, remember that you will need some time to commute from the airport to the train station, therefore we recommend that you arrive early enough for you not to rush and have a stress-free journey.

## **Closest Airports:**

Paris Airports (Paris-Beauvais, CDG, Orly)