



CALL FOR PARTNERS EUROPEAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

SOCIAL POLITIC AND POETIC BODY III

03/11 - 17/11/2025

Vaunières, Saint Julien en Beauchêne, France





PROJECT AND ACTIVITIES

After a successful first edition in 2023 and a second in 2024, rich in learning and emotions, we are launching a new call for partners to co-create the third edition of the European youth exchange “Social, Political and Poetic Body.”

A project for the social, political and poetic body

This exchange invites young people from different European countries to share an experience of encounter and **collective creation**, where the body becomes a tool for connection, expression and transformation.

Through **artistic and somatic practices** (dance, clowning, physical theatre, contact improvisation, massage, Theatre of the Oppressed, etc.), participants explore the body as a space for inclusion, active citizenship and shared poetry.

The objectives are twofold:

- To **create intercultural links** through **collective living**, the preparation and sharing of meals, intercultural evenings, and the exchange of personal and cultural histories.
- To experiment with the political and poetic dimension of the **body as a tool for dialogue, civic expression and collective creativity**.



VENUE

In the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association “Les Villages des Jeunes” has been managing, livening up and renovating the reception centre of Vaunières since 1964.

It is an old mountain hamlet, now **a place for youth and adults experiencing family, health or professional difficulties**, and who need to take some time to recharge, acquire new skills and reflect on their plans.

Vaunières is also a **place where families, tourists and people with disabilities come on holiday** to enjoy the calm of the mountains and the dynamics of the area.

The workcamps, cultural events and seminars that we organise at Vaunières with participants from all over the world allow us to strengthen the **cultural diversity** of our activities and to **make this place open to the world**, a place where people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds agree to **meet by working together and sharing collective life**.

We hope that everyone, a participant from France or abroad, will come in this spirit of meeting and working together which brings our project to life.



COLLECTIVE LIFE

Shared daily life is a core part of the experience.

Participants **take turns in multinational teams** to organise the daily tasks:

- preparing meals together,
- cleaning, maintaining the venue and doing the washing-up,
- planning and hosting convivial evenings and group activities.

These responsibilities allow each participant to develop skills in cooperation, responsibility and autonomy. They also provide a **concrete opportunity to meet and collaborate with people in professional reintegration who live and work in Vaunières**, strengthening the social and inclusive dimension of the project.

Cooking and meals are an important part of the exchange. Each group will take turns forming **kitchen teams** to **plan menus** and prepare meals for everyone. This is also a chance to share your best recipes and traditions with others!

Please note that, in line with Solidarités Jeunesses' environmental commitments, **meat will not be served every day**. Meals will not be strictly vegetarian (unless specifically requested), but reducing meat consumption is encouraged as part of our sustainable approach.



PARTICIPANTS

This project is open to **young people aged 18 to 30**, without any specific prerequisites in terms of skills or experience. What we are looking for above all is motivation: the **willingness to live in a multicultural collective**, to adapt to a very **rural environment** far from the usual city attractions, and to **engage actively in daily community life**.

Participants should be ready to contribute to both the practical tasks (cooking, cleaning, collective organization) and the artistic activities of the exchange.

Those with the capacity or motivation to **propose workshops** related to their own interests and skills or **digital/communication** projects (video, radio, social media) —will be particularly welcome.

The main **working language of the exchange will be English**. However, a spirit of patience, openness, and mutual support is more important than fluency, as we encourage participants to help one another in learning and communicating.

We warmly welcome participants not only from **EU member states** but also **from third countries not associated to the programme (Regions 1 and 2)**.



TRAVEL AND CONTACTS

Participants will arrive on **Monday 3rd November 2025** at **Lus La Croix Haute train station** (the nearest station to Vaunières). Departure will be on **Monday 17th November 2025**, from Lus La Croix Haute station starting at 08:00. Vaunières is located in the Hautes-Alpes, 25 km from Veynes. The hosting team will organise the last part of the journey (pick-up from the station).

The nearest major transport hubs are: **Grenoble** (train/bus, approx. 2h by regional train to Lus La Croix Haute) ; **Marseille** (international airport + train/bus to Lus La Croix Haute, approx. 4h) **Lyon** (international airport + train via Grenoble, approx. 5h);

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to Erasmus+ **2024** rules for youth exchanges, based on distance bands.

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