

## **ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Leisure activities:** You will have the chance to enjoy the association's campsite and to discover

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Closest airports :** Marseille or Lyon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

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

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

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

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

cooking, cleaning, after work activities, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** The community will reserve the school buildings for you to stay and sleep in and mattresses will be provided. Please bring your own blanket or sleeping bag and pillow. There is a kitchen at your disposal and showers can be taken at the locals.

The worksite is only three minutes away by foot and for other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Project:** Come and try the castle life in the heart of Auvergne! But no misunderstanding: in this place, we live, we laugh, we share, but above all, we contribute!

Take part in a territorial and historical project! Be part of it by helping us to rehabilitate the surrounding wall of the domain! Come to enhance a typical site of "bourbonnaise" agricultural activity and allow our international hosting centre to evolve!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To get to the work site you will take the main road of the village and walk for around 5 minutes. For other trips like going shopping or visiting the surroundings, the locals will be gladly willing to help. With the support of the campleaders, you will make the menu and prepare in turn the meals every day. There will be the possibility to eat vegetarian or vegan and plan accordingly, if necessary. You will often share meals with the inhabitants giving you the opportunity to discover the local gastronomy and to share precious moments together.

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

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

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

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

**Travel information:** The most practical train station is the one of Lure (70200). A meeting point and time will be given to make your arrival easier. In general, it's towards the end of the afternoon between 16 and 18 o'clock. On the last day, the departure from the village will be around 10

o'clock.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Project:** Our team of 15 people from all over the world live collectively on the domain of les Prureaux. We all carry out an ambitious project there: to renovate and maintain its main building which is a centuries-old castle. Come join the adventure! Our environmental pole is made of a farm, a vegetable garden, an orchard, and a garden. We experiment with the principles of permaculture, to make the area a harmonious, productive ecosystem, aiming for autonomy, naturally regenerated and respectful of nature and all its inhabitants. Two years ago, a group of teenagers provided great work to clean up the garden. It is now time to restore and replace the natural elements that were used for that work, thanks to a new motivated group!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Accommodation and food:** You will be accommodated in individual tents that we will provide you at the municipal campsite of Laragne-Montéglin. A mobile home will be at your disposal to cook and to have access to sanitary facilities. You will take turns to cook, so that we can taste several specialities! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our environmental impact, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. The daily life is organized together: organisation of menus (vegetarian, vegan and other specific diets are possible), shopping, activities, etc. Bring a good sleeping bag (the nights can be very cold in September) and a pillow. To be adapted to your needs.

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

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

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

**Closest airports:** Marseille or Lyon.

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

**Work:** During this workcamp, you will take part in the building of ecological furniture and items that will help biodiversity of the site (insect hostels, bird houses...) Together with the team leaders, you will imagine and build up animation and games about nature and environment, in direction of the children of the nearby leisure centre. Games, debates, quizz, come to teach the young generation to understand and act on their environment !

**Accommodation and food:** You will sleep in collective yurts on the site of the association. One yurt for girls, one for boys. The yurts are isolated, heated, bunk beds with mats are available. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. The campsite has separate bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns.

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bag with you. The campsite has separate bathrooms and showers, as well as a kitchen place. Food will be provided and cooked by the volunteers in turns. is approximately 50km south of Paris.

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

**Closest train station:** La Ferté Alais RER station, accessible from Paris on line D.

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

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