

# EUROPEAN SEMINAR ON SOCIAL INCLUSION

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VAUNIÈRES, FRANCE



Opening youth projects to participants with disabilities  
- Call for partners -





# CONTEXT

Les Villages des Jeunes, the regional delegation of Solidarités Jeunesses in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, has been developing international projects and welcoming people with disabilities since its creation.

However, **welcoming and sending people with disabilities is still underdeveloped** in European youth exchanges. This is because it requires a thorough understanding of each other's needs, as well as specific skills on the part of the coordinating teams. Disability is understood here in the broadest sense, and can include the notion of social handicap.

The aim of this seminar is to provide an opportunity for partner associations to **meet and exchange practices**, and to learn more about our respective **opportunities, expectations and constraints** with regard to the disabled people we work with.

The seminar will also be an opportunity to **initiate joint projects** and determine our specific needs in order to implement them: preparatory visits, training, field visits....

Last but not least, this meeting is an opportunity to **discover Vaunières, an inspiring social and international hosting centre** located in the mountains of the Southern Alps.



# 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.



# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main objectives and activities of the seminar are the following ones:

Enable associations working with people with disabilities to **meet and get to know each other better**: presentation of each association, its pedagogical approach and its educational values.

Share the **expectations of people with disabilities**, based on successful experiences and difficulties encountered: what support activities are best suited to facilitating the participation of people with disabilities in youth exchanges? Are there any specific themes worth exploring? What are the points to watch out for?

Discover **new pedagogical approaches** through exchanges between participants: associations that have developed specific skills in a particular field will be invited to present them.

Stimulate the **development of new collaborations and projects** between partners: based on the exchanges that have taken place, identify the specific needs of associations (training, study visits) in the medium term.



# PARTICIPANTS

We would like to gather a group of **15 to 20 participants**, composed of social workers and youth leaders **from 8 to 10 different** countries. Participants should come from an EU Member State or a third country associated to the Programme or from the Western Balkans or Neighbourhood East regions.

Link towards eligible countries: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries>

- **Educators, socio-cultural workers and project coordinators**
- **Project managers** wishing to meet partners working in the field of disability and European projects.
- Those wishing to develop their knowledge of how to include people with disabilities in European youth exchanges.

Participants should be aged 18 or more, there is no age limit.

**English will be the main language** of this seminar but we can organise translation if needed.

Please note that other groups may live at Vaunières at the same time: volunteers, teenagers, permanents, workers...



# INFORMATION

## ACCOMODATION

The old buildings of Vaunières have been converted into group accommodations. The participants will be accommodated in bedrooms of 3 to 4 people and will have at their disposal all the facilities of the hosting centre (dining room, kitchen, showers and toilets). Some individual rooms are also available.

## DAILY LIFE

Seminar participants will share meals and evenings with the facilitators, employees and residents of Vaunières. As far as possible, everyone is invited to take part in some of the daily tasks (meals, washing up), which is a way of getting to know the different people on the site.

## THE TEAM

The seminar will be led by a team of professionals with experience in group facilitation. Theoretical knowledge and experience in the field of disability and inclusion will be provided as much as possible by the participants themselves. Once the applications have been received, a conference on a specific theme may be organised depending on the expectations of the participants.

## METHODS

The main aim of this seminar is to get to know each other better and to learn more about what our respective organisations are doing. Therefore, the methods used during the seminar are those of non-formal education and leave room for informal time. With this in mind, some workshops may be based on a practical activity (such as preparing a meal) to facilitate exchanges between participants.



## **PLACE AND TIMING**

The seminar will last 2 full days starting from December 12th to December 13th. The participants should arrive on December 11th and leave on December 14th.

A meeting point will be organised at **VEYNES DEVOLUY train station** on Monday 11th December at 16.30 and 18.30. Shuttles from Vaunières will be organised at 7:00 and 9:30 on Thursday December 14th.

Exact address  
Hameau de Vaunières  
05140 St Julien en Beauchêne, France

## **TRANSPORTS / REIMBURSEMENT**

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

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

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

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



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