



International volunteering projects

2024 Program



JAVVA IS...

JAVVA stands for « Jeunes Actifs dans le Volontariat et les Voyages Alternatifs » which means « Young People Active in Volunteering and Alternative Travels » and was founded as a non-profit organization in 2000. Since 2003, JAVVA has been recognized as a youth organization by the French-speaking government of Belgium.



OUR MISSION

We aim to promote an ideal of tolerance, solidarity and peace between young people from around the world and to encourage their active participation and mobility. JAVVA has no political or ideological affiliation.



OUR APPROACH

International camps and volunteering projects enable inter-cultural encounters as well as the discovery of others and therefore, in our opinion, represent a useful tool in the construction of peace. They contribute towards a fairer world with more solidarity and respect for differences. Even if our projects cannot be considered as humanitarian aid or emergency relief, they offer participation in another culture, and teach teamwork through participation in a development project in the heart of a local community.



OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES

International Workcamps
European Volunteering (EVS/ESC)
Medium or Long Term Volunteering
Local actions
Trainings

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Dear partners,

Please, find below, our program of workcamps for 2024. We do hope to host many of your motivated volunteers this summer, and that they will have a good time in Belgium. We would like to point out some general remarks and specificities regarding our workcamps:

Workcamps

This year, our workcamps will last **8 days to 2 weeks** and will take place from **May to September**. The number of international volunteers in the camp will vary from **8 to 12**. If possible, we try to avoid having more than 2 participants of the same nationality in the camp. Usually English is the camp language, but there is one project where notions of French are necessary (see workcamps' descriptions).

Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be at least **18-year-old** and **there is no maximum age limit**. There are no special skills required from volunteers. Participants should be **motivated** to do voluntary work, be ready to meet the realities of local life and demonstrate flexibility, tolerance and be open to new experiences.

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Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type
JAVVA 24-01	Special Olympics Belgium	LA LOUVIERE	03/05 - 15/05	DISA/FEST
JAVVA 24-02	Couleur Café Festival	BRUSSELS	20/06 - 03/07	FEST
JAVVA 24-03	Inventing the city, Eco-center (La Cité s'invente)	LIEGE	01/07 - 14/07	ENVI/RENO
JAVVA 24-04	Building Youth (l'Enfance de l'Art)	TEMPLEUVE	13/07 - 27/07	ENVI/RENO
JAVVA 24-05	Nomades Theatre Festival	BRUSSELS	10/08 - 21/08	FEST
JAVVA 24-06	Folk Festival of Marsinne	MARSINNE	02/09 - 13/09	FEST



JAVVA24-01 - Special Olympics Belgium

MECHELEN

13/05 - 15/05

DISA/FEST

8 VOLS

18+

PARTNER:

Every year, Special Olympics Belgium organises the National Games. In 2024, the Games will be held in La Louvière. More than 3,000 athletes, accompanied by 1,200 coaches, are taking part in the Games in around twenty sports disciplines.

Changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sport and promoting their social inclusion. This has been the mission of Special Olympics since it was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in the United States. And it works! Since then, Special Olympics has become an international movement active in 193 countries, with more than 5.5 million athletes with a mental disability taking part in adapted sports training and Olympic-type sports competitions, as well as participating in the Healthy Athletes Programme and much more.



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Special Olympics Belgium was founded in 1979 and is officially recognized by the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee. It organises National Games every year (alternatively in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia) and send delegations of Belgian athletes to the Winter and Summer Special Olympics World Games. These competitions are open to any athlete with intellectual disability who regularly practise a sport at his/her own level. More than just a physical and sport training, these activities enhance the social development of the athletes.

More information (FR) on: <https://www.special-olympics.be>



WORK:

For this edition of the Belgian National Games, volunteers will help on several aspects of the event logistics, such as assembling and dismantling of structures, building and putting up the decorations, transport and unloading of material, waste management.

Volunteers will work with several teams of the organisation before and after the Games. During the 3 days of competitions, volunteers will provide guidance to athletes for one of the disciplines of the competition: a precision ball sport, related to bowls and "pétanque" called Bocce.

The Opening Ceremony as well as the Torch Run will take place on May 9th while the Games will close the 11 of May.

→ **Physical work** will be asked to volunteers so it is important to take this into account. Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like guidance of athletes, decorations, waste management, etc.



ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will be accommodated in dormitories/bungalows on the Olympics Village site. **Please bring a sleeping bag**

FOOD:

Meals will be taken with the different teams of the organisation and will be prepared by local volunteers. Vegetarian food will be available but should be asked in advance.

LOCATION:

The 2024 National Games will take place at La Louvière.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

- This workcamp requires **physical efforts** at some moments.
- Volunteers are asked to prove a **strong interest for the thematic** of this event.
- There will be one free day before and one free day after the competition.

Please bring good working shoes and clothes that can get dirty as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.



It is also important to know that the organization of such an event can sometimes involve last minute changes (example: a truck to be unloaded does not arrive on time or a technical problem delays the assembly of a structure). We therefore expect **flexibility and understanding** from the volunteers.

LANGUE:

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French or Dutch are useful but not essential.

ACCES:

The meeting point is at La Louvière-SUD railway station. From there, someone will pick up the group to the site.

- **By plane: Zaventem airport (Brussels-Capital) is the nearest airport.**
- Once you arrive at the airport, take the train to La Louvière. There are two possibilities:
 1. Take IC train to Mons, and go off at Braine-Le-Compte. From Braine-Le-Compte take a train to La Louvière-Sud.
 2. OR the IC train to Bruxelles-Midi. From Bruxelles-Midi the IC train to La Louvière-Sud.

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Sustainable development goals? Here you are working to reduce inequalities (10)  Supporting the local community in the social integration of people with intellectual disabilities through sport.

SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP:

For this edition of the Belgian Special Olympics, a competition hosting about 3000 athletes with intellectual disabilities, a workcamp will take place in the city of Mecheln in order to help on several aspects of the logistics around the competition. Volunteers will also guide athletes for one of the disciplines during the National Games.

JAVVA 24-02 – Couleur Café Festival

BRUSSELS

20/06–03/07

FEST

12 VOLS

18+

PARTNER:

The Couleur Café festival is a festival of world and urban music. It is organised as a large convivial village in the city of Brussels and offers, in addition to the music, entertainment, fireworks, workshops for children, dance and music lessons, art exhibitions ranging from traditional to contemporary art and multicultural meeting places.



More information on [Couleur Café 2024 \(couleurcafe.be\)](https://couleurcafe.be)

WORK:

Volunteers will help with various logistical aspects of setting up the festival: assembling and dismantling structures, loading and unloading equipment, setting up scenery, setting up artists' boxes, participating in waste management, etc.

It is important to remember that this type of work is very physical.

Volunteers will be working with part of the festival team as well as with other volunteers (outside JAVVA).

During the festival, which will take place from 28 to 30 of June, the volunteers will be integrated into the different teams (catering and eco-cleaning). After their shifts, the volunteers will be able to enjoy the festival.

The group of JAVVA volunteers will have two off-days with the possibility to visit Brussels or other cities in Belgium.



ACCOMODATION :

Volunteers will be required to stay in tents in the volunteer camp during the workcamp. Conditions are basic. Bring your sleeping bag, mattress and toiletries. If you have the possibility, you can also bring your own tent. Beware, the nights can be very cold in Belgium! Showers and toilets are available on site.

FOOD :

Meals (morning/midday/evening) are provided by Couleur Café.

SITUATION:

The site will be located in the Ossegem Park at the foot of the Atomium in Brussels (capital of Belgium). The campsite is only a few minutes walk from the Festival.



SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

Bring good shoes and clothes suitable for work (clothes that can get dirty) as well as warm clothes and waterproof clothes in case of rain (good jacket). More casual clothing for festival days is of course allowed.

LANGUAGE :

The language of the work site is English. Basic French is useful but not essential.

ACCES:

The meeting point is at the PARC D'OSSEGHEM festival site in Brussels.

→ The nearest train station is Brussels South. Train timetables on: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr> . To get there afterwards (if you arrive by train at Brussels South station):

Get off at the Brussels South train station

Take metro line 6 (direction Roi Baudouin) and get off at the Heysel stop.

Walk for 5 minutes.

→ By plane: the nearest international airports are Brussels (Zaventem) or Brussels-Charleroi (note that this one is in the city of Charleroi).

Brussels airport (Zaventem) is the closest because it is directly in the city. It will take you 30 minutes to get there. Put : Parc d'Osseghem in google maps to get your route.

Brussels Charleroi airport (located in Charleroi) also allows you to reach the meeting place in 1h30. You will need to take a shuttle from the airport to Brussels and then take public transport within the city.
Put: Parc d'Osseghem in google maps to get your route.

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Sustainable development goals? Here you work for sustainable cities and communities (11)!

Support to the local population for the organisation of a cultural event in a rural area in Belgium. In this way, the volunteer will participate in promoting integration, social cohesion, multiculturalism and sustainable development through this festival. This is integration through culture.



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JAVVA24-03 – Inventing the city, eco-center

LIEGE

01/07 - 14/07

FEST

12 VOLS

18+



PARTNER:

" La CITE s'invente " (Inventing the City) is a non-profit educational organisation for sustainable development. Its mission is to raise awareness about environmental issues and to promote sustainable ways of life. The main objective of the organisation is to build and design an eco-centre for pedagogical purposes in the hillside (coteaux) of the Citadel of Liège. An eco-centre is a multi-purpose facility dedicated to demonstration of innovations and knowledge transfers for environment protection and sustainable development. In addition to the development of the eco-centre, the organisation is carrying out numerous activities related to environment:

- Activities, workshop and trainings around nature, vegetable garden, forest garden, biodiversity, wild plants
- "tables d'hôtes", sustainable food workshop, home-made bread workshop
- Workcamps about eco-renovation and recycling
- Awareness raising about sustainable accommodation
- "Healthy house" workshop on how to make hand-made home care products



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WORK:

The main objective of the workcamp will be to help improving the outdoor and indoor facilities of the eco-centre and support the organisation of the festival "Ecoteau" which promotes the activities of the eco-centre and other local initiatives.

Examples of tasks and activities to foresee during the workcamp:

- Rebuild the wooden shelter of the vegetable garden
- Re-roofing with wooden tiles, straw or other materials
- Take care of the vegetable garden, the forest garden: weed, rebuild the wooden boxes, plant, harvest prepare the soil for future planting
- Maintain the surroundings, create walking paths
- Dig new pond
- Set-up nest box
- Spend one or two days at an organic plantation to learn how to harvest fruits and vegetables (the harvest will be cooked back at the centre)
- Bake homemade bread and pizza in our wood-fired oven
- Gather, discover and cook wild plants
- Pick and cook everything which grows on our site

ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will sleep in tents on the site the eco-centre. **Please bring a sleeping bag and a mattress.** We wish the volunteers to only bring organic and natural care products (shampoo, soap, etc.).



FOOD:

Volunteers will be provided with an inside and an outside kitchen where they will cook for themselves. Food will be local, organic and mainly vegetarian.



LOCATION:

The eco-centre is in the Saint-Léonard area of Liège located, at the foot of the hillside of the Citadel. Liège is the biggest city of Wallonia and the third city of Belgium after Brussels and Antwerp. The hillside of the Citadel is a rural area of more than 90 hectares partly located in the historical centre of Liège, which half is classed as Natural Heritage of the Walloon Region. This site has more than 60 monuments recognized as Material Heritage by the Walloon Region and counts 13 km of walking trails.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

This workcamp targets volunteers who are sensitive to environmental issues with a strong interest for sustainable development.

Please bring good working shoes and clothes as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.

LANGUAGES:

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

ACCES:

The meeting point is at Liège St-Lambert station.

- By plane: There are two international airports in Belgium. There is Zaventem airport in Brussels and Brussels-Charleroi airport in the city of Charleroi.
- Once you have arrived in Belgium, you can type in "Gare de Liège Saint-Lambert" on Google maps

From Zaventem (Brussels airport), it's just over an hour by train.

From Brussels-Charleroi (Charleroi airport), it's a just over two hours by train.

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Sustainable development goals? Here you work for quality education (4) and climate action (13)

To raise awareness of environmental issues but also to promote sustainable lifestyles, through intercultural encounters and learning about solidarity.

SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP:

Join the workcamp at "La CITE s'invente" in the city of Liège and help this educational organisation to promote sustainable development through their eco-centre! Volunteers will contribute to the improvement of the outdoor facilities of the eco-centre and help with the organisation of a small festival.

JAVVA24-04 – Building Youth (L'enfance de l'Art)

TEMPLEUVE

13/07-27/07

RENO/ENVI

14 VOLS

18+



PARTNER:

"L'Enfance de l'Art", founded in 1997, is an association which aims to help parents in their education role. The organisation aims to gather people willing to bring to their children a creative learning environment where they can find the joy in learning and experience the richness of childhood rather than early specialisation or academic hot-housing. Parents and professionals work together in the structures created by the organisation: leisure workshops, nurseries, schools, kindergarten. To do so, the association follows the principles of Steiner-Waldorf pedagogy.

Altogether, those activities gather a total of 155 children. The nursery, the kindergarten and the primary school, which are all recognized by the authorities, are located in a former boarding school which was abandoned in 2004. This building is now in a process of renovation which the volunteers will take part in.

WORK:

The main task will therefore be to contribute in the renovation of the old boarding school which L'Enfance de l'Art has been occupying since 2011.

Material and techniques of construction are eco-friendly. The aim is to create a welcoming and well-equipped place with lavatories, kitchen, dorm, game room, etc.

Volunteers will work from Monday to Friday, from 9 to 12am and from 2 to 4pm. Depending on the needs, they will work in teams on different tasks:

- Eco-renovation: coating with a straw-soil mix, dismantling of building, materials sorting, painting
- Taking care of the surroundings
- Furniture building in the carpentry workshop
- Cooking for the team



ACCOMODATION:

On the workcamp place, in other buildings to be restored or in a tent (possibility to choose).

- two showers and several toilets
- a room to cook and eat
- two dorms

Comfort will be closed to what you can find in a scout' camp.

Please bring a **sleeping bag** and a **torch** (to move inside the buildings).

FOOD:

The meals (light at lunch: sandwiches, salads, soup, etc. and hot meal for dinner) will be prepared by a member of the organisation with the help of two volunteers. A focus will be put on a good management of the collective

cooking in order to have quality meals with as few waste as possible.

LOCATION:



The building of "l'Ecole de la Providence" is located in Templeuve which is a small village close to the French border (2 km) and 20 km from Lille and 10 km from Tournai. There is a market and small shops in the village. A bus line makes the connection with Tournai (every hour during the day). The countryside is flat, which makes it easy to bike (a few bikes will be available). Tournai is a touristic place for old stones, history and museums lovers. Its cathedral is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

SPECIFIC INFORMATIONS:

- This workcamp is open to anyone interested in meeting and sharing with others.
- Smartphone use will be limited, based on rules which will be decided collectively on the first day.
- Please bring clothes that may get dirty, good working shoes and remember that even during summer weather is often variable.

LANGUAGE:

Language of the workcamp will be English. Basic knowledge of French is useful but not mandatory.

ACCESS:

The meeting point is at Tournai station.

- Brussels airport (Zaventem) is the closest because it takes 1h30 by public transport to reach Tournai station.
- Brussels - Charleroi airport (located in Charleroi) is also a good way to reach the meeting place in 2 hours.
- From Brussels City: go to Brussels Central Station and take the direct train to Tournai. If you are under 26 years old, ask for a GoPass 1 ticket. You can go anywhere in Belgium for 6,6€. All timetables and routes on www.belgianrail.be/en/

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Sustainable development goals? Here you work for quality education (4) and measures to combat global warming (13)!

Supports the local population in improving their school infrastructure by using environmentally friendly materials

SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

This eco-construction workcamp with "L'Enfance de l'Art" aims at renovating the building hosting kindergartens and a school following Steiner principles for children of the neighbourhood using only ecological materials and techniques. Volunteers will work on the renovation of a building in order to transform it into a welcoming place for kids.



JAVVA24-05 - Nomade Theatre Festival

BRUSSELS

10/08 TO 21/08

FEST

10 VOLS

18+

PARTNER:

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Since its creation in 1994, “La Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus” strives to give access to culture and - particularly theatre - to a socially disadvantaged public, less inclined to cultural activities. Democratisation of culture and promotion of diversity are the guiding principles of the company’s activities. These are divided in three types of projects: theatre plays creation, “Théâtres Nomades” festival and Mimouna Festival.

Every summer, the Brussels’ Park hosts more than 50 shows over 4 days for the Festival Théâtres Nomades Festival. The fountain and surrounding area are transformed into a colourful nomad village made of marquees, caravans, berber tents, and open-air stages.

The programme is diversified through various shows for children, a circus, street theatre, classical theatre, puppet shows, as well as creative workshops on the stage.

More information (FR) on: www.theatresnomades.be or www.lesnouveauxdisparus.com

WORK:

Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics, such as meals preparation for the entire team of the festival, assembling and dismantling of tents, building and putting up the decorations, stage-managing, transport and unloading of material, installation of the “village of organisations”, waste and composting toilet management. Volunteers will work with all people working on the festival (technicians, stage managers, facilitators, organizers, cooks...).

Volunteers will also be integrated in the different teams during the festival (tickets, bar, catering, stage-managing, ...) which will take place from August 15th to August 18th 2024.



→ Please be aware that **heavy physical work** will be asked to volunteers at setting up and dismantling.

Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like meal preparation, waste management, during the festival. Depending on the programme schedule, volunteers may also have the possibility to actively take part in entertainment activities of the festival.

ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will sleep in caravans on the site of the festival. The living conditions are **very rudimentary** close to conditions of a “scout camp”. Volunteers will use dry toilet and a shower placed in the park. Please bring your **sleeping bag** and a **camping mattress**.

FOOD:

Meals will be taken with the diverse teams of the festival and will be prepared by the volunteers together with the kitchen team of the festival. Lunch will consist of sandwiches and a warm meal will be prepared for dinner. Vegetarian and halal food will be available.

LOCATION:



Brussels, the European capital, capital of Belgium, is populated by 1.2 million inhabitants. Very well connected to many other capitals of Europe, this city is a rich cultural center.

SPECIFIC INFORMATIONS:

- ✓ This workcamp requires **strong physical efforts** at some moments and an active participation and involvement of volunteers during 2 weeks, due to the deadlines set for the good progress of the festival. Volunteers are asked to prove a strong interest for the thematic of the festival.
- ✓ There will be 2 free days during the workcamp.
- ✓ Please bring **good working shoes and clothes** which can get dirty as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.

If you have a music instrument or juggling material, feel free to bring it!

LANGUAGE:

The language of the workcamp is **French**. It is not necessary to speak perfectly but it will be the main language on the workcamp.

ACCES:

The meeting point is at the Gare du Midi . From there, someone will pick up the group to the site.

- By plane: the nearest international airports are Brussels (Zaventem) or Brussels-Charleroi (note that the latter is in the city of Charleroi).
- The easiest way is to arrive at Zaventem, the airport in the city of Brussels. To get to the railway station, you will have to take a public transport which takes 20 minutes.
- It is also possible to arrive at Brussels - Charleroi (in the city of Charleroi) and take a shuttle bus (1h drive) to the capital.
- Train information here: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr>

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Sustainable development goals? Here you work for sustainable cities and communities (11)!

Support to the local population for the organisation of a cultural event in a rural area in Belgium. In this way, the volunteer will participate in promoting integration, social cohesion, multiculturalism and sustainable development through this festival. This is integration through culture.

SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP:

Join the workcamp at the Festival «Théâtres Nomades» and discover the inside of this unique theatre festival in the heart of Europe! Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics at all the stages of the festival organisation.



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JAVVA24-06 Marsinne Folk Festival

MARSINNE

02/09 TO 13/09

FEST

12 vols

18+

PARTNER:

The Marsinne Folk Festival is organized by the non-profit organisation «Musiques et Traditions» since 1992. This three-day long Folk Festival features balls, concerts, dancing workshops, a free stage, sessions, street and puppet theatre, as well as a market for instrument makers and craftsmen.



Whether you are an experienced dancer, an enthusiastic music lover or a one-day passer-by, this is the place to be if you want to indulge in traditional music in a peaceful and easily accessible setting. Expect to find a friendly and family-oriented festival with a unique atmosphere and set in a spectacular location. When it is not on one of the three stages, musicians play spontaneously together, in the middle of the public or in the craft market.

The lovely surroundings of the Marsinne castle-farm offer a unique atmosphere to the festival. We invite you to discover and enjoy what the oldest festival of traditional music Wallonia has to offer! More information (FR) on www.folkfestivalmarsinne.be

WORK:



Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics, such as meals preparation for the entire team of the festival, assembling and dismantling of tents and structures, building and putting up the decorations, stage-managing, transport and unloading of material, installation of the market area, waste management, etc.). Volunteers will work with all people working on the festival (technicians, stage managers, facilitators, organizers, cooks).

Hard physical work will be asked to volunteers so it is important to take this into account. Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like meal preparation, waste management, decorations. The festival will take place from from 6 to 8 of September 2024.



ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will sleep in large indoor space near the festival. Please bring your sleeping bag and mattress.



FOOD:

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Before and after the festival, meals will be taken with the diverse teams of the festival. Sandwiches will be prepared for lunch and a warm meal for dinner. During the festival, volunteers will receive meal tickets to get warm meals from the caterer of the site.

LOCATION:



The castle-farm of Marsinne, built in the XII century, is located in the old village of Couthuin (Commune of Héron), in the Province of Liège in Wallonia in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium. The site of the festival is about 10km away from the city of Huy and 40km away from the city of Liège. The castle-farm hosts also a brewery that produce a craft beer: the «Léopold 7».

SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

- This workcamp requires **hard physical efforts** at some moments and an active participation and involvement of volunteers during the

workcamp, due to the deadlines set for the good progress of the festival. Volunteers are asked to prove a strong interest for the thematic of the festival.

- It is also important to take into account the fact that the organisation of a festival might be subject to last minutes changes or unforeseen events (for example: the truck to unload doesn't show up at the predicted time, a technical issue will delay the assembly of a stage, etc). We are therefore expecting volunteers to be flexible and understanding in this kind of situation.



Photo : Jérôme Heymans

- Please bring good working shoes, gloves, clothes that can get dirty and a raincoat in case of rainy weather (+ sleeping bag & mattress).

If you have a music instrument or juggling material, feel free to bring it! and your dancing outfit!

- One or two evening will be organize to initiate volunteers to folk dances.
- We aim to encourage the participation of refugees living in Belgium on this workcamp

LANGUAGE:

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

ACCES:

The meeting point is at the Andenne train station.

- The two well-connected cities near Heron are Namur and Liège, where there are bus connections to these cities. The nearest train station to the Festival is Andenne. Train timetables on: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/fr>
- By plane: the nearest international airports are Brussels (Zaventem) or Brussels-Charleroi (note that the latter is in the city of Charleroi). Coming from Brussels-Charleroi airport, it takes about 1h45 to reach Andenne station. It is the same time from Zaventem airport.

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Sustainable development goals? Here you work for sustainable cities and communities (11)!

Support to the local population for the organisation of a cultural event in a rural area in Belgium.

SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP:

Join the workcamp at the Folk Festival of Marsinne and discover the inside of this oldest festival of traditional music of Wallonia, in the country-side of Belgium ! Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics at all the stages of the festival organisation



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ESC PROJECTS 2024

HOST ORGANISATION	LOCATION	NB OF VOL	APPLICATION DEADLINE	ACTIVITY DATES
L'Enfance de l'Art	Tournai	4	15/04/24	end-august 2024 – beginning-july 2025
Caritas « Logis de Louvrance » for asylum seekers	Wavre	2	15/04/24	Mid-august 2024 - Mid-august 2025
Altérez-Vous	Louvain-La-Neuve	2	15/04/24	1 st September 2024 – 1 st September 2025



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L'Enfance de l'Art – Nursery & Kindergarten

TOURNAI

MID-AUGUST 2023 – MID-JULY 2024

KIDS

4 vols

18-30

APPLICATION DATE: 15/04/24

PARTNER :

"L'Enfance de l'Art" is a nonprofit organisation whose aim is to help parents to become more involved in their children's education. To that purpose, the organisation set up hosting facilities for children or people with reduced autonomy, leisure workshops, nurseries, schools. The organisation uses alternative pedagogies (Steiner & Loczy). Loczy pedagogy respects the whole child and develops its autonomy, which requires observation capacity to meet their real needs at the right time. Steiner pedagogy brings in more contact with nature and creativity, which requires to also work outside every day. Children in Steiner approach begin their learning through imitation, rather than instruction. Thus, great care is put into the adults' gestures, speech and movement in the kindergarten and nursery.



L'Enfance de l'Art hosts about 140 children from 0 to 12 years old. The nursery, the kindergarten and the primary school are recognized by the French-speaking Community of Belgium and the organisation is now established in the former boarding school of « Dames de la Providence ». The kindergarten and the school are in that building in Templeuve (near Tournai) while the nursery is in Tournai.

PROJECT :

L'Enfance de l'Art can host up to 4 ECS volunteers:

- One volunteer will work in a nursery (with kids between 0 and 3 years old) in Tournai
- The three others will be in a kindergarten (with kids between 3 and 6 years old) in Templeuve, a small village near Tournai.

With the support of the educators, volunteers will carry out different kind of activities with the children: painting, drawing, fairy tales and nursery rhymes (volunteers can share some in their own language), making cakes and breads, outdoor games, crafts, walks in woods, ...

PRATICAL ARRANGEMENT :

Volunteers will live in a share house in Tournai. Each of them will have their own bedroom and they will share a common area all together (bathroom, kitchen, living room)). They will receive a monthly allowance to buy food and pocket money (about 310€ in total).

SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

It is important to be sincerely willing to work with children under 7, and have related qualities: smiling, gentle, patient, helpful, attentive, responsible, creative, empathic, loving crafts, etc.

Volunteers should not be afraid of living a repetitive daily routine and spending time outside no matter the weather.

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CARITAS « Logis de Louvranges » for asylum seekers

WAVRE

MID-AUG 2023 – MID-JULY 2024

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18-30

APPLICATION DATE: 15/04/24

PARTNER :

The project in Louvranges consists of vulnerable female asylum seekers, single or with children in 21 apartments. The team assists the residents in the legal, social and medical field. The goal is to give the women a maximum of autonomy starting from their own capacity to be ready to leave the Logis and start an independent life.



The Logis host about 20 women and between 40 and 45 children, all asylum seekers. They are from: Congo, Guinea, Rwanda, Nigeria, Somalia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Dagestan, Kosovo, etc. The Logis is in the commune of Wavre and is close to the municipalities of Chaumont-Gistoux and Louvain-La-Neuve. The place of the Logis is isolated. There is a big pasture and a courtyard for the children.

PROJECT :

Volunteers will be working together with the team to provide individual support and carry out activities for residents.

Their main role will be to guide, inform and motivate families regarding activities and appointments. They will also:

- help with the organisation of the daycare (0 to 3 years old babies)
- co-lead & to co-organise activities for children (creative & artistic workshops, sports activities, etc.)
- co-organise workshops with families to improve communication & community harmony (cooking workshop or any other activities)
- offer individual support to new families (ex: how to read a map, to take public transportation, etc)

ACCOMMODATION:

During the week, it is possible to take a bus from the Logis but during the week-end one must walk 2 km to reach the first bus stop. Bikes are available and if volunteers have a driving licence valid in Belgium, they will be allowed to use a van easy to ride.

The 2 ECS volunteers will be hosted in one of the flat of the Logis de Louvranges where they will have their own bedroom and share the kitchen - living room and the bathroom.

They will receive a monthly allowance to buy food and pocket money (about 300€ in total).

SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

Due to the current asylum policy in Belgium, the number and the profile of the residents can be subject to changes beyond control of the centre and JAVVA. We are therefore looking for flexible volunteers with a good capacity for adaptation as the content of the project may differ from the description.

Café citoyen «Altérez-Vous»

LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE

09/23 - 09/24

CULT 2 vol

18-30

APPLICATION DATE: 15/04/24

PARTNER:

The alternative café, Altérez-Vous, is a non-profit cooperative with social purpose. The project of turns around 3 dimensions:



- Friendly atmosphere: open to any kind of public, organisation of diverse entertainment activities (board game nights, concerts, free stages, knitting workshops, conversation groups, writing workshops, etc.). Altérez-Vous is a place to meet, share and interact with others. These activities are open to everyone, and new ideas are always welcome.
- Responsible consumption: the café gives priority to local, seasonal, organic and fair products.,
- Awareness to societal issues (the main objective of Altérez-Vous): organisation of debates, conferences, group discussions, meetings with local farmers, awareness events, etc.

PROJECT :

Examples of tasks for the volunteer:

- to help with the organisation and the promotion of cultural activities (thematic nights, concerts, exhibitions, intercultural activities)
- Awareness to societal issues directly with the clients and through the organisation of conferences
- Development of local, organic and fair trade by helping the staff to find new products

Volunteers could also develop a personal project related to the café's values.

ACCOMMODATION :

The volunteers will be accommodated in a shared flat with other youngsters (mainly students of the University of Louvain-la-Neuve). Louvain-la-Neuve is a pedestrian city with all facilities accessible by foot. There is no need to take public transportation to reach the café from the flat. Volunteer will receive a monthly allowance for food and pocket money.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

We are looking for a volunteer who is interested by societal issues in general and motivated by the project of our citizen café. We are looking for a flexible, open minded & joyful person! Somebody who is ready to be change-maker with us, who has a team spirit, a good capacity to adapt and who is ready to take initiatives.

We're looking forward to welcome
your motivated volunteers!



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