

# Let colours speak at the Institute for Deaf Youth



Jarville-la-Malgrange, France

18/05/2026 - 29/05/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



The Institut des Sourds of Jarville, established for several decades in Jarville-la-Malgrange near Nancy, supports young people who are deaf or have speech disorders to learn, explore, and thrive in a tailored environment while maintaining their autonomy. Through its collective and inclusive approach, the Institute promotes cooperation, solidarity, and engagement with the local community.

The project aims to create a collective mural artwork and renovate spaces using a home-staging approach. Deaf and hard-of-hearing youth and volunteers collaborate through artistic and hands-on activities accessible to everyone. Here, you can experiment, create, tinker, share your ideas, and see the tangible results of your work. Together, we transform the spaces! Every contribution matters and leaves a visible mark of your creativity.



# Missions

During this workcamp, you will take part in designing and creating a collective mural over the course of a week. Guided by a street artist, you will explore a variety of artistic and hands-on techniques accessible to everyone, from sketching to mural painting. It's your turn to get creative: you can share your ideas, experiment, learn, and watch the project come to life before your eyes! Afterwards, you will participate in small renovation and home-staging tasks to transform living spaces and make them more appealing.

Cultural activities and local visits will also punctuate the stay, offering another way to discover the area. You will experience this project within a mixed team, alongside deaf youth, in a spirit of cooperation, sharing, and camaraderie.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



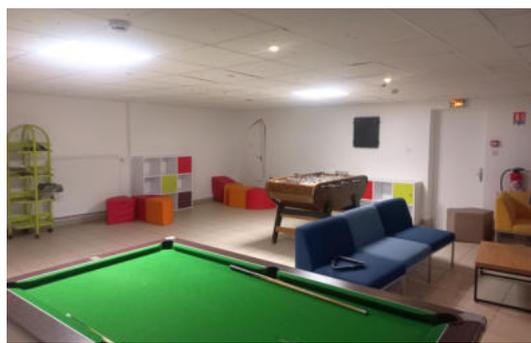
# Group life

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This workcamp will be a unique intercultural and inclusive experience. You will work alongside deaf young people from the Institute. Communication will not always rely on spoken words, but this will be a great opportunity to discover sign language, explore new ways of connecting, and develop your creativity and open-mindedness. A truly meaningful human experience, rich in encounters and learning.

## Accommodation

You will be accommodated less than 500 meters from the Institute, in “La Maison de Vandoeuvre.” Three areas will be reserved and private for the project: the women’s room (without beds), the men’s room (without beds), a common living area, and the sanitary facilities.



What you will find on site:

- Toilets and showers
- Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners served at the Institute during weekdays, and at the House on weekends
- Washing machine
- Wi-Fi available at the accommodation

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

In general, volunteers spend around 30 hours per week working, and have two days off dedicated to cultural outings, on-site activities, and free time. Here's what a typical day on a worksite might look like:



Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Backstage of a movie festival



Issoire and la Bourboule, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

25/05/2026 - 08/06/2026

Age: 18-99

# Context



Located in the heart of the Auvergne Volcanoes Regional Natural Park, the towns of La Bourboule and Issoire will host the 24th edition of the Plein la Bobine International Short Film Festival for young audiences (ages 3–14). The 2026 theme, “Encounter” will pay tribute to cinema as well as to shared places and moments. A region rich in historical and natural heritage, you will have the opportunity to discover Issoire and La Bourboule through guided visits and outdoor activities.

For the tenth consecutive year, we are organising a volunteer work camp to support the festival’s organization. Volunteers will be immersed within the local volunteer teams and will take part in welcoming all participants (mainly children) and ensuring the smooth running of the festival. As a traveling festival, it will take place in 2 towns, first Issoire, then La Bourboule.



# Missions

Before the festival: join in setting up the festival alongside other volunteers and discover the behind-the-scenes of organising such an event. During the festival: contribute actively to the festival's success by helping with public reception, managing entries, distributing flyers, guiding spectators, and providing occasional logistical support. After the festival: take part in the clean-up and evaluation of this edition. You will always be accompanied by French-speaking volunteers who will guide you and share their expertise.

Take advantage of your free time to explore the cities of Issoire and La Bourboule, their natural landscapes, and the surrounding area! Some basic French skills are a plus, but not essential.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

Beyond working hours, volunteers come together to organise daily life on the camp. Most days, volunteers won't have to cook meals. The few meals that are not provided by the festival will be prepared collectively by the group. Fully involved in shaping your experience, you will also take part in decision-making regarding group activities and daily organisation!

There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Accommodation will be in dormitories. During the first week, you will stay in mobile homes for 4 to 6 people at the municipal campsite in Issoire. In the second week, lodging will be provided in apartments made available by the town of La Bourboule. You may have to share a double bed for the first week (non-mixed).



What you will find on site:

- Sleeping arrangements: Beds in mobile homes (non-mixed dormitories) and apartments (non-mixed dormitories).
- Facilities: Toilets and showers available in both the mobile homes and apartments.
- Kitchen: Small indoor kitchen.
- Meals: Breakfast delivered, lunch provided with meal vouchers, shared dinners in a brasserie, restaurant, or canteen.
- Some basins and soap to wash your clothes

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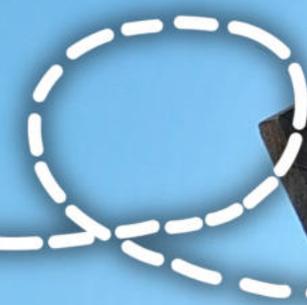
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# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (1)



Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

01/06/2026 - 14/06/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

With its rich history, international volunteers have been welcomed at the castle since the 1980s to help maintain and promote it, and enliven local life during the summer.

This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the first session of the year!



# Missions

Come and join the preservation and enhancement efforts of this exceptional heritage! Around the castle, you will carry out several restoration tasks. Guided by a technical supervisor, you will help maintain the masonry by learning traditional techniques: removing and re-pointing the walls, making lime and sand mortar, and handling the tools. You will also assist with maintaining the woodwork: safety barriers and building with pallets for relaxation areas.

Finally, you will take part in maintaining the fortress's environment: clearing brush, pruning shrubs, maintaining the vegetable garden, and renovating the dry toilet cabins. You will also be able to take part in hands-on and cultural activities aimed at enhancing and showcasing the fortress.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



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## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated at the Saint-Mihiel Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the Promenade des Capucins. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the project volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- 1 small tent per person
- An alternative shelter is available at the town hall in case of severe weather
- A small cabin with an indoor kitchen (sink, fridge, stove, oven, dishes, games)
- 2 individual toilets in solid structures
- 2 individual showers in solid structures
- Outdoor sinks
- Some basins and soap to wash your clothes
- A large marquee under which tables and chairs will be set up

# A day on the workcamp

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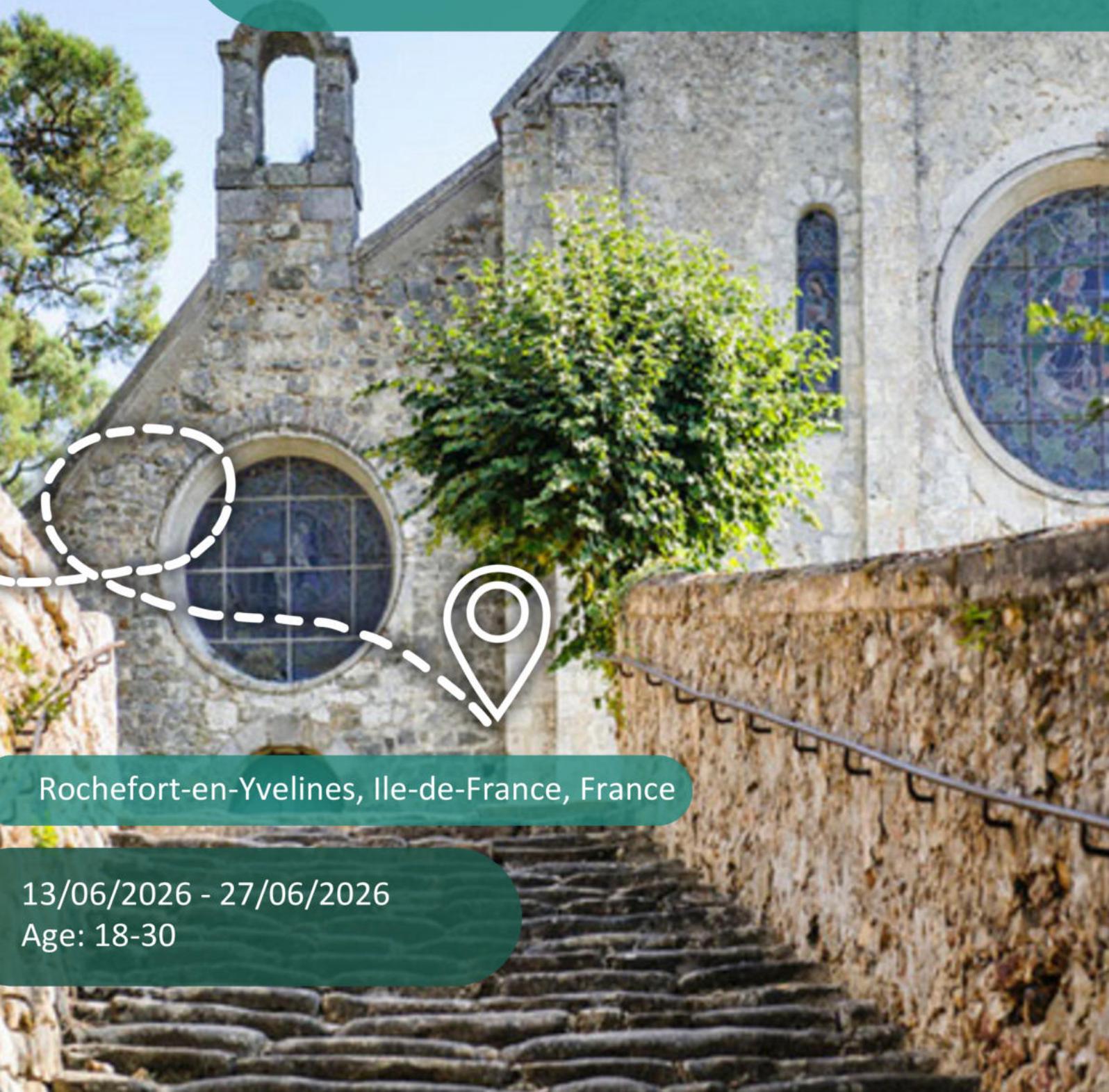
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# On the ruins of the castle of Gui le Rouge (1)



Rochefort-en-Yvelines, Ile-de-France, France

13/06/2026 - 27/06/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



Welcome to Rochefort-en-Yvelines, a charming medieval village just 30 minutes from Paris! For the past five years, it has hosted international volunteer workcamps in a preserved rural setting. Around the area, there are many natural and cultural sites to discover: the medieval castle of Dourdan, the Elsa Triolet-Aragon house, the Rambouillet forest, the Vaux de Cernay Abbey, and of course, the city of Paris!

The Rochefort-en-Yvelines castle, known as "Château Gui Le Rouge", has been listed as a historic monument since 1931. This fascinating site was a strategic fortress at the crossroads of trade routes. For the past four years, volunteers from around the world have been bringing this place back to life by clearing the ruins and opening new access paths. Thanks to them, the village and its 12th-century church have regained an unforgettable view.



# Missions

Last year, several promising historical elements were already uncovered during volunteer vegetation-clearing workcamps, which made it possible to reveal the ruins of Gui Le Rouge Castle. The study of former excavations and the site's geophysical surveys have since brought new information to light.

You will take part in the first archaeological excavations and contribute to advancing the research. Supervised by a passionate professional, you will join the team to explore the castle and uncover traces of the past hidden beneath modern rubble. Little by little, the castle will reveal its secrets... and you will be part of this collective discovery. An immersive experience that will be the first stage of an archaeological assessment prior to possible professional excavations. No skills required: just your motivation and your desire to live a unique human and scientific adventure!

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

# Accommodation

You will be accommodated at the village hall, within a small leisure area, located about ten minutes on foot from the worksite. You can enjoy an outdoor space with a barbecue and sports fields (volleyball, basketball, football). You can sleep either inside the hall or in individual tents.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tents or an improvised shared dormitory in the multi-purpose hall
- Backup option: multi-purpose hall
- Toilets in the multi-purpose hall
- Two individual shower cabins installed outside for the occasion: hot water
- Hand washing for laundry
- Professional indoor kitchen
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# A day on the workcamp

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (2)

Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

15/06/2026 - 27/06/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

With its rich history, international volunteers have been welcomed at the castle since the 1980s to help maintain and promote it, and enliven local life during the summer.

This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the second session of the year!



# Missions

Come and join the preservation and enhancement efforts of this exceptional heritage! Around the castle, you will carry out several restoration tasks. Guided by a technical supervisor, you will help maintain the masonry by learning traditional techniques: removing and re-pointing the walls, making lime and sand mortar, and handling the tools. You will also assist with maintaining the woodwork: safety barriers and building with pallets for relaxation areas.

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## Accommodation

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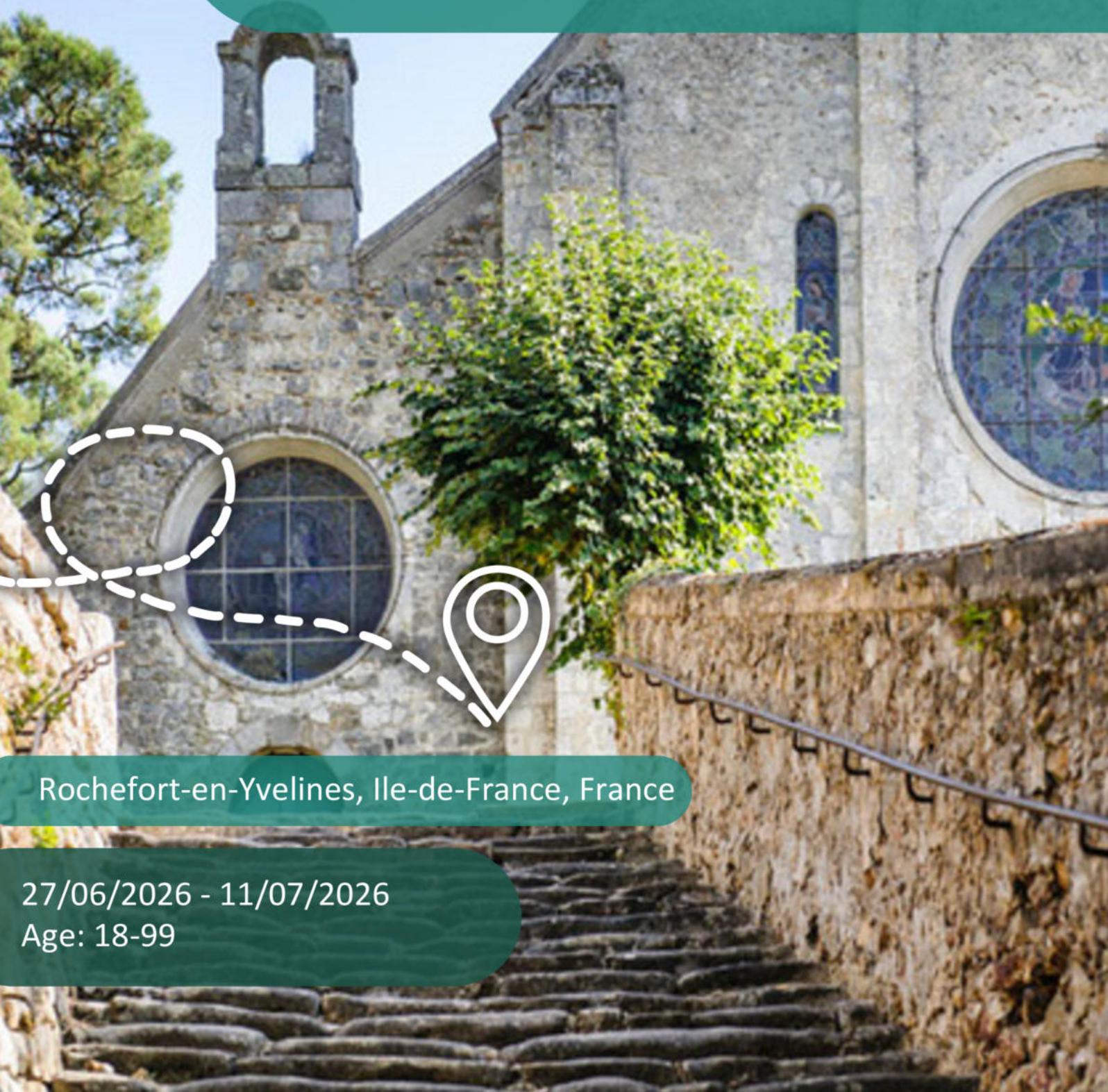
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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



## On the ruins of the castle of Gui le Rouge (2)



Rochefort-en-Yvelines, Ile-de-France, France

27/06/2026 - 11/07/2026

Age: 18-99

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Discover traditional masonry techniques



Nomeny, Grand-Est, France

04/07/2026 - 18/07/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



A fortress was built in Nomeny in the 12th century, followed by a castle in the 15th century by the Bishop of Metz, a very powerful figure. The castle later passed to a noble family from Lorraine, and Nomeny became one of the most prosperous towns in Lorraine during the Renaissance period. Today, this welcoming and lively small town preserves its heritage, making it an attractive destination!

Since 2019, the town of Nomeny has been hosting volunteering workcamps to restore its endangered medieval heritage, damaged by the passage of time, while respecting nature and incorporating an ecological dimension into both the work and community life. Through these volunteer projects, the town aims to introduce new cultures to the local population and highlight the dedication and engagement of young people from all over the world.



# Missions

After several projects focused on renovating the medieval church, we have been working for the past five years on the ruins of the Nomeny castle. This year's project aims to complete the reconstruction of a medieval stone wall. Restoring this wall will help secure the site, allowing locals and visitors to discover or rediscover it safely!

Volunteers will clear vegetation from the ruins and carefully select stones to rebuild the wall. They will assemble the stones and secure them using traditional mortar made from sand and lime, all under the guidance of a professional in ancient masonry. Be prepared for occasionally physical work. Some tasks will take place at height. During periods of intense heat, work will be limited to mornings.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



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# Accommodation

The accommodation is in tents, at the foot of the project site, sheltered from the heat by beautiful trees. Showers, bathrooms, and the kitchen are just a few steps away, located in a school that has been privatised for the volunteers working on the project.



What you will find on site:

- One small tent per person + a few tents to store luggage
- Access to sleep in the school in case of very bad weather
- 2 toilets at the nearby school
- 2 private showers at the nearby school
- Hand washing for clothes at the camp + paid laundry service in town if needed
- Inside kitchen at the nearby school
- An undercover dining/living area and a relaxation space
- Free Wi-Fi nearby (at the townhall)

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## Rolling and cutting stones in Saint-Mihiel



Saint-Mihiel, Grand Est, France

05/07/2026 - 25/07/2026

Age: 18-99

# Context



Saint-Mihiel, located in the Meuse Valley, offers a perfect blend of heritage and nature. Since 2019, we have been organizing a project in the Renaissance-period old town, with its charming streets and abbey, to restore the damages from the World Wars. The region, ideal for nature lovers, boasts stunning panoramas and plenty of cultural and festive events. It's the perfect place to recharge and explore the local history!

The town of Saint-Mihiel organises volunteering workcamps to restore dry-stone walls and small stone structures that were rebuilt too quickly and unsustainably after the World Wars. They add to the town's charm and serve as important refuges for biodiversity, providing homes for insects and birds. Today, the entire area is recognised as a natural zone of ecological interest, and its protection is ensured by the state.



# Missions

Come take part in the restoration of the walls at the Promenade des Capucins and become an active participant in preserving a historic site! You will learn traditional masonry techniques, handle stone, work with lime, and help bring the site back to life. Supervised by a professional, you will discover the secrets of dry-stone and masonry walls. You will work as part of a team in a friendly and stimulating environment.

You will also have the opportunity to observe the different stages of restoration and understand how a heritage project is carried out. During periods of strong heat, work will be limited to mornings so you can fully enjoy the afternoons. This experience will allow you to develop your skills, share a unique moment, and leave your mark on a place full of history.

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## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated in dorms at the Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the worksite. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- Non-mixed dorms of 4-6 bunk beds
- Mattress without bed sheets or pillow
- 2 private toilets
- 2 private showers + access to the non-mixed showers of the recreation centre
- A washing machine
- A professional inside kitchen accessible 24/7, shared with the recreation centre (with private fridges and cooking equipments)
- An outdoor dining/living area, with the option to take shelter in case of rain. A room can be transformed into a relaxation/game space for the volunteers.
- Free Wi-Fi on the recreation centre

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# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (3)

Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

06/07/2026 - 20/07/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

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This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the third session of the year!



# Missions

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# Restore an old convent!



Joinville, Grand Est, France

13/07/2026 - 29/07/2026

Age: 18-99

# Context



Joinville is a beautiful little town full of remarkable ancient heritage. Recognizable by its bell tower and surrounded by lush green valleys, it is an ideal destination for lovers of nature and historic architecture. The work takes place at the Convent of the Annonciades Célestes: a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, abandoned about a hundred years ago and unfortunately damaged by time, but gradually coming back to life year after year...

The Convent of the Annonciades Célestes was purchased by heritage enthusiasts who are dedicated to restoring it and bringing it back to life. Since 2022, they have been hosting volunteer projects. Beyond the restoration work, the goal of the project for the locals is to introduce volunteers to the treasures of local heritage and French gastronomy, while sharing their love for beauty and their town.



# Missions

Join a workcamp at the heart of a historic convent and take an active role in its restoration and enhancement. Continuing the 2025 works, you will help rebuild the exterior wall to its original height, restoring the garden's charm and ensuring visitor safety. Inside, you will assist in repairing the plaster in the old kitchen to prevent water infiltration and preserve the ancient stones. Supervised by a professional, you will learn traditional techniques and gain hands-on artisanal skills.

In case of strong heat or unpredictable weather, the schedule and organization of the project may be adapted to ensure everyone's comfort and safety. This is a practical, meaningful, and rewarding experience, where you will learn to work as a team and leave your mark on a place steeped in history.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers sleep in the former rooms of the convent's sisters. They stay in a wing of the building that includes a kitchen, a living space, and bathroom facilities, with caring and attentive neighbors nearby. The atmosphere of the project is designed to be very warm and family-like.



What you will find on site:

- Individual bedrooms in the convent
- Bed with a mattress
- 2 toilets (inside)
- Solar showers installed in the convent's gardens (private cabins)
- A washing machine, available free of charge, upon request to the owners
- Inside kitchen
- A dining/living area and a relaxation space available in the convent
- Free Wi-Fi

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

In general, volunteers spend around 30 hours per week working, and have two days off dedicated to cultural outings, on-site activities, and free time. Here's what a typical day on a worksite might look like:



Intensity of work days on this workcamp:





# World Cultures Festival

Gannat, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

15/07/2026 - 29/07/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



The project takes place in Gannat, in the Allier department, between Clermont-Ferrand and Moulins. For the 52nd year, the city is hosting the Cultures du Monde festival, an unmissable cultural event in the region! Volunteers will have the opportunity to explore the town and its surroundings, which boast a rich medieval heritage.

Come volunteer with others to share the cultures of the world with as many people as possible! The festival is a unique place to meet hundreds of folkloric dancers and singers from around the world.

This year, the festival will take place from 21st to 26th July 2026. The artists will present their dance and music through workshops, concerts, cabarets, and parades.



# Missions

Working with other volunteers, you'll discover the behind-the-scenes of a festival and actively contribute to its success! Before the festival, you'll help with creating decorations and setting up the event. During the festival, the tasks will vary: welcoming the public, accommodating the artists, managing the bars, running a crepe stand, and leading creative workshops.

After the festival, you'll participate in dismantling the equipment. The atmosphere is always warm, and it's a great opportunity to meet wonderful people! You'll also have free time to explore Gannat, its natural landscapes, and the surrounding area.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in tents, on a dedicated green area of the municipal stadium. Each volunteer will have their own tent, and they will have access to a building with all amenities. Outdoor spaces will be available for resting, socialising, and shared meals.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tents
- Small building (lockable) with changing rooms, showers (2), toilets (2), and an office
- Backup solution in case of bad weather: inside the camping building
- Dining/living area, outdoor relaxation area under a marquee
- Bicycles will be provided
- A minibus (8 passengers + 1 driver) can be borrowed occasionally from the festival for outings
- Lunch and dinner will be provided by the festival and will be taken with the other festival volunteers at the local high school
- An outdoor kitchen (fridge, stove, tables, chairs)

# A day on the workcamp

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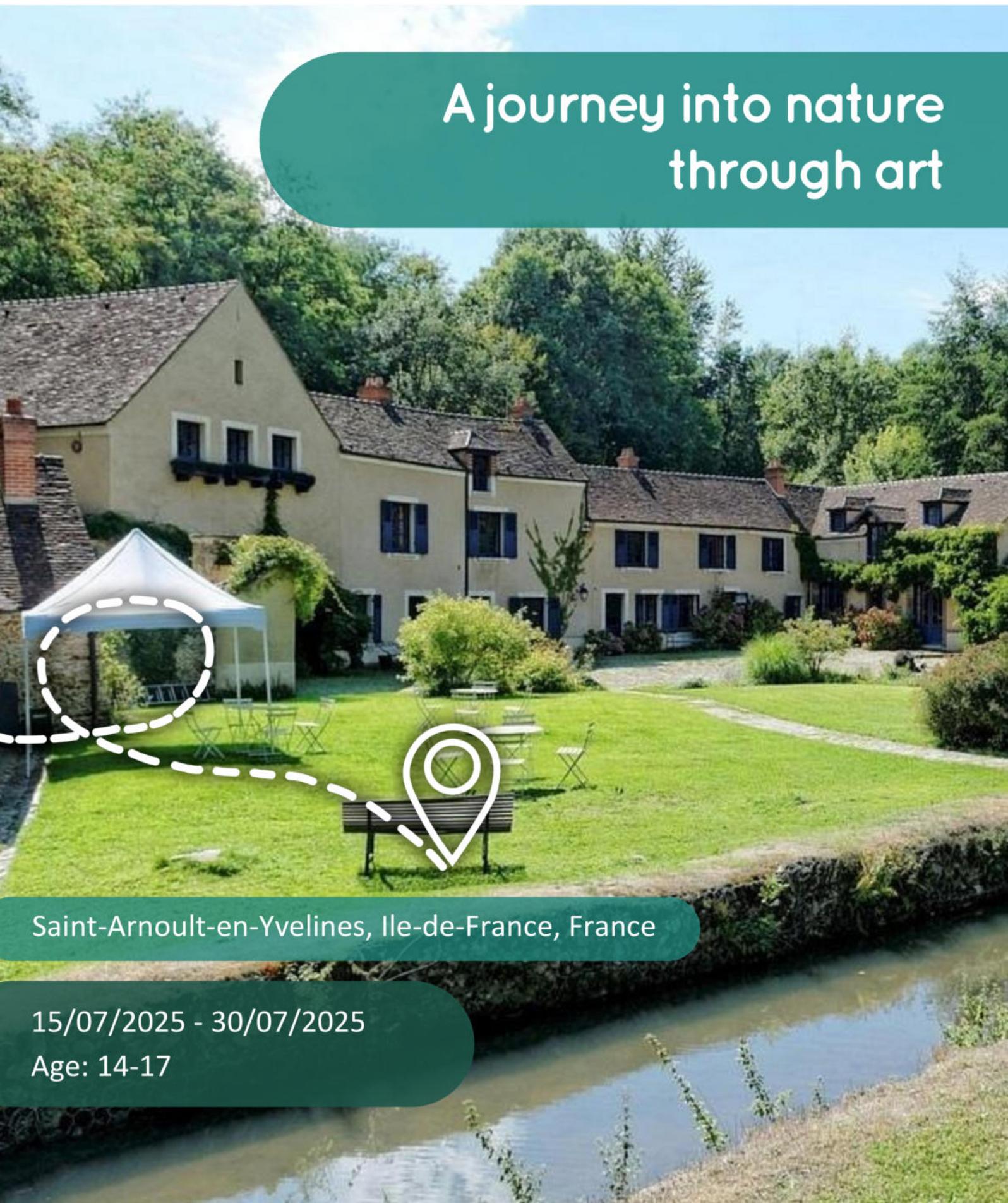
In general, volunteers spend around 30 hours per week working, and have two days off dedicated to cultural outings, on-site activities, and free time. Here's what a typical day on a worksite might look like:



Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# A journey into nature through art



Saint-Arnoult-en-Yvelines, Ile-de-France, France

15/07/2025 - 30/07/2025

Age: 14-17

# Context



Discover the Elsa Triolet-Aragon House in Saint-Arnoult-en-Yvelines, a place of life and creation where literature, art and history meet. For over 10 years, we have been organising volunteering workcamps to preserve this unique setting. At the gateway to the Vallée de Chevreuse Regional Natural Park, explore the surrounding forests and remarkable heritage sites such as the castles of Dourdan and Rambouillet. A trip to Paris will complete this stay!

Classified as a "House of Illustrious People," the Elsa Triolet House is a haven of peace that immerses us in the world of poets while honoring many contemporary artists. Their works are exhibited both in the museum and throughout the park. Each year, this place welcomes a large number of visitors. Thanks to the commitment of volunteers, new exhibition spaces have been created, as well as facilities designed to improve public reception.



# Missions

This bucolic garden is crossed by a small river that brings calm and freshness. Most of the time, it flows peacefully... but during heavy rains, it sometimes overflows! To protect the house from flooding, flood barriers have been installed. Today, we need you to help preserve the harmony of this haven of peace.

Your mission will be to cover these barriers with wooden casings, which you will build with the support of a technical supervisor. They will introduce you to the basics of carpentry and guide you step by step through the process. In addition, you will take part in creating a flower bed to make the garden of the Maison des Illustres even more welcoming. This project will evolve according to the needs of the association and everyone's ideas. A wonderful opportunity to get hands-on in an inspiring and friendly setting!

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

Beyond working hours, volunteers come together to organise daily life on the camp. Often divided into teams, they plan menus, help with the shopping, prepare meals, and ensure the cleanliness of shared spaces. Fully involved in shaping your experience, you will also take part in decision-making regarding group activities and daily organisation!

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers will camp in the park, in individual tents. Nearby, a wooden structure called the "Bal Parquet" will serve as a gathering place to complement the campsite. Finally, an apartment with a living room, a kitchen, toilets, and two bathrooms will be available.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tents
- Fallback solution in case of bad weather: Bal Parquet
- Permanent toilets
- Two hot showers
- A washing machine
- Indoor and outdoor kitchen
- Dining/living area, relaxation area: An apartment usually dedicated to artist residencies
- Wi-Fi

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

In general, volunteers spend around 20 hours per week working, and have two days off dedicated to cultural outings, on-site activities, and free time. Here's what a typical day on a worksite might look like:



Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (4)



Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

22/07/2026 - 05/08/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

With its rich history, international volunteers have been welcomed at the castle since the 1980s to help maintain and promote it, and enliven local life during the summer.

This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the fourth session of the year!



# Missions

Come and join the preservation and enhancement efforts of this exceptional heritage! Around the castle, you will carry out several restoration tasks. Guided by a technical supervisor, you will help maintain the masonry by learning traditional techniques: removing and re-pointing the walls, making lime and sand mortar, and handling the tools. You will also assist with maintaining the woodwork: safety barriers and building with pallets for relaxation areas.

Finally, you will take part in maintaining the fortress's environment: clearing brush, pruning shrubs, maintaining the vegetable garden, and renovating the dry toilet cabins. You will also be able to take part in hands-on and cultural activities aimed at enhancing and showcasing the fortress.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated at the Saint-Mihiel Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the Promenade des Capucins. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the project volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- 1 small tent per person
- An alternative shelter is available at the town hall in case of severe weather
- A small cabin with an indoor kitchen (sink, fridge, stove, oven, dishes, games)
- 2 individual toilets in solid structures
- 2 individual showers in solid structures
- Outdoor sinks
- Some basins and soap to wash your clothes
- A large marquee under which tables and chairs will be set up

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# The guardians of stone



Etival-Clairefontaine, Grand Est, France

25/07/2026 - 11/08/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



The Pierre d'Appel Trail is an iconic site in the Vosges. In addition to being one of the most beautiful viewpoints in the area, it hides traces of a very ancient past. Archaeological excavations reveal that humans occupied the site as early as the Gallo-Roman period. As you walk here, you can almost imagine their lives, their daily gestures, and the stories they left behind. Every stone, every panorama tells you a piece of history across the centuries.

This brand-new project invites you to help bring new life to a former archaeological excavation site in the heart of the Vosges. This year's objectives are to create a safe and well-designed space for hikers and to enhance the site's viewpoints. You will be directly involved in restoring and showcasing the site, while discovering its history and archaeological heritage.!



# Missions

You will take part in cleaning and clearing vegetation around the excavation site to help secure the archaeological area. During the activities, you will be supervised by archaeology professionals and by experts from the French National Forrests Office for pruning and developing the viewpoints, allowing you to learn specific techniques and deepen your knowledge of archaeology while respecting the site and its environment.

You may also take part in cultural activities depending on the local program, offering you another way to discover the region. In case of extreme heat, the site will be closed and work sessions will be cancelled to ensure everyone's safety. This experience will give you the opportunity to make a concrete contribution to the preservation of archaeological heritage while learning alongside experts.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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# Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in individual tents on municipal land. They will have access to the nearby municipal sports hall for sanitary facilities.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tents
- Backup option in the sports hall
- Non-mixed toilets (permanent facilities in the sports hall)
- Showers (in the sports hall locker rooms)
- Laundromat nearby
- Outdoor kitchen
- Wi-Fi available

# A day on the workcamp

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



Let's get the party started!



Joeuf, Grand Est, France

01/08/2026 - 15/08/2026

Age: 13-16

# Context



Joeuf, birthplace of the famous Michel Platini, is a city rich in history, located near the ancient and vibrant city of Metz. Its unique feature? It has a strong sports culture, uniting the local residents, and is well-known for its presence in national sports leagues. It's an ideal place for nature lovers, those interested in intercultural exchanges, and people who enjoy staying active.

The town has been welcoming international volunteers every summer for many years. The philosophy of the project is to bring together the residents of Joeuf and young people from around the world, allowing them to share their cultures and build connections. The theme of the project is simply friendship! Friendship between humans, between cultures, and between humans and nature— a value that is important to nurture.



# Missions

In Joeuf, this original workcamp offers you a unique immersion with homestay accommodation and the opportunity to meet young people from around the world. Before the project begins, you will start a correspondence with a local teenager to prepare your stay and share ideas and plans. Sports and solidarity will be at the heart of the adventure, with team tournaments, dynamic challenges, and moments to push yourselves together. You will also help organise a major festive event with local residents, where music, games, and activities will create a lively and friendly atmosphere.

At the same time, a diverse cultural program will allow you to discover the town through unique workshops, visits, and local explorations. You will experience an enriching and unforgettable journey, where you can learn, share, create, have fun, and return with memories and new friendships.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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# Accommodation

For the first time this year, the residents of the Joeuf are delighted to welcome you into their homes for a full immersion in the local culture. Once your participation is confirmed, you will be put in contact with a local teenager to help prepare your stay and start getting to know each other.

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Become the Lord of Pompey's castle



Pompey, Grand Est, France

01/08/2026 - 19/08/2026

Age: 18-99

# Context



Pompey is a town situated along the lush banks of the Moselle River. It is famous for its industrial history but was once a significant stronghold during the Middle Ages, serving as an effective watchpost for the Moselle and its surroundings. Today, Pompey is ideally located near major tourist cities, while also being close to more hidden spots, with the surrounding nature offering a wide range of sports and leisure activities.

For 10 years, we have been organizing projects at the Plateau de l'Avant-Garde, the site of the former fortress, to restore the town's beautiful heritage. This year, volunteers will work directly on the remains of the medieval castle, continuing the efforts of previous projects. By hosting the project, Pompey aims to introduce international volunteers to the local culture while also opening up the local population to other cultures and new ways of life.



# Missions

Join an eco-friendly project to help preserve the remains of a Romanesque fortress and a Gothic castle. With the guidance of a traditional masonry professional, volunteers will help clear vegetation from the ruins and restore them, prepare lime mortar, dismantle and reassemble walls, and carry out plastering, jointing, and roofing using traditional techniques.

Expect physically demanding work at times, with some tasks carried out at height. During periods of extreme heat, work will be limited to mornings. The project is certified "100% Ecology" and employs methods that respect both the site and the environment. In case of extreme weather, such as heavy rain or heatwaves, the schedule may be adapted to ensure your safety and that of everyone involved.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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# Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in tents, just a few meters from the project site. Everything is organized on-site with respect for the environment, aiming for the most eco-friendly lifestyle possible and testing solutions that could be applied to other projects. Be prepared to experiment and share your suggestions!



What you will find on site:

- One small tent per person + a few tents to store luggage
- Access to sleep in some chalets nearby in case of storm
- Dry toilets at the campsite, and flush toilets available a little bit further
- Private solar showers on site, and inside collective showers a little bit further
- Washing machine available at the neighbours'
- Outside undercover kitchen
- An undercover dining/living area and relaxation space
- Free Wi-Fi nearby

# A day on the workcamp

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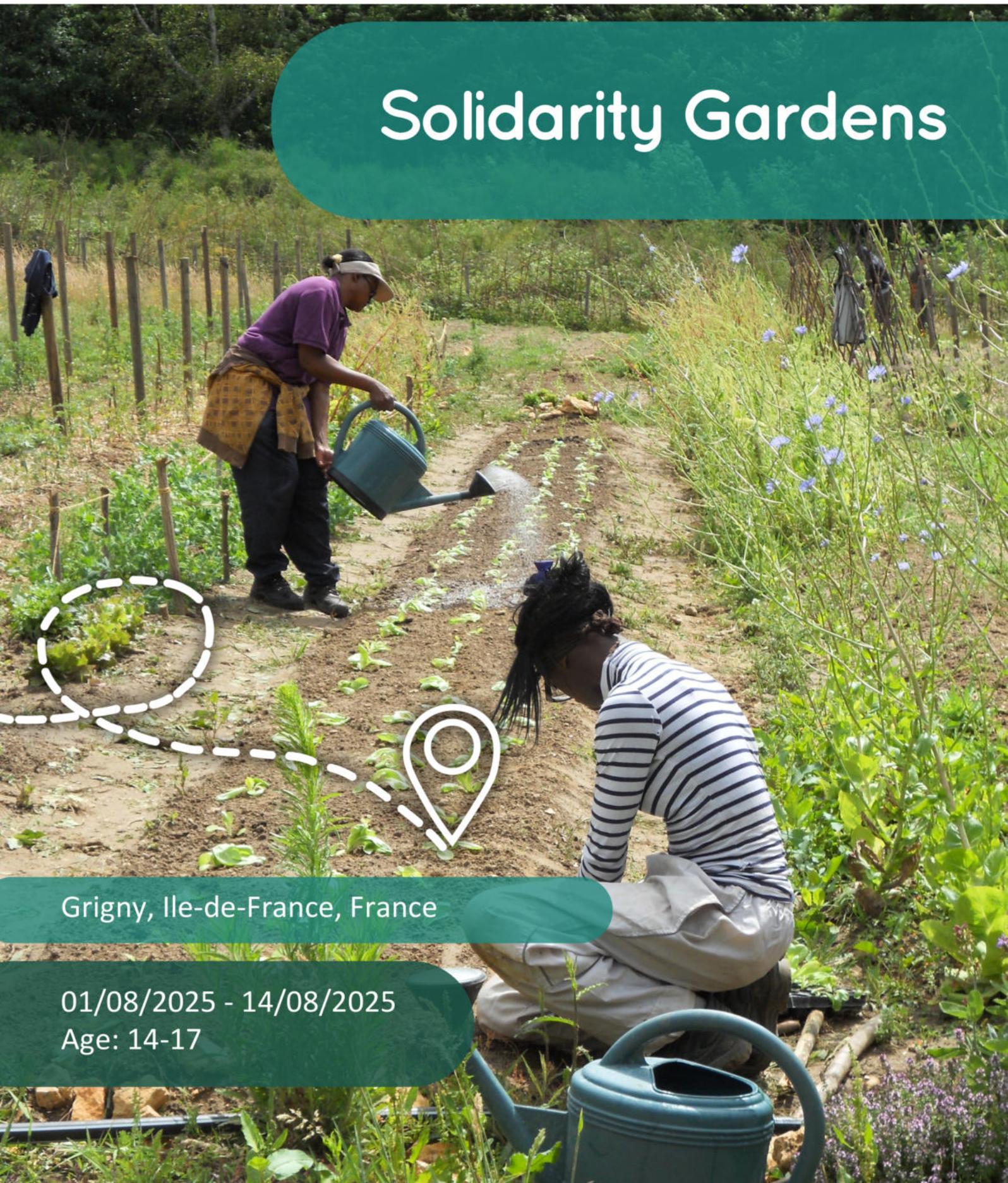
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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Solidarity Gardens



Grigny, Ile-de-France, France

01/08/2025 - 14/08/2025

Age: 14-17

# Context



La Ferme Saint-Lazare is an educational, urban, and community-focused farm located in the heart of Grigny, in the Île-de-France region. This living and learning space promotes reconnection with nature in urban settings, ecological transition, and social inclusion. Driven by a participatory approach, the farm welcomes residents, school groups, volunteers, and project leaders throughout the year around the theme of urban agriculture.

For over 10 years, volunteers and employees in job integration programs at the natural market gardens of Grigny have been working together on projects involving vegetable farming, construction, and landscape development.

This year's workcamp will give volunteers the opportunity to help improve the farm's facilities for welcoming the general public.



# Missions

This year, you will actively take part in improving life at the farm by helping to develop a new relaxation area in the park. The project includes building wooden furniture, such as benches and picnic tables, to create a welcoming space for visitors. You will be supported by a technical supervisor and will learn how to handle tools like a pro while discovering carpentry and painting techniques.

And since the farm wouldn't be a farm without its garden, you will also get an introduction to market gardening and permaculture and get your hands in the soil. As the farm is a lively and ever-evolving place, tasks may vary throughout your stay depending on current needs.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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# Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in individual tents in a shaded area of the farm park, close to the association's communal living facilities: kitchen, marquee, showers, toilets, and gathering spaces.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tents
- Indoor backup space in case of bad weather (activity room)
- Permanent toilet facilities
- Outdoor hot showers (camping-style)
- Hand-washing for laundry
- Both indoor and outdoor kitchens
- Outdoor dining and common area
- Wi-Fi available

# A day on the workcamp

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



## Rolling and cutting stones in Saint-Mihiel



Saint-Mihiel, Grand Est, France

02/08/2026 - 22/08/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



Saint-Mihiel, located in the Meuse Valley, offers a perfect blend of heritage and nature. Since 2019, we have been organizing a project in the Renaissance-period old town, with its charming streets and abbey, to restore the damages from the World Wars. The region, ideal for nature lovers, boasts stunning panoramas and plenty of cultural and festive events. It's the perfect place to recharge and explore the local history!

The town of Saint-Mihiel organises volunteering workcamps to restore dry-stone walls and small stone structures that were rebuilt too quickly and unsustainably after the World Wars. They add to the town's charm and serve as important refuges for biodiversity, providing homes for insects and birds. Today, the entire area is recognised as a natural zone of ecological interest, and its protection is ensured by the state.



# Missions

Come take part in the restoration of the walls at the Promenade des Capucins and become an active participant in preserving a historic site! You will learn traditional masonry techniques, handle stone, work with lime, and help bring the site back to life. Supervised by a professional, you will discover the secrets of dry-stone and masonry walls. You will work as part of a team in a friendly and stimulating environment.

You will also have the opportunity to observe the different stages of restoration and understand how a heritage project is carried out. During periods of strong heat, work will be limited to mornings so you can fully enjoy the afternoons. This experience will allow you to develop your skills, share a unique moment, and leave your mark on a place full of history.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated in dorms at the Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the worksite. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- Non-mixed dorms of 4-6 bunk beds
- Mattress without bed sheets or pillow
- 2 private toilets
- 2 private showers + access to the non-mixed showers of the recreation centre
- A washing machine
- A professional inside kitchen accessible 24/7, shared with the recreation centre (with private fridges and cooking equipments)
- An outdoor dining/living area, with the option to take shelter in case of rain. A room can be transformed into a relaxation/game space for the volunteers.
- Free Wi-Fi on the recreation centre

# A day on the workcamp

The day's schedule may vary depending on the camp leaders, the group, and the weather. Volunteers play an active role in their workcamp and can adjust the schedule, in coordination with the team. Keep in mind that every workcamp is different, and each experience is unique. Stay flexible and proactive!

In general, volunteers spend around 30 hours per week working, and have two days off dedicated to cultural outings, on-site activities, and free time. Here's what a typical day on a worksite might look like:



Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (5)

Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

07/08/2026 - 21/08/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

With its rich history, international volunteers have been welcomed at the castle since the 1980s to help maintain and promote it, and enliven local life during the summer.

This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the fifth session of the year!



# Missions

Come and join the preservation and enhancement efforts of this exceptional heritage! Around the castle, you will carry out several restoration tasks. Guided by a technical supervisor, you will help maintain the masonry by learning traditional techniques: removing and re-pointing the walls, making lime and sand mortar, and handling the tools. You will also assist with maintaining the woodwork: safety barriers and building with pallets for relaxation areas.

Finally, you will take part in maintaining the fortress's environment: clearing brush, pruning shrubs, maintaining the vegetable garden, and renovating the dry toilet cabins. You will also be able to take part in hands-on and cultural activities aimed at enhancing and showcasing the fortress.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

Beyond working hours, volunteers come together to organise daily life on the camp. Often divided into teams, they plan menus, help with the shopping, prepare meals, and ensure the cleanliness of shared spaces. Fully involved in shaping your experience, you will also take part in decision-making regarding group activities and daily organisation!

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There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated at the Saint-Mihiel Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the Promenade des Capucins. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the project volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- 1 small tent per person
- An alternative shelter is available at the town hall in case of severe weather
- A small cabin with an indoor kitchen (sink, fridge, stove, oven, dishes, games)
- 2 individual toilets in solid structures
- 2 individual showers in solid structures
- Outdoor sinks
- Some basins and soap to wash your clothes
- A large marquee under which tables and chairs will be set up

# A day on the workcamp

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Build the living in Clichy-sous-Bois



Clichy-sous-Bois, Ile-de-France, France

18/08/2026 - 29/08/2026

Age: 14-17

# Context



Between nature and heritage, Clichy-sous-Bois offers beautiful getaways with the Bondy Forest, the Fosse Maussoin park, the Basilica of Saint-Denis, and the banks of the Ourcq Canal. One day will also be dedicated to discovering Paris: its iconic monuments, museums, historic neighborhoods, and the lively atmosphere of the quays in the summer!

For the sixth consecutive year, we are organising an international volunteer project in Clichy-sous-Bois. Focused until now on developing community gardens, this year the project will take place at the Chapiteau 93 site. Volunteers will work on the premises of our partners, La Fontaine aux Images and 360°SUD, contributing to the construction of a greenhouse.



# Missions

The main work will take place at Chapiteau 93, where you will actively contribute to the renovation of a wooden greenhouse as well as to the reforestation of the site. Supported by a supervisor, you will discover the basics of carpentry and take part in building and installing the wooden honeycomb modules that will form the structure of the greenhouse. Together with the group, you will help set up and secure the tarpaulin around the frame to bring the greenhouse to life.

You will also spend several mornings in the community gardens of Parc de la Fosse Maussoin, a classified natural area. This space hosts collective vegetable gardens and educational areas dedicated to biodiversity and permaculture: you will take part in gardening tasks and creative hands-on workshops while discovering these sustainable practices. Activities will evolve according to the needs of the site and the wishes of the group.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



# Group life

Beyond working hours, volunteers come together to organise daily life on the camp. Often divided into teams, they plan menus, help with the shopping, prepare meals, and ensure the cleanliness of shared spaces. Fully involved in shaping your experience, you will also take part in decision-making regarding group activities and daily organisation!

In order to reduce the environmental impact of our projects, we prioritise vegetarian menus, which meet all the nutritional needs of participants.

There will be French volunteers on the workcamp. Some of them might not speak English. This can be an opportunity for everyone to develop new language skills and innovative ways of communicating!

## Accommodation

You will be hosted at the La Fontaine aux Images site, near the town hall park and the lake. You will camp near the main marquee and have the opportunity to participate in events organized by the association. The site is just a 20-minute walk from the work site.



What you will find on site:

- Individual tent
- A yurt as a backup solution in case of bad weather
- Dry toilets close to the campsite and "permanent" toilets in the adjacent gymnasium with shower area
- Hot showers in a sports gym across from the campsite: collective showers (locker room) + 1 individual shower
- Washing machine
- Indoor and outdoor kitchen
- Outdoor dining/living area and relaxation space with a sofa under the main marquee
- Wi-Fi

# A day on the workcamp

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Intensity of work days on this workcamp:



# Bring the medieval fortress back to life (6)



Montaigu-le-Blin, Auvergne-Rhône Alpes, France

22/08/2026 - 05/09/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



Located in the heart of the Bourbonnais region in northern Auvergne, the village of Montaigu-le-Blin offers a rich historical and cultural heritage. Overlooking the village, the Montaigu-le-Blin fortress, dating back to the 13th century, was built to defend the crown of France and Bourbonnais against the counties of Auvergne and Forez.

With its rich history, international volunteers have been welcomed at the castle since the 1980s to help maintain and promote it, and enliven local life during the summer.

This year, six international workcamps are organised at the fortress over the summer. You will participate in the last session of the year!



# Missions

Come and join the preservation and enhancement efforts of this exceptional heritage! Around the castle, you will carry out several restoration tasks. Guided by a technical supervisor, you will help maintain the masonry by learning traditional techniques: removing and re-pointing the walls, making lime and sand mortar, and handling the tools. You will also assist with maintaining the woodwork: safety barriers and building with pallets for relaxation areas.

Finally, you will take part in maintaining the fortress's environment: clearing brush, pruning shrubs, maintaining the vegetable garden, and renovating the dry toilet cabins. You will also be able to take part in hands-on and cultural activities aimed at enhancing and showcasing the fortress.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



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## Accommodation

Volunteers are accommodated at the Saint-Mihiel Leisure Center, located 20 minutes on foot from the Promenade des Capucins. They share the space with a local recreation center and vacationers staying in caravans or tents nearby. The areas dedicated to the project volunteers are privatised for their use.



What you will find on site:

- 1 small tent per person
- An alternative shelter is available at the town hall in case of severe weather
- A small cabin with an indoor kitchen (sink, fridge, stove, oven, dishes, games)
- 2 individual toilets in solid structures
- 2 individual showers in solid structures
- Outdoor sinks
- Some basins and soap to wash your clothes
- A large marquee under which tables and chairs will be set up

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# Live the castle life!



Jaulny, Grand-Est, France

14/09/2026 - 30/09/2026

Age: 18-30

# Context



The Château de Jaulny is one of the last remaining medieval castles in the Lorraine region. It has survived wars and successive destructions, leaving us with this beautiful historical gem that takes us back in time! Located in the heart of the Lorraine Regional Park, Jaulny is a charming old village, close to all amenities and surrounded by various walking trails, visits, and unique discoveries. Curious minds are more than welcome!

For the past 4 years, we have been organising international workcamps to help the owners save the Jaulny castle, which was unfortunately abandoned for around a century. This lack of maintenance has led to risks of significant degradation. At Jaulny, the tasks focus on traditional masonry and stonework, with the support and involvement of local volunteers from the château!



# Missions

This year, the project will focus on several interior and exterior walls that have been heavily damaged by time. With the guidance of a traditional masonry professional, you will take part in the complete restoration of the walls and discover every step of working on a heritage site. You will learn to prepare lime mortar, carefully dismantle damaged sections, and reposition stones with precision. You will carry out plastering, jointing, and roofing following traditional techniques, all while observing how each action contributes to preserving the heritage. The work can be physically demanding, with heavy stones and mortar, and some tasks will be performed at height, giving you the chance to develop both endurance and precision. During periods of extreme heat, activities will be limited to mornings to ensure your safety.

**Physical difficulty of the work:**



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## Accommodation

This is a unique accommodation! Volunteers and their camp leaders are housed directly in the castle's dungeon, in a cozy mixed dormitory. Everything is provided on-site: showers, restrooms, a private kitchen for the project, and spaces for relaxation and communal living... the true château experience!



What you will find on site:

- Mixed dorms with single and bunk beds
- Blankets
- 3 private toilets
- 2 private showers
- Washing machine available on demand
- Privatised inside kitchen
- Free Wi-Fi

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