

# SJ/ESC82

## BUILDING AN ECOLOGICAL VILLAGE

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### PROJECT

VirVolt stands for Village International de Volontaires. For the past four years, the association has been based in the middle of nature in a regional park.

Welcoming young people from all over the world, learning how to understand and appreciate differences., To plan and act together to protect the environment. To create a positive impact on the surrounding environment and people living there or simply passing by These are our goals for this future village, which each year, is built thanks to youths who come and contribute, with solidarity as their driving force.

Living in yurts, teepees and trailers, with a permaculture garden, water-saving methods, waste limitation and recovery, this small village that will become large will respect its natural setting and experiment with eco-responsible practices.

### WORK

During this Workcamp, you will be working on various projects at the association's site alongside local international and local volunteers. You'll help develop the eco-village by building wooden furniture (pallets and simple woodworking), creating compost bins for outdoor spaces You'll also take part in the installation of the site's solar shower, and in the development of the permaculture garden for the winter.

**This project is a winter challenge!** Most of the manual activities will take place outdoors in unheated areas and in winter conditions (cold and windy). However, you'll feel great knowing you're actively contributing to the construction of a unique eco-village and leaving your mark!

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

You will be staying in a village that is currently under construction, in two yurts (one for boys and one for girls). The yurts are insulated and heated.

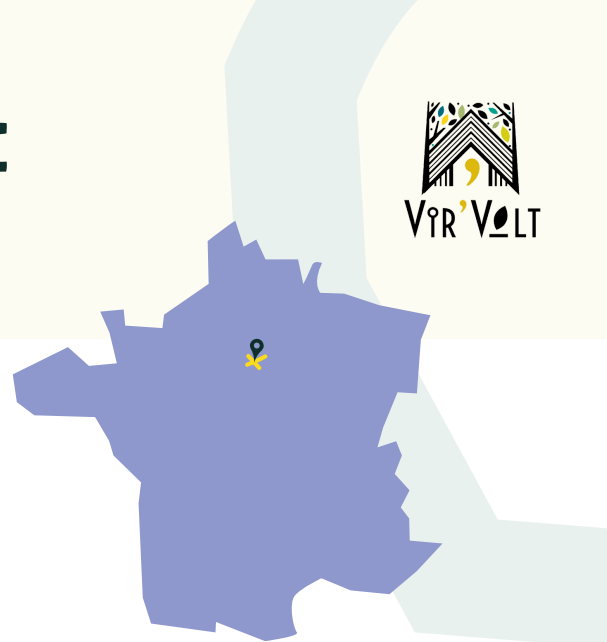
Showers and toilets are located in the association's sanitary block. The sanitary block is the next renovation project for the village and is currently in a very basic state. While it is possible to heat it, the toilet block is not well insulated and can get cold, especially during shower time! It's important to approach this project with an understanding of the basic condition of the sanitary block.

Don't forget to bring a suitable sleeping bag and warm clothing, as it will be cold and the nights can be chilly.

Food is provided, and meals are prepared in turns by the volunteers.

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES

You will have the chance to enjoy the association's campsite. You will also help to organise some activities in order to meet and socialise with local young people. Other leisure activities will be organised collectively depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget.



**Location:** La Ferté-Alais 91590 is approximately 50km south of Paris.

**Closest train station:** La Ferté-Alais RER. Accessible from Paris via RER line D.

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

**Time and directions to the meeting point:** We will meet you at the association's site, a 15-minute walk from the RER station, on 20th November from 3.30pm.

**THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO PARIS. IF YOU WISH TO VISIT PARIS, YOU SHOULD DO SO BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATES OF THE WORKCAMP.**

