



COMPAGNONS BÂTISSEURS Chantiers 2023



ABOUT CBB

Main facts

The Association des Compagnons Bâtisseurs, aka CBB, is a non-profit organization recognized and financially supported as **Youth Organization** by the Brussels-Wallonia Federation since 1978. It is member of the ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organizations since 1997. In Belgium, CBB is member of the federation of the pluralist and independent youth organizations. Very recently, CBB also became member of the CCIVS.

As Youth Organization, CBB is managed by young volunteers. 7 Board members out of 8 and 82% of the members of the general assembly are below 35 years old.

Values, principles and objectives

CBB recognizes itself in a value of **active pluralism**. The participation in our projects always leave the participants free to make their own choice and decision concerning their personal, cultural, political or philosophical orientation and involvements so far that these orientations respect the personal situation and the dignity of any other members of the society and respect the core-values of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

All the actions of the organization are based on the principles of non-formal education (in the French meaning of **Popular Education**). **Our projects** aim to support the development of active citizens, capable of sense of responsibility, criticism and solidarity. They offer a **space for interaction and expression** of people from diverse origins and abilities, with the objectives to encourage their awareness on societal challenges (from local to global level), to raise new links of solidarity between them and between their communities, and to support their full participation in the society.

In that sense, any project or activity in CBB encourages:

- **The empowerment of free, autonomous and responsible individuals.** Our projects encourage processes of **social and cultural emancipation**, which means that they invite their participants to reflect on the place they occupy in the society and on the role they can and they want to assume in it.
- **The meetings beyond the differences.** Our projects encourage the awareness to the richness of human diversity and the creation of new social links.
- **The practices of active citizenship** and the promotion of volunteering: by taking part in our projects, people should experiment new ways of participation and to be encouraged to take responsibility in their communities.
- **The informal and non-formal learning processes:** the participation in our projects must permit the acquirement and development of competences such as self-confidence, autonomy, intercultural competences, leading skills, manual, social or linguistics abilities...

Our programs and activities

CBB mainly develops its action with 7 permanent programs of activities:

- The international workcamps (short term volunteering projects in international group) and ESC Volunteering Teams
- The week-end workcamps (volunteering projects for local groups during the week-end)
- The long term volunteer projects, supported by the European Solidarity Corps
- The leisure time activities (of one evening, one day, one week-end, one week...) for mixed groups of volunteers and people in situation of disability which are oriented on the meeting and collective action
- The projects about the ecological transition (of one day, one week-end, one week...) such as permaculture training in CBB garden but not only
- The leaders' trainings (for volunteer projects and also for kids' camps)
- The Youth Exchanges

Our public and human resources

Our activities are developed thanks to a network of around 500 persons committed, more than 200 international volunteers and participants during the summer and a team of 14 employees and 3 European volunteers.

We are a Youth Organization and most of our public is aged between 16 and 25 years, even if there is not upper age limit to integrate our groups of volunteers.

Our public is diverse. Around 30 nationalities are yearly represented in our projects.

We also implement strategies to facilitate the participation of people from disadvantaged economic and social background as well as of people in situation of disability. A clear result of this strategy is that, among our members, more than 80 people are in situation of disability.

Our level of action

CBB is based in a semi-rural area. The main office of the organization is located in Marche-en-Famenne, a 17 500 inhabitants town at 110 km from Brussels, the capital from Belgium.

At the end of 2020, CBB received the management of a plot of land of around 20 acres, near the center of Marche-en-Famenne, in order to work on the theme of ecological transition and responsible consumption while creating activities that encourage the meeting of small groups of young people.

From March 2022 we have also a second office in Liège in order to meet more young people and local partners from Liège region (Liège is the biggest city in Wallonia), better support our ESC projects there and create new ones.

We organize our projects on the territory of the Brussels-Wallonia-Federation of Belgium, which means that our projects take place in the French speaking part of the country.

In the frame of our international projects, we maintain partnerships with more than 91 organizations and 48 countries from Africa, Asia, America and Europe.

ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

Local host

All our projects answer the needs of the local communities and are organized for the common good.

They are organized in collaboration with local non-profit organizations or with local authorities. Our local partners recognize themselves in the values and goals promoted by CBB: active citizenship, richness of the interculturality and human diversity, importance of youth empowerment and youth participation.

The local hosts are deeply involved in the preparation and the implementation of the projects. They are in charge to organize the work and to accompany the volunteers in their tasks. They are also responsible to facilitate the meeting between the international volunteers and the community.

It is the local hosts who cover the lodging and food costs of the volunteers.

Campleaders

Two group leaders, prepared by CBB, participate in each camp and are responsible to facilitate the community life.

These leaders are volunteers, with previous experiences in volunteering projects and who are prepared to lead a group.

The campleaders in CBB have a volunteer status, but they receive a little money from our organization (40€/day of project) in order to cover their costs. The amount provided to the leaders of the teenage camps is more important than for adult camps and could be compared to paid labour.

Every year, CBB organizes a specific training in two modules, one more theoretical and one more practical, (3 days long for each module) for its workcamp leaders: one in November and one in April.

We are also happy to host leaders trained and recommended by our partners.

The group leaders share all the aspects of the workcamp with the international volunteers. They participate in the volunteer tasks as well as in the daily life and in the leisure time activities.

In every project, there are also one or two technical leaders in charge of organizing and facilitating the work. These technical leaders are workers or volunteers from the local host. They are mainly present during the working days and do not participate in the residential life.

Teenager projects

CBB proposes every year workcamps for teenagers (15-17 years old).

Teenage camps are seen as usual volunteering projects in CBB. They are a tool used to foster the non-formal and informal learning of the participants.

There is no difference with an adult camp regarding the organization and the duration of the work. Like in any camp, the volunteers actively participate in the management of their group life. They decide together about their cultural visits and leisure time activities. They organize their menus and share all the daily life tasks.

A participation fee of 180€ is charged by CBB for its teenage projects. This is the main difference with the adult camps, which are always free of charge.

The money from the participation fees is used to cover:

- the extra allowance given to the qualified camp leaders
- the leisure time activities of the group.

A **parental authorization and medical facts sheet** are requested from the volunteers who want to participate in a teenage camp.

Inclusion policy (A4A)

CBB is convinced that the international volunteering projects represent a great added educational value for those who take part in them. This is true for anybody and that's why we do our best to make our projects benefiting to everybody, young people facing barriers to mobility included.

Beyond the politically correct statement, there are acts to be undertaken. We must recognize that, because of economic, social, educational or geographical difficulties, or because of a disability, some have fewer opportunities to benefit from the learning experience our projects offer to the volunteers.

That's why CBB fully subscribes with the ALLIANCE A4A policy. Several places are booked in our projects for "volunteers with fewer opportunities". When needed, we can also implement a differentiated registration and follow-up process (using the A4A tools).

An "Access for All" placement should be requested only if a specific support from our side is necessary. If there is no need of extra support from our side, we do not want to know if you consider, or not, that the volunteer has fewer opportunities. We will just be pleased to host "a volunteer".

We ask the sending organizations to use the A4A "pre-departure form" and to provide us with the information we need to know in order to orientate the candidate to a suitable project and to ensure him/her correct hosting conditions.

General conditions of participation

	ADULT CAMPS	TEENAGE CAMPS
Age	If no other specification: 18+ and no upper age limit	15 – 17 years old
Language	If not other specification: English, but the practice of French is never forbidden.	If not other specification: English, but the practice of French is never forbidden.
Leaders	Minimum 2 group leader + 1 technical leader Participative group management	Minimum 2 qualified group leaders + 1 technical leader Participative group management
Working hours	30-35 weekly hours	30-35 weekly hours
Participation fee	No fee	180 € of participation fee
Food and lodging	Costs are covered by the local host. Depending on the project, self-catering or meals provided	Costs are covered by the local host. Depending on the project, self-catering or meals provided
Cultural visits and leisure activities costs	Costs covered by CBB	Costs covered by CBB
Insurance	Third liability insurance provided by CBB. The volunteers need a personal insurance to cover possible injury or disease costs.	Third liability insurance provided by CBB. The volunteers need a personal insurance to cover possible injury or disease costs.

ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERING TEAMS (ESC financed projects)

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

The European Solidarity Corps is the new single entry point for solidarity activities supported by the European Union. The ESC includes the previous European Voluntary Service (EVS) activities, but also offers support to a range of new activities. Among them: the volunteering teams.

CBB is labelled as lead-organisation by the Bureau International Jeunesse, the Belgian (French speaking) national agency, which allows us to organize several volunteering teams until 2027.

A new format for workcamps

The volunteering teams mostly cope with the definition of a workcamp, in that sense that they permit to a group of minimum 10 participants coming from different countries to volunteer together for a period between 2 weeks and 2 months.

The main difference between the volunteering team and the workcamp is that the volunteering teams are supported by a European project grant, which implies several new rights and responsibilities for the volunteers as well as for the participating organizations.

It implies that the projects and the volunteers are registered on the PASS, the Placement and Administration Support System of the Solidarity Corps.

Origin countries and sending organizations of the volunteers

The participation to the Volunteering teams is limited to participants from EU member and partner countries, as well as partner countries neighbouring the EU: the Russian Federation, the western Balkans, the Eastern partnership and the South-Mediterranean countries.

CBB does count very much on the support of the ALLIANCE member and partner organizations established in these countries to inform and prepare the volunteers who will attend the projects. In advance, we thank very much our usual sending partners for their support.

Rights and conditions of the volunteers with the ESC

Compared to the usual workcamp participation scheme, some main financial and administrative differences must be underlined:

- The participation to the ESC volunteering teams is subjects to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission_en
- The volunteers do not have to pay any fee (no sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project
- The volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 4€/day, once they arrive on the project in Belgium

- The volunteers will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance
- The volunteers need to register on the European Solidarity Corps Portal; CBB will organize their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project
- The volunteers will have to complete a participation report at the latest 30 days after their participation.

Financial conditions for the sending partners

At the term of the volunteering team project, the sending organizations will receive from CBB:

100€ of sending activity costs

Travel support according to the travel distance of the volunteer, with a maximum calculated according to the distance band

In order to receive this money, the volunteer is requested to submit to CBB:

- An reimbursement form, stating the due amounts
- Original travel tickets

The projects promotion, communication and placement process

- CBB ESC team projects are published on the European Solidarity Corps Project Platform.
- CBB ESC team projects are also published on PLATO. The specific ESC format will clearly be identified in the project code and description.
- Application must be done through a sending partner, via PLATO or email, by sending the usual VEF and answering to a standard questionnaire depending on the project.
- CBB will confirm the placement via PLATO.
- Once the placement is confirmed, CBB will directly contact the volunteers and, if not done yet, ask them to register on the ESC Placement and Administration Support System and to ensure the matching with the project.
- If needed, the sending organization must be available to support the volunteer and CBB in these processes
- A detailed project infosheet will be sent to sending organizations and the volunteers at the latest four weeks before the project start
- The volunteers will be requested to send their travel plan at least 4 weeks before the project start or see their spot cancelled. The communication will be done directly between CBB and the volunteers
- During the project, CBB will deliver a small info session about the ESC.
- At the term of the project, CBB will contact the volunteers and invite them to fill in their final report.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION FOR ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAMS

Age	Minimum 18 yo and no older than 30 at the start of the project
Language	If not other specification: English, but the practice of French is never forbidden
Leaders	2 group leaders Participative group management
Team	12 participants : ideally with maximum 2 participants from the same country
Working hours	30-35 weekly hours
Sending or Participation fee	No fee can be charged to the volunteer
Food and lodging	Costs are covered Depending on the project, self-catering or meals provided
Travel Support	The reimbursement is based on real costs, with a maximum of: 180€ for a travel between 100 and 499 km - 210€ for green travel; 275€ for a travel between 499 and 1999km – 320€ for green travel; 360€ for a travel between 2000 and 2999km – 410€ for green travel; 530€ for a travel between 3000 and 3999km – 610€ for green travel.
Pocket money	4€/day of project
Sending costs	CBB will provide 100€/volunteer to the sending organisations that will support the information, preparation and follow-up of the volunteer
Inclusion support	Upon request and needs, inclusion support can be given to a volunteer or the sending organisation. The Alliance Access 4 All process will be used as a reference
Cultural visits and leisure activities costs	Costs to be covered by the volunteers
Insurance	The volunteers from EU countries must have their EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) The volunteers will benefit from the ESC complementary insurance scheme for health or accident (Henner) Third liability insurance provided by CBB
Duties	The volunteers need to enrol on the European Solidarity Corps Portal in order to attend the project The volunteers need to fill in a participation online report at the term of the project
Recognition	The volunteers will receive an ESC certificate and a Youthpass at the term of the project. CBB will issue the certificate in the 2 months following the projects

Summary of the international projects 2023

CBB workcamps list 2023

Code	Name	Place	Dates	Type	N° vols	Age limit	Remarks
JULY							
CBB01	Domaine de Chevetogne	Chevetogne	28/7-11/08	Teen-Manu	14	15-17	180 € of participation fee
AUGUST							
CBB02	Grimm	Marche-en-Famenne	07-21/08	Manu	12	18+	
CBB03	Parc Parmentier	Bruxelles	12-26/08	Manu	12	18+	CGC

CBB volunteering teams projects 2023

Code	Name	Place	Dates	Type	N° vols	Age limit	Remarks
JULY							
CBB04ESC	CBB's Garden	Marche en Famenne	01-15/07	Manu-Envi	12	18-30	
CBB05ESC	Fedasil Sugny	Sugny	08-22/07	Manu-Soci	12	18-30	Questionnaire + CGC
AUGUST							
CBB06ESC	Fedasil Rixensart	Rixensart	05-19/08	Kids-Soci-Envi	12	18-30	French knowledge + Questionnaire + CGC

**IN ADVANCE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SENDING YOUR MOTIVATED
VOLUNTEERS 😊**



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INTERNATIONAL

WORCAMP

LIST

2023

CBB01 Domaine



Chevetogne

Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Age	Vols
CBB01	Domaine de Chevetogne	Chevetogne	28/07-11/08	TEEN-MANU	15-17	14

The project

Le *Domaine provincial de Chevetogne* is a big centre for environmental education and social tourism. There is a huge park situated on 550 acres and a modest castle.

Pupils from primary and secondary schools come there to participate in activities focusing on discovering the nature and rural way of life. During the summer, many kids and families make a one-day excursion to the *Domaine* or stay there for holidays to do sports, picnics, observe nature.

Motivated and professional staff from *Le Domaine de Chevetogne* hopes to share their passion for the environment with international volunteers.

Your support will help the center promote healthy behaviour and well-being among families and kids (UN SDG 3 Good health and well-being, UN SDG4 Quality education).

Website (in French) : www.domainedechevetogne.be

Work

Le Domaine de Chevetogne organise international workcamp for teenagers since more or less ten years. Throughout the years the volunteers built cabanes, huts, bridges, fences, benches, trails and paths for walking. Now some of these realisations need to be refreshed and some reparations. Your team will be in charge of this: so prepare yourself to discover the entire park (the realisations are in many different places), to realise different tasks: painting, sawing, hammering, ...

If you like nature and working with wood, screws and tools this is your workcamp!

Food and accomodation

In a lovely cottage in the middle of the domain with beds, a kitchen and a bathroom with hot shower. Bring with you your sleeping bag.

The meals will be on a self-catering basis, so be ready to cook all together. Bring your favorite recipes.

Volunteers must notify beforehand about specific diet.

Location

Le *Domaine de Chevetogne* is located in the countryside. By choosing this workcamp, the volunteer decides to live in the nature. All around, there are fields and woods. As the domain is also a tourist centre, there are plenty of opportunities for entertainment: outdoor swimming pool (bring your swimsuit and swimming cap), football fields, minigolf, tennis or basketball playgrounds, kayak...

During the weekend, it will be possible to organize cultural visits and to travel to the biggest Belgian cities. The town of Ciney is 10 kilometres away from the Domain of Chevetogne.

Meeting Point

The 28th of July at Ciney train station at 3.00pm.

Camp language

English.

Specific requirements

There will be limited Internet access during the camp available just from time to time.

It's compulsory to take working clothes, raincoat and working boots with you.

Extra Fee

180 € of participation fee.

To cover the extra allowance given to the qualified camp leaders and the leisure time activities.

CBB02 GRIMM



Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Age	Vols
CBB02	Grimm	Marche en Famenne	07-21/08	MANU	18+	12

The project

The Marche-en-Famenne workcamp is the outcome of the collaboration between municipal authorities and a local non-profit organization. More than fifteen years ago, the mayor and deputies wanted to develop international contacts for the local youth. GRIMM association was just beginning to work on the protection of the local life framework and promoting models of sustainable development. Their members had a full load of ideas but were short of hands to realize them. Thus, they came to the idea of involving volunteers from all over the world. Since then, the municipality makes its buildings available every summer and welcomes foreign youngsters. GRIMM members organize the work. With the help from the volunteers, they are eventually able to realize the projects they dreamt about. Their actions are based on the following philosophy: Nature belongs to everyone. And if each of us may enjoy it, it has to be protected.

They organize workcamps for more than 15 years!!!

Your help will ensure the renovation and improvement of the rural landscape of Marche-en-Famenne (UN SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities, UN SDG 15 Life on land).

Work

Assisted by local technical leaders, the volunteer group will restore an old walking path in the forest by cleaning, building footbridges to step over streams of water and building benches and a covered rest area.

If you work fast, several other manual tasks are foreseen: repairing fences, repairing the roof on an old chapel, repairing stone walls and taking care of construction realized during previous workcamps.

If you like working with wood, screws and tools this is your workcamp!

BEWARE: This workcamp is based on manual and outdoor tasks which might be sometimes hard.

Food and accommodation

Accommodation can be compared to a boarding school (Saint François complex): a corridor with double bedrooms; toilets and showers are at the same floor. No smoking inside. A big common space is also available for indoor activities.

Self-catering. Bring your recipes to enjoy 'kitchen life'!

The working place is not the same as the accommodation place so volunteers will leave the town

every day.

Sleeping in town, working in the countryside.

Location

Marche-en-Famenne is a city in the countryside and it is also CBB town! You can find everything there: schools, supermarkets, industries... But still, it is surrounded by woods, fields and small villages where the life rhythm remains rural. Liège, Namur, Brussels and Luxembourg can be easily reached by train in about one hour.

For more information see: www.marche.be


Meeting Point

The 07th of August at Marche-en-Famenne train station at 3.00pm.

Camp language

English.

CBB03 Les Stations de Plein Air asbl



Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Age	Vols
CBB03	Parc Parmentier	Bruxelles	12-26/08	MANU	18+	12

The project

Since 1933 *Les Stations de Plein Air* manages and organizes activities for children living in and around Brussels and also coming from less advantaged backgrounds. The organization is located in a nine-hectare park, classified as a special part of Monuments and Sites of Belgium, only a few kilometers from the capital.

Les Stations de Plein Air wishes to promote an active and healthy occupation of leisure time among children and youth.

It aims to develop their sense of creativity, their ability to live together and their sense of citizenship. As such, they are also very happy to be able to welcome young people coming from abroad, and they hope that a connection can be created between their young summer camps leaders and the group of international volunteers.

Your support will help the organization promote healthy activities and well-being among kids. (UN SDG 3 Good health and well-being, UN SDG4 Quality education).

Website: www.parcparmentier.be

Work

By hosting volunteers, the organisation hopes to improve the rooms and the outdoor area used to welcome the kids and organise the activities. The aim is to have safe and comfortable areas where to have fun and develop activities.

The volunteers crew will help with light renovation works such as painting the walls and the doors, putting skirting boards, implement small improvement work.

There will be also outside work in order to maintain the nine hectares area such as mowing, cutting the vegetation back or clearing the wood.

You will be also involved in some animations with kids during their holiday stages ! so bring with you your fresh ideas for activities ;)

Accommodation

Your team will be accommodated in the “pavilion Albert”, recently renovated in a past workcamp by ancient international volunteers, where groups are hosted throughout the year. Additionally, to a kitchen and rooms for 50 people, you will also have a large room for any indoor activity you might think of, not to mention the access to the park area.

Food

The food will be provided by the park’s kitchen. Breakfast and dinner will be on a self-catering basis, lunch is shared with camp leaders and kids in the Park.

Volunteers must notify beforehand about specific diet.

Location

Brussels is the capital of Belgium and Europe.

The Parmentier park was commissioned by king Leopold II to embellish the Woluwe-Saint-Pierre district that became the most elegant and the greenest of Brussels. *Les Station de Plein Air*, created in 1933, is one of the first playgrounds in Brussels.

Upon request, the park can provide you with board games, books and comics.

Different city trips to discover Brussels, his culture, art and history will be organized !

Meeting Point

The 12th of August at Brussels Schuman train station at 3.00pm.

Camp language

English.

Specific requirements

Alcohol and smoking is strictly forbidden in the presence of children. Smoking is forbidden inside the buildings as well.

A CGC is required.

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2023

Sugny

<i>Code</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Vols</i>
CBB04ESC	Fedasil Sugny	Sugny	08-22/07	MANU-SOCI	18-30	12

The project

The Sugny Asylum Seeker Centre hosts people who have asked for international protection in Belgium. These people fled situations of war, persecution, discriminations, environmental disasters... But before to feel actually established in Belgium and allowed to build their future here, their refugee status has to be proven and accepted through a long administrative process. While waiting for the documents that will enable them to remain legally in our country, the asylum seekers are accommodated in this centre.

People living there await the solution concerning their administrative status. They never know what tomorrow may bring to them.

Therefore, residents often found themselves overwhelmed by feelings of relief and anguish, hope and disappointment. The life of Sugny Asylum Seeker Centre reflects these individual dramas and hopefulness of residents.

Website (available in English): <https://www.fedasil.be/en>

This project is organized in line with several other volunteering teams hosted in refugees center in Belgium. It aims to bring a small contribution to the welcoming of the residents as well as to permit the volunteers to learn about and be better aware of the realities of the migration policies.

By volunteering for this project, you are actively helping the centre welcome people coming from a wide variety of difficult situations and take care of them while they are waiting for a response to their asylum request (UN SDG 10 Reduced inequalities).

Work

This project is based on a dynamic meeting between the volunteers and the residents of the centre. With the help of technical leader, volunteers, young and older residents will work together to build a bread and pizza oven and to paint the rooms of one of the buildings.

By hosting this workcamp the staff of the center also wishes that the volunteers can bring a positive dynamic by proposing leisure activities and workshops to the residents and specially youngsters and kids: sports, crafts, games, treasure hunt, film projection, debate...

Feel free to bring your fresh ideas.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in the centre. Volunteers will stay in a common room (dormitory)

with all facilities (showers, toilets, ...).

You will share the same living conditions of the residents and beware that are really “basic”.

Food

The food will be provided by the center and you will eat in the refectory with the residents. There is also a kitchen available if you want to propose to the others your favourite meal ;)

Location

Sugny is a small and isolated village in the south of Belgium nearby the French border. By choosing this workcamp, you decide to live in the nature. All around, there are fields, woods and small villages. But there are plenty of opportunities for entertainment: football fields, basketball playgrounds... During the weekend, and according to the group decisions, it will be possible to organise cultural visits and to travel to the biggest Belgian cities.

BEWARE: the place is really isolated.

Meeting Point

The 08th of July at Gedinne train station at 3.00pm.

Camp language

English, some notions of French will be useful. And also you can find here a lot of people from all over the world, you can discover numerous other languages! Facial expression, sign language and emotional interjections may help you in any situation! Feel free!

Specific requirements

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- The volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 4€/day, once they arrive on the project in Belgium
- The volunteers will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance (up to 275€)
- The volunteers need to register on the European Solidarity Corps Portal; CBB will organize their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project

→ The volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online by the ESC portal

We warn the volunteers that the consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden inside the centre.

This project requests volunteers with a good level of motivation for its theme and who are prepared to integrate the life of an asylum seekers center. We recommend them to have an idea about the policy concerning refugees in their own country.

In order to demonstrate this, we ask the candidate volunteers:

- to answer our specific questionnaire (if you do not have it yet, please ask it to your sending organization)
- to send us a CGC (Certificate of good conduct)

We will not confirm any placement request before the analysis of these documents.

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garden

Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Age	Vols
CBB05ESC	CBB's garden	Marche en Famenne	01-15/07	MANU-ENVI	18-30	12

The project

At the end of 2020, CBB received the management of a plot of land of around 20 acres, near the center of Marche-en-Famenne, in order to work on the theme of ecological transition and responsible consumption while creating activities that encourage the meeting of small groups of young people.

We developed the plot into a garden, where we lead workshops (discovery of permaculture, construction of nest boxes, insect hotels, vegetable beds, etc.) and cultivate useful resources for young people who invest in our activities.

We want our garden to become a place of meeting and (bio)diversity. It will live and evolve thanks to the interaction of the young people involved. Above all, our garden must allow us to cultivate social ties, such as sustainable and inclusive practices between more or less vulnerable young people, with or without disabilities.

Your help will ensure the renovation and improvement of the rural landscape of Marche-en-Famenne (UN SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities, UN SDG 15 Life on land).

Website : <https://compagnonsbatisseurs.be/actualites/labcap48/>

Work

With the help of a professional the volunteers will build a dry stone wall in order to stabilize the embankment between the garden and the wood shed built in the previous workcamp by international volunteers. This project is a step forward in our idea to create a "green space" for young people for learning about gardening, permaculture, biodiversity, for meeting, for having outdoor activities, ...

BEWARE: This workcamp is based on manual and outdoor tasks which might be sometimes hard.

Food and accommodation

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Meeting Point

1st July at Marche-en-Famenne train station at 3.00pm.

Camp language

English.

Specific requirements

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Rixensart

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CBB06ESC	Fedasil Rixensart	Rixensart	05-19/08	KIDS-SOCI- ENVI	18-30	12

The project

The *Rixensart Asylum Seekers Centre* accommodates people or families who have asked for asylum in Belgium. Refugees come from Syria, Irak, Iran, Congo etc. Many of them fled from war or from countries that were under a dictatorship or devastated by an ecological disaster. Thus they came to Belgium with dreams of stability, richness and comfort life. It is not, however, that easy to be allowed to settle in Europe, especially for somebody from the South or the East. Before these people may start their new live, their refugee status has to be proven and accepted. While waiting for the document that will enable them to remain legally in our country, the immigrants are accommodated in this centre in the Brussels vicinity.

People living there await the solution concerning their administrative status. They never know what tomorrow may bring to them.

Therefore, residents often found themselves overwhelmed by feelings of relief and anguish, hope and disappointment. The life of *Rixensart Asylum Seeker Centre* reflects these individual dramas and hopefulness of residents.

Website (available in English): <https://www.fedasil.be/en>

This project is organized in line with several other volunteering teams hosted in refugees centre in Belgium. It aims to bring a small contribution to the welcoming of the residents as well as to permit the volunteers to learn about and be better aware of the realities of the migration policies.

By volunteering for this project, you are actively helping the centre welcome people coming from a wide variety of difficult situations and take care of them while they are waiting for a response to their asylum request (UN SDG 10 Reduced inequalities).

Work

The volunteers will give a hand and a fresh air to the centre's animation team.

They will be required to get actively involved in the daily life of the centre.

Half of the time the volunteers will propose and plan activities for children and teenagers (according

to the population currently present in the centre). Some example could be: creative and artistic workshops, board games, walking excursions, going to swimming pool, sports and games, movies, cultural visits, ...

To a lesser extent and depending on the weather forecast, volunteers will take part in gardening tasks. Recently the centre starts a vegetable garden project with and for the residents.

The management team of the centre is very well used to work with volunteers as they have been hosting this workcamp for many years.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be lodged in a common room (dormitory) in a building next to the central one. Showers are accessible in the central building. A washing machine is also available. Volunteers will share the same living conditions of the residents and beware that are really "basic".

Food

Self-catering. Take your own recipes and ideas. Please, be aware that meals have to be simple. You will have access to a small kitchen to cook your meals. Vegetarian or any other diet should be announced in advance in order to organise shopping.

Location

Rixensart is located in the Brabant Walloon province, 25 km from Brussels and 7 km from Waver. The zone is highly urbanised and has all the usual conveniences, Rixensart still keeps its countryside charm but one can feel the proximity of Brussels (40 minutes by train, 20 by car). Asylum seekers Centre is located outside the town centre, but at a walking distance from the famous local lake Genval, cinema, shops, supermarkets, train station...

Meeting point

The 05th of at the Rixensart train station at 3.00pm

Camp language

French.

As a rule, kids are quite fluent in French thanks to school; adults take longer time to learn foreign language. The languages used between residents are very different – French, Russian, English, German... more than 15 in general and depend on current presence of residents.

Specific information

This project is a volunteering team, supported by the European Solidarity Corps program of the European Union.

Compared to the usual workcamp participation scheme, some main financial and administrative

differences must be underlined:

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We warn the volunteers that the consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden inside the centre.

The volunteers are required to have basic knowledge of French.

Besides, it is necessary to have basic knowledge about group's animation (songs, music, dance, plays...) and to be able to assume responsibility within a group. Be able to listen to others is very important there. This kind of workcamp is a very rich personal and human experience. It makes people aware of the complexity of certain social conditions related to the great inequalities on our planet.

In order to demonstrate this, we ask the candidate volunteers:

- to send a short motivation letter
- to answer our specific questionnaire (if you do not have it yet, please ask it to your sending organization)
- to send us a CGC (Certificate of good conduct)

We will not confirm any placement request before the analysis of these documents.