

Associazioni Portoghesi

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Rota Jovem

Who we are:

Rota Jovem is a non-profitable Youth Association which promotes and supports activities for young people. Founded in 1992, it has near 1200 members, mostly youngsters from 16 to 30 years old. We are based in Cascais, a beautiful seaside village, located about 30Km from the Portuguese capital city, Lisbon.

What we do:

Rota Jovem's activities are open not only to its members, but also to young people from the community in general, and they take place at a local, national and international level, developing and exploring partnerships and networks with other organizations working with young people. One of the association's "secrets" is to have the door always open to new, young and original projects, and to give the opportunity for the youngsters to develop their ideas, their dreams and having all the support to do it.

Rota Jovem's structure depends on the voluntary work of several young people, whose will and needs have lead the association towards its main areas of action: international activities, trainings, environment, free time occupation in the area of sports, adventure and culture.

SVI

Who we are:

IPDJ is the Portuguese association which represents the Portuguese workcamps managed by partner organisations. We are under the Institute of Youth (Juventude). IPDJ, an Autonomous Department of the Ministry of Youth and Sports has, for some years now, been promoting specific programmes which are aimed at increasing and favouring different travel possibilities for young people. This enables those under 30 years of age to become aware of other realities, visit other places and have access to other cultures.

What we do:

Included among these programmes is one known as International Voluntary Service (SVI), which deals only with workcamps. These are aimed at youth between 18 and 30 years old and their main objectives are:

- To encourage conduct that will favour the exchange of ideas and young people global development. This is achieved by volunteering and from the contributions made by youth from their own experience. This strengthens intercultural learning processes, personal development and the reinforcement of democratic values.
- To integrate experiences, personal knowledge and the global development of youth in the carrying out of an activity, within the framework of voluntary service.
The Youth Institute co-ordinates the exchange of places for young Portuguese wanting to volunteer in foreign workcamps and foreigners wanting to volunteer in Portuguese workcamps. The workcamps are managed by partner organisations.