

ASSOCIAZIONI SPAGNOLE

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COCAT

Who we are:

COCAT is a Catalan non-governmental and non-profit coordinating platform created to represent Catalonia's international workcamp organisations. CRUC, RAI, Fundació Escolta Josep Carol, Fundació Catalana de l'Esplai, Associació Cultural Envall Fosca, Obre't Ebre, Casal de Joves de Cardedeu and Associació Catalana del Lleure Formatiu are members of COCAT, the network of Catalan organizations that have been organising international workcamps for the last two years. The aims of COCAT:

- to develop workcamps and voluntary service as a tool for personal, collective and community development, with the central values of interculturality, culture of peace, sustainability and social justice and equality;
- To represent and bridge the local Catalan youth associations organising international workcamps in Catalonia, with the international voluntary service movement. The development of networking is our aim and our methodology: synergies are our goal.

What we do:

Our workcamps are non formal learning proposals for young people coming from many different countries and cultures. Workcamp projects are a living way to share culture, supporting non profit world and developing local communities traditions, promoting ideals of solidarity and citizenship. Workcamps themes are festival, environment, archaeology, renovation and agriculture.

De Amicitia

Who we are:

De Amicitia is an Environmental non-profit, non-governmental organization registered in the Spanish National Associations Register since 1998. We are located in a rural mountainous area Sierra Norte, 80 km away from Madrid. De Amicitia promotes and supports actions and activities that defend the environment, rural areas and volunteering, with a special focus on environmental law, less opportunities youngsters and the rural world. De Amicitia promotes the Aarhus Convention and gives legal advice on environmental issues, primarily available for NGOs and other private or public organizations that are also concerned with the protection of the natural environment.

What we do:

We provide an opportunity for volunteers, both youngsters and adults, to take part in local and international volunteering activities, especially aimed towards environmental protection and sustainable development. These mainly include International Workcamps, but also activities in the local area such as reforestations. We take part in international Youth Exchanges and seminars, both as a hosting and sending organization. These are focused primarily on social inclusion and on promoting development, peace and human rights. We also run courses and seminars aimed at students and environmental NGOs on environmental law, conservation and volunteering.

SVI

Who we are:

SVI is the Spanish association which represents the Spanish workcamps managed by the Autonomous Regions (except those in Catalonia). We are under the Institute of Youth (Injuve). Injuve, an Autonomous Department of the Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality, 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 26 years old and their main objectives are:

- To encourage conduct that will favour the exchange of ideas and young people's 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 Spaniards wanting to volunteer in foreign workcamps and foreigners wanting to volunteer in Spanish workcamps. The Spanish workcamps are managed by the Autonomous Regions.

Asociación Waslala Spain

Waslala is an intercultural initiative which promotes respect for differences in ideas, patterns of thought and behaviours of all people regardless of their culture. Our aim is to fight social intolerance and segregation so common in modern society. We are here to involve our community in furthering the values of tolerance, equality and cross-cultural empathy. Another key objective of our organisation is to provide a meeting place for individuals and/or associations with similar aims, at the local, national or international level.