



## LAST MINUTE PROJECT

### PROGETTI PER MINORENNI

#### FRANCIA

#### **U42 MadOnArts 20/08/2013 – 01/09/2013 envi/reno/teen 14 - 17**

The project : The project of the association MadOnArts is to restore a bread oven

Works : This year the work will be mainly clearing and sorting out of materials. A bit like an archaeologist, you will clear the ruins of an ancient bread oven and discover, perhaps, the treasures of a bygone era.

Activities : You, the participants, young volunteers, you will work 4 hours a day to explore the oven and its history, its future. The rest of the time, the camp leaders will offer several activities, entertainment and outings.

It is expected of each of you an active involvement to develop and live comfortably the tasks of daily life (kitchen and camp maintenance ...) as well as activities of cultural discovery. Be creative! You will experience a life group! This project is focusing on education to eco-citizenship through practices such as waste sorting, making a compost and the use of dry toilets.

Eco-citizenship is a stakeholder in this little corner of paradise, the area of MadOnArts.

Permaculture workshop are conducted on this place, which invites you to think about the choice of a friendly feeding for health and the environment.

Accommodation : Dormitory or tent

Food : The meals will be cooked in teams, each day different. Bring your recipes!

Food is purchased locally. It is chosen according to its quality which respects the health of participants and the environment. This choice supports local economic development, by activity of small producers, market-gardeners, cheesemongers, stockbreeders.

It will be the opportunity of educational visits valorising the artisanal production, at human size!

We will ask for the active participation of all for both the dish washing and cleaning.

Special Requirements :

Nearest big town : MONTAUBAN-VILLE-BOURBON

Nearest airport :

Terminal : GARE DE MONTAUBAN-VILLE-BOURBON

Extra-fees :200€

**CONC 042 CLERMONT 3 14/08 – 28/08 TEEN / RENO 15-17  
12 VOLS**

PROJECT: Since 1993, Concordia organizes international workcamps with the city of Clermont-Ferrand. These projects have always been in relation with environmental issues. The last project of the season in Clermont, and for the fourth consecutive year, will be held on the theme of gardens. These gardens stem from a working class tradition and can be found in two suburbs of the city, "Champratel" and "Les Vergnes", both situated in the North of Clermont-Ferrand. Nowadays, these gardens are in dire need of a makeover. These Family gardens were originally created to provide a space for the urban population where they could get together and rediscover nature and gardening, and in order to make the urban area more sustainable. The work necessary for the gardens' renovation has been defined in advance with the gardeners.

WORK: To embellish the gardens, you will work on the creation of a collective sculpture. The stone work is privileged and the theme will be linked to the gardens. Trainers will accompany you in this project.

ACCOMODATION: In two-person tents at a local campsite (boys and girls separated/ bring your sleeping mat) and with a collective tent for the group life.

LANGUAGE: English and French

LOCATION: Regional capital of Auvergne, the city of Clermont-Ferrand (300 000 inhabitants) is located in the Puy-de-Dôme district, between the Auvergne Volcanoes and the Livradois-Forez Natural Parks, around 400 km south of Paris.

TERMINAL: At the train station of Clermont-Ferrand. Airport: Paris.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Urban workcamp, but lodging will be far away from the city centre, in another town nearby. Nights are cold, so bring warm clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping-mat.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 165 €

**CONC 163 MACHEMONT 14/08 – 28/08**

PROJECT: Machemont is a small town in the North-East of Oise, between the mounts of Noyon. For a long time, rocks have been extracted from the quarries. During World War I, the quarries were in the frontline and were used as confinement, infirmary, etc. After being a dumping ground, the "La Machemontoise" Association is now working on the promotion of the site. The aim is to transform the quarries into a memorial site, especially in the prospect of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Following the success of the 2012 workcamp, we carry on the partnership with this dynamic association.

WORK: Carry on the work to enhance the trench. The idea is to cut and evacuate the plants which have spread for many years, as well as to do small masonry works. The work is quite diversified!

ACCOMMODATION: Under tents. A room is provided for the daily life.  
LANGUAGES: English, French.  
LOCATION: Machemont is in the North-East of Oise, between Compiègne and Noyon.  
TERMINAL: Ribécourt train station. Airport: Paris.  
SPECIAL REMARKS: If you want, you can bring your bikes!  
PARTICIPATION FEES: 165 €

## GERMANIA

### **PRO-09 Marburg 31.08.-14.09 10 vols. MANU/LANG**

Project: Host organisation is the municipality of Marburg. They already have organised international volunteer camps for many years. Work: Participants are busy doing various manual works to prepare the area (youth-holiday-camp "Freizeitgelände Stadtwald") for (or after) the summer leisure activities of the municipality. It means for example clearing the place, gardening, painting, building up/taking down tents. Time of work will be 4-5 hours daily, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

Accommodation: Will be in a house with several-bed-rooms, kitchen, bathroom, shower. Cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. will be done by the group itself. Like in each workcamp, accommodation, food and travel-costs for excursions are free as well as materials/copies needed for the lectures.

Location: Marburg is an historical and picturesque old university town, 100 km north of Frankfurt/Main. It has 80.000 inhabitants, including 22.000 students (from actual 120 different countries). The camp is located in the area named "Stadtwald" in a youth-holiday-camp. It is not located in the centre, but not too far, and there is a good bus-connection.

Workshop: It is a workcamp including German language training. The lectures will be two hours every day (excluding Saturday and Sunday when the group will go on excursions). The main topic during the lectures will be intercultural diversities. So the basis of the lectures will be communication first and grammar second. The teachers will be native speakers, partly trained teachers, partly students. The language-course will not have the same standard like a professional language-school, but experiences with this concept in the past have shown its success.

Terminal: Train-station Marburg; next airport Frankfurt/Main or Frankfurt-Hahn.

Special requirements: Participants must already be able to communicate in German, at least on a level which ensures simple communication; this course is not for absolute beginners. Participants also must be willing to communicate with each other during the camp in German and not in English or in their own mother tongue for the whole time, not only during the lectures. This is one important part of the concept.

Special remark: Because of the language-course there is an (extra-) fee: 160,00 EUR - to be paid upon arrival. Official confirmation for participating in the language-course will be given at the end of the camp.

Age: 16-26 (exceptions for older volunteers are possible).

## TURCHIA

**GSM19 GULERCIN II 16/08 – 31/08**  
**14-17**

**ENVI/ RENO 15 Vols**

2 RAGAZZE

**Work:** In this workcamp, participants will enjoy both working voluntarily and taking part in activities and sport games. The program is divided into two: In the first part, there will be some environmental work; such as planting trees, landscaping, preparing a vegetable garden, painting fences and constructing a bicycle and walking path. Volunteers will work 5 hours a day, 5 days in a week. In the second part of the day, volunteers will take part in football, volleyball, basketball, tennis and chess tournaments. There will be different activity groups such as music, trekking, reading, swimming so that volunteers can choose according to their interests. There will be three camp leaders along with the professional tutors of the School, who will be responsible preparing and facilitating these activities for volunteers.

**Partner:** Our partner is Gulercin School, which has been involved in international projects, like Comenius, and witnessed the positive impact of intercultural learning process on children. The foundation of the School is built on the idea that if children live in a compatible environment, they can easily learn to live in peace. With this perspective, our partner prepares a very diverse and comprehensive workcamp program for both international and national volunteers aged 14-17. Local and international volunteers will have a chance to meet and learn about each others' cultures, to participate in different workshops together and to take part in sport tournaments. By this way, our partner and we hope that all volunteers will have an unforgettable memory in this summer.

More information about Gulercin School can be found at <http://www.gulercinkoleji.com>

**Food and Accommodation:** Food will be provided in the cafeteria of the School. Volunteers will be hosted in the guesthouse of the School. All facilities, like showers, toilets, sport centre will be provided to volunteers

**Leisure Time:** Addition to the activities realized on weekdays after the work, there will be many leisure time activities and trips on weekends. Some of the planned trips are: picnic in Lala Dere, excursion to Istanbul (visits to Sultan Ahmet, Ayasofya, Topkapi Palace), trip to a small village in order to know better the cultural characteristics of the region... In the end of the workcamp, there will be a farewell party for the volunteers.

**Location:** Tekirdag

**Language:** English

**Terminal:** Nearest airport: Istanbul

**Extra fee:** 150€

**Special requirements:** Please, bring comfortable shoes and good humor

## PROGETTI PER MAGGIORENNI

### GRECIA

#### **ELIX17 CHATZIKONSTA II CHALANDRI 12-25 AGOSTO**

ELIX is organizing during 2013 a series of workcamps in the framework of the U? U?U? U?U?Lessons of SolidarityU? U?U? U?U? 1/2Project which aims to proactively support Greek Institutions in Attica hosting and caring for children with social problems. The LESSONS OF SOLIDARITY Project is part of a three year initiative funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation ([www.SNF.org](http://www.SNF.org)) in order to assist the increasing needs that such Institutions are facing in view of the socioeconomic crisis in Greece.SNF is one of the worldU? U?U? U?U?s leading international philanthropic organizations, making grants in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and medicine, and social welfare. The Foundation funds organizations and projects that exhibit strong leadership and sound management and are expected to achieve a broad, lasting and positive social impact. SNF also seeks actively to support projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as effective means for serving public welfare. ELIX will organize 2 workcamps at the Institution CHATZIKONSTA, one of the oldest welfare Institutions for children aged 6 to 18 years old, whose families are unable to support them, due to social and economic problems. Currently, the Foundation hosts some 44 children attending a boarding school. Also, 240 children who do not live in the institution benefit from several education programs organized by the Institution.

Volunteers participating in the 2 workcamps will undertake renovation activities mainly inside the InstitutionU?U?s facilities, including painting rooms and walls, etc. Volunteers will work from Monday till Friday.

Volunteers will be accommodated in the facilities of the Institution of CHATZIKONSTA. The accommodation is basic but adequate. There are toilets and common showers as well as cooking facilities. Sleeping bag and a carry mat are necessary. Two volunteers of the group every day in shifts will be responsible for maintaining the accommodation place clean as well as for preparing the meals of the day for the whole group.

CHATZIKONSTA is located in the district of Chalandri, about 25 minutes from Athens centre. Bus connection to and from Athens is very easy and frequent. There are many options for volunteers to visit all the commercial, historical and cultural attractions of Athens and Piraeus (the main port of Greece). Chalandri is an area with many shops, cafes, restaurants, etc. In their free time, participants will have the opportunity to attend events organized during the period of their stay (concerts, festival, performances, etc.). Volunteers will discuss their free time activities with their camp leaders; together they are going to organize excursions and visits.

This is a wonderful project that offers a unique opportunity to help in a practical way an Institution hosting and caring for children whose families face socioeconomic difficulties, while working with other young people from all over the world. Volunteers should be reliable, mature and motivation driven. Good/reasonable English language skills are also required.It is also of great importance, as the workcamp takes place within the Institution facilities, that all volunteers pay particular attention to their behavior which ought to be

respectful to the Institution and its Staff. Due to the nature of the workcamp volunteers should explain very well in their application form (VEF) the motivation for this workcamp. All accepted volunteers have to provide ELIX with the original Certificate of Good Conduct/Police Check.

### **ELIX20 OLYMPIA Olympia, Elia MANU, ENVI, CONS 28/08 11/09/2013 WORK**

This project takes place in Drouvas forest off Olympia (Elia prefecture - western Peloponese) and aims to achieve the restoration of the open theatre, the stone well and the conservation of the footpaths and forest of Drouvas. Volunteers will restore wooden staircases and grips of the theatre, restore the well and will also work on several tasks in cleaning up and maintaining the footpaths of the forest as well as the forest in particular (watering of trees, cleaning up the vegetation etc)

#### **ACCOMMODATION & FOOD**

Volunteers will stay in the Community Hall of Floka. There are toilets, showers (no hot water) and a kitchen. Sleeping bag and carry mat are necessary. Two of the group, everyday in shifts, will be responsible for maintaining the group's accommodation place clean, as well as for the preparation of all the meals of the day for the rest of the group.

#### **LOCATION**

Ancient Olympia, the birth place of the Olympic Games, was one of the most important areas of ancient Greece and, today, one of the most important archaeological sites around the globe; Kladeos is a river that flows from the north, through Olympia and empties into the Alfeios River. The area is beautiful, with luxuriant vegetation, idyllic rivers, beaches and picturesque villages.

#### **TERMINAL**

Athens international airport "El. Venizelos",  
Araxos National airport (operates only during the summer)  
Port of Patras

#### **LEISURE TIME**

In their free time, participants will have the opportunity to get in touch with the everyday life of the town; they may attend events organized by the authorities during the period of their stay (concerts, performances, etc.) and communicate with locals and tourists. Volunteers will discuss their free time activities with their camp leaders; together they are going to organize excursions and visits around the area of Olympia.

## **INGHILTERRA**

### **CONCUK16 Gyaltsabje Buddhist Centre 26.08 - 09.09.**

Gyaltsabje Buddhist Centre. Established by the modern-day meditation master Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso in 1993. The Centre is open throughout the year and everybody is welcome to come and relax in the centre or enjoy the World Peace Café.

Work: International volunteers are invited to help improve the garden and the building of the centre. Tasks are likely to include painting and decorating, gardening, general maintenance, cleaning, assisting in the café and cooking.

This project allows volunteers to gain an insight and experience of living and working in a modern day Buddhist community, helping to gain a peaceful and relaxed mind and meeting others with shared perspectives and ideas.

Accommodation: Volunteers will sleep in basic dormitory accommodation in separate male/female rooms. Volunteers will need to bring sleeping bags and mats. Meals will be provided in the dining room. All meals are vegetarian and volunteers are requested not to bring meat onto the premises. Smoking and alcohol are not permitted at the centre.

Location: The centre is situated in the city centre of the thriving modern university city of Sheffield in a lush, leafy area next to wooded parkland. The stunning natural area of the Peak District is within walking distance of the centre or can easily be accessed by bus.

Terminal: Manchester, Doncaster, London, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham or East Midlands airport. Sheffield train station. More travel info here <http://www.shu.ac.uk/international/arrival/different.html>

Special requirements: Volunteers attending this project need to be sympathetic to the Buddhist faith and realise the centre is used for meditation and reflection. Volunteers are welcome to join meditation classes for free during the project. Daily prayers will be running which volunteers can attend and guided meditation sessions and classes on buddhism will be on offer.

### **CONCUK15 OAK GROVE COLLEGE 2 Durrington-on-Sea 7-21/9**

Oak Grove College is a special school for children aged 11 – 18 years with a wide range of disabilities from severe learning difficulties to behavioural problems to physical disabilities. For the last five years international volunteers have been invited to help create a beautiful environment for the children and this year Oak Grove College would like to continue this work by hosting two groups of international volunteers in June and September.

Work: Since the College opened in 2005, students working alongside staff and volunteers have landscaped and planted the grounds themselves. International volunteers will work alongside pupils with special needs on horticulture, hard landscaping and creative tasks. They will be working alongside children making outdoor sculptures and helping to develop the gardens in the grounds. The work may change depending on the weather and the children who are assisting each day; we ask that volunteers are FLEXIBLE and willing to help with any of the tasks. Volunteers will work between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm.

Accommodation and Food: The accommodation is basic but adequate; volunteers will sleep on the floor of a local church hall and will need to bring sleeping bags and rolls mats. Due to church activities on some evenings, volunteers will not always be able to access the church hall till 4.00 / 5.00pm in the evening. However the host is always willing to arrange after work activities and is very active in taking you on trips and outings. The accommodation provided is located within short walking distance of many urban amenities, including: banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, public swimming pool, cafes, shops, train station and the beach. Volunteers have free access to shared desktop computers at the school.

Volunteers will cook breakfast and dinner in the church kitchen and your main meal will be provided by the school at lunchtime.

Volunteers will use the local leisure centre across the road for showers.

Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

Location: Oak Grove College is located in Durrington-on-Sea near Worthing on the South East coast. Durrington-on-Sea is approximately 1 ½ hours from London and 30 minutes from Brighton

Terminal: London Airports and Durrington-on-Sea train station for arrivals and departures.

Special requirements: Volunteers must have a good level of English and an interest in working alongside children with special needs. A Certificate of Good Conduct (Certificato del casellario giudiziale) must be sent to Concordia at least three weeks before the project takes place. At times this project can be physically demanding and the volunteers need to be prepared to work outside in all weathers.

## **TURCHIA**

**GSM15 Afyon / Afyonkarahisar                      28.08–12.09.2013    ENVI/CONS**  
**18 Vols    18-99**

Work: Volunteers will be given some environmental and renovation work. Landscaping, gardening, mounting park benches will be some of the working areas. There will be excursions for touristic and natural sites in the region.

Partner: Our partner is Afyonkarahisar Municipality. We have been cooperating with Afyonkarahisar Municipality for more than 10 years. For more information about the municipality, please visit [www.afyon-bld.gov.tr](http://www.afyon-bld.gov.tr).

Food and Accommodation: Cafeteria / Student Dormitory

Location: Afyonkarahisar is located at the intersection of three regions: Aegean, Mediterranean and Central Anatolian Regions. The city is mostly known for the Phrygian Valley, marble and Turkish delight. There are also some fairy chimneys and thermal foundations which attract many tourists every year. The city is a member of "Association of Historic Towns in Turkey".

Language: English

Terminal: Nearest airports: Izmir, Ankara and Istanbul.

## **GERMANIA**

**VJF 4.2 Rackith    15/08 – 01/09/13    AGRI/RENO    10 vols**

Work: Your work will be divided this year. One of your tasks will be different renovation and construction works on the grounds of the farm, especially in the stables. Volunteers should be prepared to be flexible and take part in any work that will support the farm.

In the 2nd week you will be working on the grounds of the Lucas-Cranach-House. Different renovation and painting works are planned. Besides of this you will get the opportunity to learn more about the time of Luther and Cranach.

Location: Rackith (near Lutherstadt-Wittenberg); The village of Rackith is situated 8 kilometres from Lutherstadt Wittenberg, which is famous for the reformer Martin Luther and the famous painters and printmakers Cranach. Wittenberg became one of the most important German towns of political,



cultural, historical, and artistic advances in the 16th century. The famous reformation places in the old town, and the buildings developed in different epochs, make up the architecture of the town. Many people travel to Wittenberg because of its past, and its connection to Martin Luther who worked there. The river Elbe is close by with its Biosphere reserve "Mittlere Elbe". Nevertheless, the village of Rackith is quite isolated. The last bus from Wittenberg leaves around 5 p.m.! There is no possibility of reaching the village later.

Terminal: Berlin or Halle/Leipzig

Accommodation: You will live in shared rooms.

Special remarks: This workcamp is not suitable for persons suffering from allergies (to dust, grain, pollen, hey etc.)!

Special requirements: You have to be able to ride a bike.

### **VJF 2.11 Liepnitzseeinsel 4 02/09 -13/09/13 ENVI / CONS 10 vols**

Work: The main works will be done in the wood. The volunteers will do various environmental works as well as renovation and construction works on the island. The aim of the project is to improve the infrastructure of the island. Possible tasks are removing bushes, collecting rubbish, repairing works and so on. Volunteers should be prepared to be flexible and take part in any work that will support the rangers.

Location: On the island without electricity

The island Liepnitzinsel is situated in a picturesque lake, the Liepnitzsee, in the north of Berlin. It is surrounded by a beautiful landscape with many forests and lakes.

Terminal: Berlin

Accommodation: Your accommodation will be very basic. You will sleep in three large tents on camp beds. The infrastructure on the island is very basic without electricity. There is no heating in the tents and on the island you have to use compost toilets. The accommodation is quite isolated so volunteers should come with ideas about how to entertain themselves in the evenings! The foresters of the project have built a nice and comfortable block house where the group will meet and eat.

Special remarks: The island is very isolated and you have to be a real nature lover to participate in this project. You have to use the ferry every day and it stops running about 8 p.m. Please be prepared to not be able to visit Berlin very often! On the island live many permanent campers during the summer. Please respect them.

Special requirements: You have to be able to swim!

### **VJF 2.13 Beeskow - 19/08 -01/09/13 CONS 12 vols**

Work: The "Kinder- und Jugendhof" is a farm for children and teenagers. Groups and families can go there during the holidays, for school trips etc. There is a wide variety of sporting and creative activities and many other activities such as baking bread, rallies, campfires, etc. On the farm there are animals like a pony, sheep, donkeys, bees etc.

The general aim of this project is to finish the pet farm. Different works are to

be done to achieve this general goal. Your help is also needed to repair paddocks and the exercise ground for dogs. It is very important to bring wet weather clothing as volunteers will work only outside. Different works in the garden may be possible.

Location: Beeskow (near Frankfurt/Oder and Berlin)

Terminal: Berlin

Accommodation: You will live in rooms with 4-6 people.

Special requirements: In this camp you have to be able to ride a bike!

Special remarks: This is a trilateral project for volunteers from SJ France, SFERA Russia and VJF only. This project is co-financed by OFAJ.

## **FRANCIA**

### **U38 le Puy en Velay - Marais d'ours 03/09/2013 – 19/09/2013 envi +18**

The project : You want to live a new experience? To play a part in the protection of environment? To meet new friends? You found the right project ! Come and participate to this workcamp located on the swamp, at the entrance of the Puy en Velay city. This swamp will be crossed by a big road in a few years, so we need to protect as much as we can this natural space and safeguard the animal living there before the road construction begins. Nature friends, come and help us! Works : Work with us : build low walls in dry stone to surround the swamp, clear the undergrowth and build shelters for the fauna. Activities : On your arrival, leaders will propose several activities; your ideas are welcomed and everything can be discussed. So be imaginative, the workcamp is a place for having fun! We don't expect you to do activities on your own, you will live an experience in a group ! Location : The city of Puy en Velay is the capital of the Haute-Loire department. It is a great historical town, well known for its verbena, its work of lace, and its green lentils. It is easy to go shopping there and discover numerous touristic places and summer events. You will have many opportunities to visit and enjoy this lovely town. (check the images of Le Puy en Velay online!) Accommodation : In tents, in a camping of Le Puy en Velay. Special Requirements : In addition to preserve the Bear Swamp, this workcamp will allow you to learn more about environmental protection ... be ready !

Nearest big town : PUY EN VELAY (LE)

Nearest airport : Clermont-ferrand aulnat

Terminal : Puy en Velay

### **CONC 043 CHANTELLE 2 03/09 - 23/09**

PROJECT: The district council of the department of Allier, in charge of the preservation of the natural areas of the "Gorges de la Bouble" undertook to protect and enhance the ecological and cultural heritage of these gorges (river canyons) surrounded by forests. In this context, renovations of the former built heritage will be undertaken. They are part of an overall plan for the reopening and maintenance of a stretch of land which has gradually been abandoned and invaded by vegetation. The site, which stretches over a 4 km distance, has

kept some of its characteristic wilderness. In addition, discussions and exchanges with local associations and people will be organized: meetings, visits and events will be on the schedule of your workcamp!

WORK: During this third edition of the workcamp, you will continue the work begun last year near an abbey classified as a historical monument. You will rebuilt old boundary walls of stone and make lime mortar joints. You will use traditional masonry techniques: work with lime mortar, use of old techniques and materials (stone, lime...).

ACCOMODATION: In two-person tents, boys and girls separated (bring your sleeping bag) and group life in the local youth centre of the district.

LANGUAGE: English and French

LOCATION: Chantelle (1060 inhabitants) is located in the heart of the Bourbonnais, which is part of the district of Allier, at about 70 km north from Clermont-Ferrand and 15 km north from Gannat. The heritage of the region offers a huge historical and cultural diversity: many castles, Roman churches, natural sites...

TERMINAL: Gannat train station. Airport: Paris.

SPECIAL REMARKS: The nights could be cold, so don't forget to bring warm clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat. Also bring gloves, clothes and shoes for work.

### **CONC 221 NIMES 4/9 18/9 10**

PROJECT: the city of Nmes owns a vast former agricultural estate in the area of Courbessac dating from the time of the Roman Empire. A big project with the city of Nmes and the association Menhir began in 2002 with the goal to restore this place and to create an area where local people can enjoy taking a walk. The other groups of volunteers who have worked in this estate, which is called Escattes, have for instance created a spring and canalized it by stone walls. They have also done various types of environmental work. WORK: there are some ruins of a little tower in the park. The purpose of this year's workcamp is to prepare that tower for future restoration, which will be done by professionnals and by the inhabitants of the town. The volunteers will clean the area, sort stones and do some earthwork. Other similar types of work might be also done by the volunteers in another area of the estate. ACCOMMODATION: in tents at the campsite in Bezouze (if you have a tent, you may bring it.) LANGUAGE: English. LOCATION: you will live in a little village called Bezouze, at about 10 km from Nmes. You will however have many opportunities to visit Nmes in the south of France, between Avignon and Montpellier. The city is in a very welcoming and historically rich region. TERMINAL: Nmes train station SPECIAL REMARKS: For more information have a look at <http://www.nimes.fr/>

### **SDA 311 Centre for All**

**15/08 – 31/08 RENO/KIDS Vols: 10 + 2 team leaders Age: 18+ ML**

Project: The voluntary project is organized by the non-governmental organization "Centre for All", which organizes free time activities and summer camps for children and youth with and without handicaps. The activities take place in a reconstructed barn with a pretty garden in a small village and in the

centre of the organization in the town Nymburk.

For more information visit the organization's website:  
[www.centrumprovsechny.cz](http://www.centrumprovsechny.cz)

**Work:** The volunteers will perform two different kinds of work. Firstly they will assist during a summer camp for youth with physical and/or mental disabilities which takes place in the village of Jizbice (even though the clients are handicapped they are able to play and enjoy their stay). The volunteers will provide general assistance and organize activities for the clients. Secondly the volunteers will help to prepare the area of the Youth camp for the winter (gardening, cleaning after the summer season). During the youth camp, volunteers will work longer hours but it will be compensated for at the end of the workcamp when you will have more free-time.

**Study part:** In the first week you will get a lecture on special education and a workshop on methods how to work with children and youth with special needs. You will also learn about the famous Czech author Bohumil Hrabal, who was born in Nymburk.

**Leisure time:** Tour around the spa town Podìbrady, excursions to the castle of Louèèò, to a local brewery and to the surrounding countryside are planned. We will also organize an intercultural day/evening in Nymburk.

**Accommodation/Food:** Part of the time you will be accommodated in modern tents or in a barn in Jizbice (the village where the Youth camp takes place). The rest of the time you will sleep in a house in Nymburk, that serves as a centre for the organization. Please bring a sleeping bag and a headlamp. You will help with preparing the food, so bring some interesting recipes with you.

**Location:** Nymburk and the village of Jizbice (8 kilometres from the town Nymburk).

**Note:** Smoking is forbidden while working with the children. Bring working clothes with you that can get dirty! You will need clothes for all kind of weather (raingear and waterproof working boots). A motivation letter sent with the application form is strictly required.

### **SDA 405 Nature and Natural Architecture in Jeseniky (14.8. - 27.8.)**

The project is organized by the NGO Hnutí Brontosaurus Jeseniky which is active in a remote and unprivileged region of Jesenicko. Their main goal is to motivate young people from the whole country and local inhabitants to take up active role in the community and thus create a stronger bond of the people to the region. Brontosaurus is focused on the environment and sustainability; they maintain abandoned sights with respect to traditional methods and materials. One of the main projects is the transformation of the vast former military area MUNA (in the forest) recently stopped being used by the army where Brontosaurus in co-operation with other NGOs has been creating a space for environmental education, experiential programs, cultural events, etc. Volunteers will work in the former military area of MUNA (forest) full of tiny alleyways, old buildings and newly installed exhibition of landscape art. First, they will help to build an educational path and then help to rebuild one of the historical military storage houses using natural architecture techniques (materials such as straw, clay and wood). The house should serve for the

organization of different public events. Secondly, volunteers will help with the organization of the forest Festival at MUNA (23.-25.8.). The area is mountainous and the forest can be very cold and wet so please bring good water-proof shoes and warm clothes, also clothes that can get dirty.

In a wooden building in the middle of the MUNA area (in the second week, the festival will take place there). The conditions are very basic i the building is partly open so volunteers will stay in a military tent put under the roof. There will be mattresses but you need your own sleeping bag. There will be dry toilets in the proximity; showers are situated in a building at the outskirts of the MUNA. For the second week, volunteers will be accommodated in a similar building nearby. Volunteers will cook for themselves from common supplies. Running water is not available, it will be brought every day in barrels.

Location: MUNA Mikulovice, near Jeseník, Olomouc region. The MUNA area is quite vast, you will be able to use bicycles to move around. The surrounding countryside is mountainous and has beautiful nature. Study part: Learn more about the history since WWII and the current situation in the region and the MUNA: Brontosaurus plans to organize for volunteers a seminar about MUNA, its nature and other aspects, and an excursion around the region connected with a visit of a former village which was abolished by the authorities in the 1960s and is now in the process of revitalization by Brontosaurus. There will be also a workshop organized on the topic of natural architecture so you can learn new techniques. It will also be possible to visit other natural and cultural sights and meet local people (during the festival mainly). Leisure time: Volunteers will have many possibilities how to spend their free time: they can participate in field sportive and experiential games prepared by Brontosaurus, do some sports and go to the swimming pool. Besides, the region offers many touristic sights and activities (the town of Jeseník, museums, Adrenalin Park, horse-riding, etc.).

During the stay in the forest, the access to electricity will be limited. Non-smokers or disciplined smokers are preferred. We especially welcome people interested in natural architecture and nature protection. If you are also interested in recent history of the Czech Republic, it is an ideal workcamp.