



Jeunesse

YOUTH EXCHANGE
DE L'ARBRE À L'HABITAT – SUSTAINABLE HOUSING
«Making a house with your environment»
from june 15th to june 30th 2014

Project

The association Le Créneau has been in charge for 20 years to take care of the 19th century castle on the site of Les Prureaux (Montcombroux-les-Mines, France).

In order to promote and protect the natural environment of the place, the association Le Créneau aims at developing on the site projects which help to respect the environment. Last year the association has started to build environmentally-friendly constructions.

The project "Sustainable housing" is a follow-up of the plan of the association to develop accommodations which are built in accordance with the environment.

This year the project gives an opportunity to the international participants to get involved into the building of some removable wooden accommodations. As wood is a natural resource on the site of the castle, the participants will work together on the constructions through the perspective of including this locally found resource. They will also take some time to discover the different varieties of local wood and the techniques to manage this vital resource. The participants will also focus on using other sustainable and recycling materials in the constructions.

In addition, specific workshops will give the participants the opportunity for an active reflection on the protection of the environment. Finally, some workshops will promote volunteering and other forms of youth engagement.

The young participants will also participate in the organization of an event to promote their work and to which the local population will be invited.

Aims:

- Reflection and exchanges on the use of natural, local and/or recycling materials
- Discovery of new technics of construction
- Introduction to the work with wood
- Awareness of environment protection
- Promoting of volunteering and forms of youth engagement
- Discovery of an associative milieu and a rural environment

The association Le Créneau hosts short and long-term volunteers and develops their commitment thanks to collective projects (e.g. construction, renovation, ...). The project is based on non formal education and the inclusion of everyone regardless of origin, age, religion, background...

Participants :

20 young people between 18 and 25 years, 5 participants (4 participants + 1 leader) per country. The group leader can be older than 25 years. Participants should be interested in the subjects of environment and sustainability. Participants with and without experiences are welcome!

Costs :

Travel fee will be reimbursed up to 70% once the original travel proofs, boarding passes, receipt will be submitted to the hosting organization. Accommodation, insurance, local transport and lodging will be 100% provided.

Accommodation

The participants will be accommodated in Le Créneau's hosting centre. Participants will sleep in tents on the site, where will be all necessary facilities available. The group will participate also in the collective life of the site which includes collective meals and kitchen duty...

Located in a beautiful rural area in the Auvergne region, the association « Le Créneau » is settle in a castle, the Castle of Prureaux, near the village of Montcombroux-Les-Mines. The castle has been for 20 years a centre of social and international volunteering, where international and French young people from different origins and backgrounds work as volunteers.

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