

## **ASSOCIAZIONI FRANCESI**

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### **Association Nationale des compagnons bâtisseurs**

Who we are:

ANCB is a federation of regional organisations working towards the promotion of international exchanges, of individual rights such as having a decent accommodation for example and voluntary commitment. This one of the oldest French volunteering organisation.

What we do:

This year, the Companions Builders will hold a dozen projects in three regions (Brittany, Central and Provence Alpes Cote d'Azur). Renovation and the environment are the objectives of the camps.

### **Concordia**

Who we are:

Concordia is a French national non-governmental and non-profit making organisation, founded in 1950 by English, German and French youngsters. Their aim was to enhance the values of tolerance and peace after the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war by organising international workcamps of young volunteers.

The main objectives of Concordia are the following:

- Education i-e helping young people to grow up by acquisition of collective life.
- Culture i-e favouring the youth exchanges on an international level, always emphasizing the values of peace, friendship and mutual respect.
- Social i-e taking part in concrete actions of solidarity, as well as supporting a civic attitude
- Social economy i-e contributing to realisation of local development, in favour of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

What we do:

Participating in a workcamp means working voluntarily during three weeks at a project of a common utility, such as environment, archaeology, culture, patrimony. It is a form of informal education, but also an opportunity to discover a new region and its inhabitants. The participants get to know the real life of a small community, as well as the culture and customs of other volunteers, who come from all around the world.

## **JEUNESSE ET RECONSTRUCTION**

Who we are:

Jeunesse et Reconstruction is a youth organisation, founded in 1948, whose aim is to foster and promote international youth exchanges, through the means of voluntary service, regardless of social, racial or religious background to develop personal commitment in a group or individual activity.

What we do:

During workcamps (short term, midterm), volunteers mostly work on renovation and environmental projects.

## **Solidarités Jeunesses**

Who we are:

Solidarités Jeunesses works alongside a number of partner organisations world-wide, exchanging volunteers and organising international solidarity projects. The association has been the French branch of Youth Action for Peace till 2009, a movement created after the First World War in order to reconcile people of different nationalities through a better mutual understanding. Solidarités Jeunesses is a national youth organisation, recognised by the French Ministry of Youth and Sport. Our national headquarters are situated in Paris. We organise short and longer-term international youth volunteer workcamps and voluntary services, projects with people from disadvantaged areas, training sessions, and international solidarity projects. We also manage rural residential and community centres.

What we do:

The international workcamp is a very important part in the action undertaken by Solidarités Jeunesses. It is prepared a long time in advance in the different regional offices and the National Secretariat. The international workcamp, open to volunteers of any age, is seen as a tool of local and personal development, tolerance and understanding between the different participants. Furthermore, we lay emphasis on the inclusion of people coming from disadvantaged areas. The workcamps promote the active participation of the local population. The camps themes are: art, renovation, construction, social, culture, heritage, environment.

## **UNAREC**

Who we are:

Union Nationale des Associations Régionales études ET chantiers (National Union of regional associations études ET chantiers) Etudes ET chantiers was created in 1962 by several Youth movements. It acts on international co-operation in the "Education Populaire" movement –non formal education-. We aim to fight exclusion, in the world-wide movement of international voluntary services (short term and long term) through partnerships with 105 organisations in 62 countries. Since 1986, the organisation was regionalised and became UNAREC = Union Nationale des Associations Régionales études ET chantiers (*national union of regional associations named études ET chantiers*).

What we do:

We organise around 50 international workcamps every year open to all (no age limit, and seniors are welcome). Each regional organisation run permanent projects independently, and organise collectively the international workcamp programme, coordinated by the International delegation, permanent office based in Clermont-Ferrand. The workcamps are mostly about agriculture, the environment, kids, culture, renovation work, archaeology, festival and working with people with disabilities.