



# CALL FOR LONGTERM VOLUNTEERS!

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## WHO ARE WE?

**Solidarités Jeunesses (SJ)** is a non-formal education national movement that values voluntary commitment, strong political will, and social solidarity as its core principles. Our course of action is influenced by our ideal vision of a society where progress is social. Respect for human beings and the environment is a fundamental and shared value, and the freedom to choose, to dream, and to resist is innate and encouraged by all.

**Our activities are organised for all, regardless of gender, social and cultural background, or nationality.** Since its creation, SJ participates in the construction and maintenance of peace by promoting intercultural and international social connections in France and abroad. SJ works through participative pedagogy which supports initiative and personal commitment, and combines the skills and intelligences of all our volunteers, active members and staff.

Solidarités Jeunesses is composed of a National Secretary based in Paris, eight regional offices, and one partner association. Our delegations host volunteers from France and from all around the world for short or long periods of time all year round. Furthermore, the partner association and the delegations host and provide assistance to young people with fewer opportunities, as part of our efforts towards inclusion and solidarity. All of our delegations and the partner association are situated in unique environments, such as castles, former camp-sites, isolated villages in the heart of mountains, and former factories. These places have all been renovated thanks to the work of our short and long-term volunteers, workers and permanent staff.

SJ has been working in partnership with national and international networks (Cotravaux, CNAJEP, CCIVS, and Alliance) for several decades.



Volunteering is an exchange, an encounter, facilitated by someone who wants to offer his/her time, energy, and fresh perspective to a general interest project. Volunteering is also a welcoming community that offers a valuable opportunity for the volunteer to learn, to experiment, and to undergo personal development. Being a volunteer is not merely an activity, but a multi-faceted process brought about by our partner associations before, during, and after the volunteer project is completed. Volunteering in SJ brings together diverse communities and separate entities, local associations, men, women, youths, and local authorities.

### **Service Civique**

- The Service Civique is a French program that promotes the volunteering for young people 18-25 years old in french NGO.
- It is open to every nationality
- As SERVICE CIVIQUE, the volunteer will receive 473 euros monthly. The Visas fee and transport are not covered by the pro-

gram and the volunteer will have to pay about 200 euros to the delegation for the the food and accomodation.

### **European Volunteer Service**

- The European Voluntary Service (EVS) forms part of ERASMUS+, a European Union programme that promotes the mobility of young people through international activities with a non-formal education dimension.
- it is open to the 28 EU Member States, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway)Turkey and the Neighboring Partner Countries : Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina Former Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbiak, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Syria, Tunisia.
- As EVS, the volunteer will receive 150 euros monthly. the visa fees, the food, the accomodation and a part of transport will be covered by the program.



# PROGRAMS ARRANGEMENTS :

## Topics :

The project having as main goal to give opportunities to volunteers to discover **social diversity, intercultural experience, collective manual work** and **rural life** in France.

- All tasks link to collective manual work, the keeping of the house and into the animation of the house as “**cultural hosting center**” with local people, youngster with fewer opportunities, French and international volunteers etc.
- They have the opportunity to be **facilitators in workcamp** if they are interested in it.
- Also, they will be involved into **the animation of the local life** of the area by participating to cultural, social or environmental project in the villages nearby.



## Group Life and Accommodation

All our projects take place in rural areas and volunteers are hosted together in shared rooms in the mission place, and they will all have access to bathroom, living & dining room, etc. The team is responsible for cooking and cleaning for everybody.

Most of our volunteering bring together between 5 and 10 volunteers of around 5 different nationalities and with an average age of 22.

## Duration

It's 12 months for EVS projects, 10 months for Service Civique program.

## Qualifications

**We do not ask that volunteers have any particular qualifications**, but they must be motivated to help and open to experiencing life as a volunteer in a rural area along with people from diverse backgrounds.

- A basic knowledge of **English and French** is helpful.
- **Liking manual labor** is a plus.
- Having a **drivers license** is highly recommended

Where and when we are  
looking for volunteers



**The  
volunteers  
can apply all  
year along !**

***Each year we are looking for ...***

***Bateleurs***

*4 ESC Octobre*

***Beaumotte***

*2 ESC September - 1 ESC October - 1 ESC November*

***Creneau***

*4 ESC September*

***Virvolt***

*1 ESC August - 2 ESC September - 1 ESC October*

***Vaunières***

*2 ESC September - 1 ESC November*

***Fai***

*3 ESC March*

***Citrus***

*1 ESC March - 1 ESC April*

***Sem & Vol***

*3 ESC October*

***REV***

*3 ESC November*

***(The arrival dates are flexible ...)***

## **VIR'VOLT**

The goal of Vir'Volt association is to boost the dynamic of international workcamps for young volunteers in urban and rural areas of the Ile-de-France region. Vir'Volt wants to mix international participants, youngsters in social exclusion, and local inhabitants. Living together in harmony, where each individual can find his place in the group, no matter where he comes from or where he is going, is the motto.

## **SEM&VOL**

Since 2013, Dordogne has held international projects of arts and culture. Following a very positive hosting experience by the local population, a branch of Solidarités Jeunesses was created in Aquitaine in 2015 and then became a regional delegation in 2016. During summer, international workcamps about heritage and environment are organized. The goals of this new organization are : developing workcamps and international exchanges, creating a network of local partners, encouraging mobility and youth commitment, and developing artistic and cultural projects in this area.

## **RESEAU D'ENTRAIDE VOLONTAIRE**

The delegation is based out of two houses located in the centre of the village of Beauvoisin. The smallest house is a permanent home of volunteers, and contains two offices: this is where life takes place in this community of discovery and exchange of traditions, habits, moods, and dreams. Since April 2011, the REV has hosted small groups, a practice that we want to develop in order to facilitate the exchange between people from different cultures, generations, and social backgrounds.

## **LE CRÉNEAU SJ**

The castle of Prureaux is a welcoming place that provides opportunities for everyone to participate in projects and learn how to live and work together in spite of linguistic, socio-cultural or socio-economic differences, and prejudices existing in society. This is an opportunity for people from near and far to share the experience of collective living. The diversity of the inhabitants of the castle is culturally enriching and teaches people how to live together, to exchange their customs and traditions, and to live in respect and tolerance.



## **LA MAISON DES BATELEURS**

La Maison des Bateleurs, which opened 16 years ago in Montendre, organizes around 15 international workcamps in the region and several other international activities all year long, to ensure multicultural and inter-generational exchanges and active solidarity.

In “La Maison des Bateleurs”, you can find long term volunteers, permanent workers, and groups of young people who come to enjoy the nice environment of the Charente-Maritime region.



## **LES VILLAGES DES JEUNES**

Les Villages des Jeunes works towards social integration and participation of all. Its objective is to allow people from different social and cultural situations to work together to complete projects beneficial to the community. The association runs two international hosting centres near the Alps: the Fai farm with its “singing mountains” and the hamlet of Vaunières, an isolated hamlet at an altitude of 1200 meters.

## **CITRUS**

In 2002, Citrus was established in Toulouse, under the initiative of a group of young volunteers driven by the desire to develop volunteer projects in the Midi-Pyrénées region. In 2012 it moved to Laguérie, a small village 1 hour north-east of Toulouse. The association’s various activities bring people to mingle, work, and live together. «Working together» is based on the philosophy that unites long term volunteers, employees in integration projects, permanent staff, and volunteers on international projects.

## **BEAUMOTTE**

The Beaumotte Center association was created in 1979 on the site of an old factory on the banks of the «Onion» river. It is located in the village of Beaumotte-Aubertans, a village of 391 inhabitants. The nearest towns are Vesoul (25 Km) and Besançon (30 Km). The association provides a place of respite for those in difficulty, and a training ground for people to develop and test their own abilities. The presence of international volunteers guarantees openness, tolerance of differences, and active solidarity.

**Looking for french volunteers?**

**EVS Strategic gives us the opportunity to send  
10 french volunteers in Europe.**

**the funding is already secured  
(same conditions as regular EVS)**

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