

SOLIDARITÉS JEUNESSES
SUMMER WORKCAMPS – 2020 SEASON

SJ/ESC11 TRACING THE STEPS OF THE DUKE OF LESDIGUIERES 29/06-19/07 RENO
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Project: Do you want to participate in the protection of a historic site in the heart of idyllic mountain landscapes? Join us and come discover the castle of Lesdiguières and its natural setting at an altitude of 1140 metres!

The Duke of Lesdiguières, the last Constable of France, is a military figure known for his participation in the Wars of Religion and for his involvement in the construction and development of roads, bridges and dikes against flooding in the region. He had this castle built between 1571 and 1580, which was abandoned after his death. It was looted during the French Revolution. The castle is listed in the supplementary inventory of Historic Monuments in 1978. In 2000, the "Château de Lesdiguières" association was created with the aim of safeguarding the historical, architectural and cultural memory of the building. Since 2010, the various works that we have been organising on this site are aimed at securing and reinforcing the existing walls, but also at enhancing its value.

Work: Since 2018, we have been working on the reinforcement of the masonry of an escarpment wall (defence wall). With time and bad weather, this wall has suffered some damage and its stones are coming loose. With the help of the technical supervisor, we will work with old techniques and materials (such as lime). At certain times, we will work at height, using scaffolding. You will work around 30 hours per week.

Accommodation and food: In tents at the "La Pra" campsite in Saint Firmin, located at the entrance to the Valgaudemar valley. On the campsite, you will spend a quiet stay in a mountainous and exceptional green setting. You will have access to facilities such as toilets, barbecue, petanque ground, WIFI. We will set up a large kitchen tent in order to prepare our meals. The preparation of the meals is done in turn, so that you can taste several specialities! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our impact on the planet, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat twice a week. Collective life is organized together: organization of menus, shopping, activities, etc.

Location: The workcamp is located in the village of Glaizil and the campsite in the village of St Firmin (about 20 min by car). In the village of Saint Firmin there are some small shops and we are about 15 km from Saint Bonnet en Champsaur and 30 km from Gap. Once or twice a week, we organize with our vehicles some shopping outings!

Leisure activities: In the heart of the Ecrins National Park, between the Valgaudemar, Champsaur and Dévoluy valleys. Your eyes will never cease to be amazed by this exceptional environment! You can discover the pleasures of hiking in the mountains, its rivers and lakes, farmers' and producers' markets, and festive evenings organised in the surrounding villages (depending on the programme). As a group, you will decide which activities and discovery outings you wish to organise (subject to distance).

Closest train station: Gap (05000). We will meet you at the station between 4pm and 6pm.

Closest airports: Marseille or Lyon.

Note: This workcamp is organized under the European Volunteering Teams framework. To apply, volunteers should be between 18 and 30 years old and live in Europe or neighbouring countries. Travel expenses will be partially reimbursed and pocket money will be provided.

SJ26 PROTECT THE YOUTH AND EDUCATION IN ROUFFIGNAC 10/07-31/07 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: Rouffignac is a charming small municipality in the South-West of France located in the department Charente-Maritime. A very rural municipality, Rouffignac has nonetheless a magnificent cultural and historical heritage with regards to the parish church Saint-Christophe. The municipality executed its first workcamp in 2019, having been very interested by the intercultural dynamic established in other municipalities in the territory that organise workcamps each year. The first international workcamp set up in Rouffignac focused on the the restoration of a portion of the low stone walls that encircle and protect the school's surroundings and secure the exit, which are in poor condition. This object of this 2020 workcamp is to continue and finish the renovation of these low walls that protect the school. With this project, you will be actively working for the Sustainable Development Goal n°11 from the United Nations: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Work: Overseen by a technical advisor specialized in traditional masonry, you will have to take down the walls, reconstruct the foundations which are in poor condition, then put the walls back up using specific techniques. You'll also have to strengthen and highlight the two stone towers that are on either side of a wrought iron gate that enabled schoolchildren at the time to enter and exit. The technical supervisor will teach you techniques in masonry and sizing of stones.

Accommodation and food: Communal, in mixed dormitories, with all amenities available (sanitary facilities, kitchens, etc.). Food will be provided to you and meals will be prepared alternately by participants as needed.

Location: Rouffignac, 80km from Bordeaux, Charente-Maritime.

Leisure activities: The goal will be to exchange the richness of your cultures with that of the residents and associations of Rouffignac. Excursions throughout the region will be organized collectively according to your wants (visits, the ocean, museums, etc.) You'll also have the opportunity to discover cities like St Emilion, Bordeaux, La Rochelle etc., and your free time is a great opportunity to meet the locals who can't wait to see you!

Closest train station: Montendre (17500)

Closest airport: Bordeaux

SJ37 KEEPING FAÏ WARM 2 20/07-01/08 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project : Participating in the ecological insulation of a stone house in the heart of an idyllic

mountain landscape-- that sound interesting ? Join us and come discover the former Ferme du Faï and its natural setting at an altitude of about 1000 meters ! The association Les Villages des Jeunes has managed, organized, and renovated Faï's welcome center since 1990, in partnership with the SIVU of Haute-Maraize. The Ferme du Faï is a former agricultural area where the buildings were converted into studios and group accommodations. From April to December, the association organises a back-to-work project there for local residents and welcomes, in the form of internships, young people facing hardships. In the summer, the Faï is also a place of residence for professional artists that come to take advantage of the amazing location to create collectively and contribute to festivals like La Montagne qui Chante...The workcamps that we organise at Faï contribute to making this a place of innovation and freedom where working and living together, whether that be for a few days or several months, becomes possible for young people and adults, people from all countries and all cultures, employees, volunteers, artists, tourists etc. We hope that you too, a volunteer from France or abroad, will come with this spirit of openness and collaboration that fuels our project !

Work : The insulation workcamp will take place at a building called « Auberg'in », which is set to become a place to welcome groups (includes dormitories, sanitary facilities and a large kitchen). For the comfort of those welcomed, we hope to improve the insulation of this stone house. With the help of a technical supervisor, we will work with techniques and materials of eco-construction (like hemp and lime, wood...) In effect, it will be about constructing a wooden framework on the exterior facades of the building. This framework will hold the insulating materials, made from a mortar of lime and hemp straw. At one point, we will work at high levels with the help of scaffolding. The time spent at the worksite will be around 30h per week.

Accommodation and food : Housing will be in individual tents, that we furnish and provide mattresses for, on the campgrounds of the Ferme du Faï. The campgrounds have access to showers, restrooms, and the kitchen. There's no WIFI, but you'll be able to meet people from all over the world ! You'll take turns cooking, that way we'll be able to taste a number of different specialties ! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, and to reduce our impact on the planet, we try to eat a maximum of local products and limit eating meat to twice a week. Community life will be organised together : organization of menus, grocery shopping, activities, etc.

Location : The farm of Faï, 3km from the village of Saix, is 15km away from the main city, Veynes. Grocery shopping days, which will be conducted once or twice a week, will be organised using our vehicles.

Leisure activities : You will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surround villages (depending on programming). As a group, you'll decide the activities and outings that you want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organises an evening of music with homemade woodfired pizzas.

Closest train station : Veynes Dévouly (05400) – Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence city, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles.

Closest airports: Lyon or Marseille.

SJ39 LET'S RENOVATE THE ARCHEOLOGICAL GARDEN! 24/07-14/08 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: Sometimes called the “small pointevine Switzerland” the municipality Béruges is home to vestiges of prehistoric, gallo-roman, and Merovingian times. A dynamic municipality, Béruges highlights its historic riches today thanks to its archaeological garden where one can admire gallo-roman vaults and lapidary elements. The garden also has an archaeological museum that bears witness to daily life in the past (ceramics, decorative and grooming items, tools, etc.) and hosts discovery trails: ancient paths, monumental gallo-roman walls, vantage points...It's within this context that the Béruges municipality, a partner of the association for the past 3 years, wishes to relaunch their partnership with Maison des Bateleurs – Solidarité Jeunesse, in order to host an international workcamp that continues the renovation of Maison Bourdin which is set to become a place that highlights the municipality's heritage. With this project, you will be actively working for the Sustainable Development Goal n°11 from the United Nations: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Work: Supervised by a technical advisor specialized in the resizing of stone, you'll work on the restoration of Maison Bourdin, and more specifically on the low walls that surround the house across from the archaeological garden. You'll conduct traditional masonry work where you'll be able to become familiar with techniques like de-grouting and re-grouting with lime mortar, and resizing traditional stone.

Accommodation and food: Under tents, in the garden of the former presbytery at the heart of the municipality. Food will be provided to you and meals will be prepared alternately by participants as needed.

Location: Béruges, département de la Vienne, 12km from Poitiers

Leisure activities: Volunteers of the association, friends of Béruges, and residents will accompany you in the discovery of the rich historical and environmental heritage of the municipality and its surroundings that are teeming with ancient and trodoglytic sites. Activities and excursions will be organized according to your wants, with the help of the residents of the municipality. You'll also have the opportunity to attend local festivities, night markets, and visit large cities like La Rochelle or Poitiers, but also the amusement park Futuroscope.

Closest train station: Poitiers (86000)

Closest airports: Paris or Bordeaux

SJ43 THE DISCOVERY OF AN ABANDONNED VILLAGE 11/07-25/07 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project : Join us in the heart of the provençale Baronnies, in a stunning setting surrounded by mountains at the site of the abandoned village Saint Cyrice ! A 12th century church is all that remains of this village, and enthusiasts have taken on the job of restoring and showcasing it. Situated at the top of a hill, the view from the church is magnificent.

The principal aims of this workcamp is to upgrade the former main road of the village, to remove the original stone floor located in the square of the church, and to create a

supporting wall at the entrance of the site. These works will enhance this site which is frequented by tourists. The natural regional park of the provençale Baronnies, in partnership with the association Les Villages des Jeunes and the Pôle Randonnée de la Communauté de Communes du Sisteronais Buëch, launched an operation to raise awareness about, and highlight the technique of dry stone masonry. Elected officials and residents will be engaged in this operation by helping restoration efforts and promoting the discovery of dry stone built heritage (conferences, visits). The international workcamp is in line with these efforts, and will revolve around the continuation of work that has already been done in 2019. This work was accomplished in partnership with the association « A la belle Etoile » that assembles motivated residents to help with the restoration and upgrade of this site.

Work : Last year, this site welcomed multiple workcamps : a 2 week long international workcamp and a workcamp open to residents. These workcamps were tasked with 3 different jobs : the removal of the former village's main road, the creation of a stone wall at the entrance of the site, and the removal of the dry-stone floor located in the church's square. This first year allowed the issues related to dry-stone as well as the site to be highlighted in front of elected officials, residents, and tourists. This year, you will continue the work undertaken last year and will be supervised by a professional in dry-stone masonry. A day's work is expected to last 6 hours, and the organisation of the days will be discussed and decided on by the group of participants. The pedagogical objective is to discover a traditional construction technique whose only required materials are stones cleared from fields intended for agriculture, or those that are recovered from former buildings.

Accommodation and food : You will be living at the « Les Catoyes » campsite in tents, a dozen kilometers away from the workcamp site. A facilitating team will be present to help with the organisation of collective life during the two weeks of the camp : planning housekeeping tasks, developing menus and preparing meals alternately, organizing recreational activities and outings etc. The purchase of local products will be prioritized, and everyone will come with their own ideas, talents, and tips and tricks to help prepare meals.

Location : Etoile Saint Cyrice is located in the South of France, between the Alps and Haute Provence (40km from Sisteron). It is close to the village Orpierre, a hot-spot for rockclimbing that has many shops and that also organises festivities during the summer period.

Leisure Activities : The land of sunshine and amazing flavors, the provençale Baronnies massif is good living personified where you can enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of nature while also just lounging around ! Rich in natural heritage with agriculture adapted to the mediterranean climate within the mountains, the provençale Baronnies are known for their aromatic and medicinal plants : wild thyme, rosemary, lavender. In close proximity to Etoile Saint Cyrice, you'll be able to discover numerous sites : the Sisteron citadel, the priory of Saint André de Rosans, Saint-Genis mountain...Orpierre is also an amazing site for rockclimbing and the provençale Baronnies are full of varied hiking trails and spots where you can enjoy the surrounding rivers.

Closest train stations : Serres or Laragne-Montéglin (05700). Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence city, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles, Aix en Provence.

Closest airports : Marseille or Lyon.

village of Rosans, the geological curiosity « dinosaur eggs » etc. The Saint May canyons, located closeby, house an important colony of vultures (wild vultures, black vultures, bearded vultures, egyptian vultures) that one can observe easily while hiking a trail that offers spectacular panoramic views of the canyon and the massifs of Baronnies. To refresh yourselves, the lake of Rosans is only a ten minute walk away from the village and is a great escape for those looking to relax.

Closest train station : Serres (05700). Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence ville, Grenoble, Marseille Saint- Charles, Aix en Provence.

Closest airports : Marseille or Lyon.

SJ57 THE CANYONS OF RIOU 09/08-22/08 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project : Situated in the provençale Baronnies, the mountain of Saint Genis (part of the Garde Colombe village) is a geological formation that is emblematic of the region. The mountain is cut through with magnificent canyons that are crisscrossed by former paths that bear witness to significant activity on this massif that today is dedicated to logging. The site, situated within unspoilt nature, is an amazing place to admire the surrounding landscape and exceptional vegetation.

Several supporting walls made from dry-stone were built to open up the paths that wind along the slopes of this site. The proposed workcamp will be focused on the restoration of these supporting walls and the creation of steps, most notably on the trail leading to the former area of the castle. The regional natural park of provençale Baronnies, in partnership with the association Les Villages des Jeunes and the Pôle Randonnée de la Communauté de Communes du Sisteronais Buëch, launched an operation to raise awareness about and highlight the technique of dry stone masonry. Elected officials and residents will be engaged in this operation by helping restoration efforts and promoting the discovery of dry stone built heritage (conferences, visits). The international workcamp is in line with these efforts, and will revolve around the continuation of work that has already been done in 2019.

Work : Last year, this site welcomed multiple workcamps : a 2 week long international workcamp and another one open to residents. These workcamps were tasked with 3 different jobs : the removal of the former village's main road, the creation of a stone wall at the entrance of the site, and the removal of the dry-stone floor located in the church's square. This first year allowed the issues related to dry-stone as well as the site to be highlighted in front of elected officials, residents, and tourists. This year, you will continue the work undertaken last year and will be supervised by a professional in drystone masonry. A day's work is expected to last 6 hours, and the organisation of the days will be discussed and decided on by the group. The pedagogical objective of this workcamp is to discover a traditional construction technique that only required materials are stones cleared from fields intended for agriculture, or those that are recovered from former buildings. Theoretical, historical, and practical approaches will be shared.

Accommodation and food : You will be housed in tents on the « Les Cigales » campground on the Garde Colombe village, a dozen kilometers from the workcamp site. A facilitating team will be present to help with the organisation of collective life during the two weeks of

the camp : planning housekeeping tasks, developing menus and preparing meals alternately, organizing recreational activities and outings etc. The purchase of local products will be prioritized, and everyone will come with their own ideas, talents, and tips and tricks to help prepare meals.

Location : Garde Colombe is located in the South of France, between the Alps and Haute Provence (20 km north of Sisteron). It is located in the Buëch valley in the heart of the medium mountains. It has several shops and organizes festivities during the summer period, notably on the site of the Riou lake.

Leisure activities : The land of sunshine and amazing flavors, the provençale Baronnies massif is good living personified where you can enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of nature while also just lounging around ! Rich in natural heritage with agriculture that has adapted to the mediterranean climate within the mountains, the provençale Baronnies are known for their aromatic and medicinal plants : wild thyme, rosemary, lavender. In close proximity to Garde Colombe, you'll be able to explore numerous sites : the medieval village and the rockclimbing sites of Orpierre, the Sisteron citadelle, the Clausonne abbey... you'll also be able to take advantage of the many outdoor activities that one can practice in provençale Baronnies : hiking of all levels, rock climbing, VTT, and swimming.

Closest train stations : Serres or Laragne-Montéglin (05700). Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence city, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles, Aix en Provence.

Closest airports: Lyon or Marseille

SJ58 MYSTERY AT LA MÈRE EGLISE 10/08-30/08 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project : Come discover « La Mère-Eglise », one of the most ancient chapels of the Hautes-Alpes ! Each summer, the stones under the arches vibrate with the songs of musicians that have come far and wide for the Festival of Music in Dévoluy. Built in the Romanesque style, the church is situated on the commune of Saint Disdier in the massif of Dévoluy (Hautes-

Alpes). Classified as a historic monument in 1927, Mère-Eglise was constructed by Clusien monks. Its stone bell tower and its thatched roof is what gives the church its characteristic charm, and inside one can find magnificent frescos. Since 2017, international workcamps have gathered at this idyllic site in order to continue the upgrade and protection of the walls below the church.

Work : Do you want to learn ancient masonry techniques ? How to use ancient and ecological materials ? This year, we'll continue the work on the stone walls close to the church. These walls were without a doubt were used as a weapons room, and our aim will be conserving and protecting them. All this will be accomplished with the help of a technical supervisor who'll be there to share their knowledge. Warning, you'll be toning up your arms ! You'll spend around 30h per week working. Evenings and weekends are free for the activities that you'll choose to organise together.

Accommodation and food : Under tents on the « Les Auches » campground in Saint Etienne in Dévoluy, situated in the heart of the Dévoluy massif. On the campsite, you'll have a peaceful stay in a mountainous setting with exceptional greenery. You'll have access to amenities like sanitary facilities, a barbecue, a bocce ball court, and WIFI at times. We will