

LAST MINUTE PROJECT

PARTENZA A SETTEMBRE

MAGGIORENNI

ISLANDA

SEEDS 094 VATNAJEKULL NATIONAL PARK - SBYRGI (2:2) 1/09-08/09/2012

SEEDS volunteers will have the unique opportunity to work at the largest National Park in Europe, the Vatnajökull National Park. Volunteers will take part in a project with the Environmental agency of Iceland (Umhverfisstofnun). SEEDS Iceland has been working with the Environmental agency of Iceland (Umhverfisstofnun) since 2007 in diverse projects in the national parks and protected areas of the country. Work will include cleaning up the camping grounds after the summer season and preparing it for the fall; clearing trees from walking paths; clearing trees from riding paths; placing gravel in paths. Volunteers should be prepared for all kinds of weather. The work is physically demanding and volunteers need to be motivated to work outdoors. SEEDS volunteers will be staying in tents at the camping ground and will be provided with a tent for cooking and eating. Shower facilities are at the camping grounds. Volunteers will receive food and be in charge of the cooking and cleaning activities. Volunteers will have to bring their own warm sleeping bag. Do not forget some traditional/typical food from your home country for the international evening.

SEEDS 096 VOLUNTEERING AT THE FEET OF EYJAFJALLAJEKULL 1/09-16/09

on the feet of the mighty and famous Eyjafjallajökull, which last erupted in 2010. Our tasks will mainly be focused on improving the environment in and preparing the place for the winter.

We will assist in cleaning up the area, clearing old fences and replacing them, painting and preparing the farm for winter in various ways. Volunteers will be able to assist in regular farm work such as milking, riding and collecting hay. We will have the opportunity to live and work with an Icelandic family, participating in the diverse tasks that they are involved in, in their daily lives. This is a unique opportunity to get to know and to experience first-hand how a family in the countryside lives. The farm is big, with sheep, cows and horses, have their own produce and we will have the opportunity to work and learn about that. The working plan will be flexible and it will depend on the needs of our hosts, the advance of the diverse projects in the area and of course on the weather conditions.

In this camp volunteers will be hosted in a farmhouse, sleeping on mattresses on the floor. Volunteers will have to bring their own sleeping bag. The house is a fully equipped home, with access to a kitchen, bathroom and washing machine. We will share the different duties of cooking and cleaning. Do not forget to bring some traditional or typical food from your home country for the international evening.

The work camp is in the beautiful south lowlands of Iceland in an active Icelandic farm in south Iceland. We will be able to explore and enjoy the south Icelandic lowland, which is made out of sand and rock sediments delivered by the river Sjórsa during the last centuries. The land is covered mostly by green grass and the closeness of the ocean can be felt in the air. The Southern district is known by its geothermal activity

which helped to develop important greenhouse agriculture important in the area. Small earthquakes that can rarely be felt are very common in the area since the mid-Atlantic ridge goes across Iceland and the southern lowlands is situated between the two largest tectonic plates in the world, the Eurasian and North American plate. The south of Iceland is one of the most popular destinations for travellers as the landscape offers diverse and breathtaking nature. Rivers and waterfalls, mountains, glaciers and long beaches form a contrast and offer a wide range of experiences. In this area you will find some of Iceland's most beautiful places, like Sorsmork, Tindfjoll, Eyjafjallajokull, Skogarfoss, Seljalandsfoss (a waterfall you can walk behind) and Paradisarhellir (Paradise Cave) in addition to finding unique natural and geological heritage sites and relics of a centuries-old forest.

EXTRAS / SPECIAL REMARKS: Participation fee EUR 180 (Euros). Volunteers need to be motivated to work outdoors and be willing to take part in all the diverse projects connected with the project. The work is physical and can be demanding. Place of extreme beautiful natural surroundings with countless opportunities to hike and discover it by foot. **LANGUAGE:** English will be the language in the camp; basic conversational skills are needed.

SPAGNA

CAT19 Vilajuïga 01/09/2012 to 14/09/2012 Vilajuïga ENVI / AGRI

Catalonia has a long tradition in history regarding the wine. The workcamp aims to show the process of wine from the plant to the table.

It will also show the modus vivendi of the area through agriculture and stockbreeding, paths and dry stone houses.

Partner organization: Centre Excursionista Empordanès

Work:

Recovery of vineyards, olive trees and pastures. Cleaning paths.

Restoration of dry stone cabins. Maintenance of gardens of the town. The work will be in the mornings.

Accommodation: In a cultural and sports center

Free time activities: Chats of: dry stone construction, nature and environment.

Visit Llançà, Sant Ferran Castle, Dalí Museum.

Weekend Excursion with Kayak.

Location: Vilajuïga

Nearest airport: Girona

Special requirements: Be able to ride a bike.

REMARKS :It is an isolated place, but we'll go every day to the town and visit other nearby towns like Figueres and Castelló d'Empúries.

REPUBBLICA CECA

SDA 113 Old brewery Chric II REPUBBLICA CECA 1/09-10/09/2012

Project: The old brewery is situated in the small village of Chric. Its history dates back to the 16th century and the brewery was built two centuries later. The production of beer had to be stopped with the beginning of the Second World War. The complex has fallen into ruin since that time. But it is an inspiring area, which the NGO Propolis wants to change into a vivid place, serving as cultural and community centre. Step by step working rooms for handicapped people and an educational centre offering

courses for the public should be build up. The organization would also like to support the reactivation of traditional handcrafts. Sometimes in the future the production of beer should be restored, too!

FRANCIA

U41 La Bouzigue 2/09- 16/09/2012

The Project The La Bouzigue association aims at promoting rural lifestyle and to sensitize people to environmental issues. The farm wants to provide environmental education for all spread local information, create a meeting point, and organise gathering events about organic farming, healthy nutrition and renewable energy. The farm La Bouzigue regularly hosts children groups and international workcamps on the topics of eco practices and eco construction. Web address [http www.fermebouzigue.com](http://www.fermebouzigue.com) , [http www.tourisme midi pyrenees.com](http://www.tourisme midi pyrenees.com)

U47 Bonnelles 2/09-15/09/2012

The project : The village of Bonnelles welcomes for the 5th time an international volunteer workcamp. Nature lovers will be delighted as it is set in the natural park of the Chevreuse Valley.

Works : You will clean and clear the nature reserve. An important work to clear the undergrowth is waiting for you.

Activities : On your arrival, leaders will propose several activities; but your ideas are welcomed and everything can be discussed. So be imaginative, the workcamp is a place for having fun! We dont expect you to do activities on your own, you will live an experience in a group and things are planned within the group. Dont forget it

U42 Iles Lavezzi - Corsica 08/09/2012 - 29/09/2012 reno +18

The project : Welcome in Caesica ! for this first workcamp in the Larezzi Island ! In a beautiful natural reserve you will renovate buildings in dry stone and restore the chapel Santa Maria di Lavezzi.

Works : Restoration and/or consolidation of low walls in dry stone. Cleaning of the site and selection of stones existing in the chapel.

Activities : On your arrival the animation team will give you many idea of activities. Your own ideas are welcome and any suggestions will be nice! Be imaginative! We expect that you participate in activities. The activities are decided together with the volunteers and the animation team. You will live a life experience as a group, do not forget it!

Location : The archipelago of Lavezzi is a natural reserve and is part of the International Sea Park Corso-Sarde. The island Lavezzi is located at the extreme south of Corsica. It covers 66ha with a maximum height of 40m. The Santa Maria di Lavezzi chapel was founded by Benedictine monks around the 7th century.

Accommodation : In appartement

Nearest big town : Bonifacio

Nearest airport : Figari

Terminal : Bonifacio

SJ 70 – du 03/09 au 23/09 2012 ZONE DE TRI – CENTRE DE VAUNIERES

Vaunieres village is a national and international meeting centre, situated in the south

Alps of France (alt 1200m), in the heart of a beautiful range of mountains. Our project aims at gathering people from very different social and cultural backgrounds. Vaunières is a small mountain village open throughout the year to many different people: young people of all countries, but also schools, tourists and hikers. Faced to the increasing number of tourists of the hosting center, issues like waste management and organization of parkings are very important. You will participate in this project to create a shed of waste separation and management of a functional parking. This work camp will allow you to meet young people from all around the world, to discover the rural lifestyle, and to hike in the highlands. You will also have the opportunity to organize with other people of the work camp a folk dance and the annual celebration of the organization. This site is a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with very different people: young, international volunteers, families, tourists ...

There may be up to 70 people living all together in Vaunieres in summer. The group will include between 8 to 12 international volunteers aged 18 and over (work camps for teens between 15 and 17). You will organize your daily life with the support of two facilitators : budget management, shopping, outputs, etc.. Each people help by turn and in small groups to daily tasks (meals, dishes, camp maintenance, cleaning) with the support of the camp 's leaders: remember to bring your favourite recipes! Meals are taken together with all residents so that the international volunteers, youth groups, holiday makers can meet each other. As for the language spoken on the site, it depends on the groups, but English and French are often used on our projects.

SJ73 Discovery footpaths, Serres FRANCIA 10/09-30/09/2012

Project : The 'Syndicate for Hiking Activities' is in charge of the promotion and renovation of the paths (mountain bike, horse riding and trekking paths) in the Buch - a region of mountains located in the South Alps of France. This will be the third international volunteer project in partnership with this organization. The work will mainly consist of cutting the vegetation along the paths, painting signs to mark out the walks and doing some masonry work on difficult junctures of the path in order to make the walk safer. This project will take place in two different areas. It is a traveling project which means that the camp will move at least once during the project. Volunteers will work most of the time in the mountains and there will be plenty of time to discover beautiful views and explore wild nature. The work itself is accessible to anybody but beware that walks in the mountains will be necessary everyday to get to the work site. The volunteers can also organize sports activities, international meals with the local people and go on trips during weekends. Accommodation: in tents
Location: Serres, 30 km from Sisteron, 20 km from Veynes Terminal: Serres

CONC 227, PAYS DE FLORAC, from 07/09/2012 to 28/09/2012 – ONE FREE PLACE

PROJECT: this is the first partnership with the "Communauté de Communes du Pays de Florac" (a grouping of several villages in this area), located in the Lozère district. The area is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. There is an impressive typical farmhouse situated in the town of Bondons, in a touristic area. The house has been abandoned for many years now. The purpose of the workcamp will be to start the renovation of this building, for example by using menhirs. A part of the farm will be turned into a guest house; other parts can be used for exhibitions or as a living

place....

WORK: volunteers for this First project will have to do some cleaning up and start the installation of plumbing, water, electricity... So that next year's volunteers can be lodged in the farmhouse. They will also have to do some work outdoors.

ACCOMMODATION: you will stay in a building in a small village belonging to the municipality of Bondons, a few kilometres from the farm.

LANGUAGE: English

LOCATION: you will live in a relatively isolated area a few kilometres from Florac. You will have many opportunities to visit the area and enjoy the beautiful Lozère country side.

TERMINAL: Nîmes, then Alès train station, then by bus to Florac.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: only 1 bus per a day. So don't miss it!

SPECIAL REMARKS: this workcamp is part of the Heritage Workcamps 2012 campaign (Patrimoinito). Special workshops will be organised.

For more information have a look at <http://www.pays-florac.fr/public/>

CONC 127, BLOIS, from 12/09/2012 to 03/10/2012 – TWO FREE PLACES

(French speaking workcamp)**PROJECT:** For the third time this year, the town of Blois will welcome a group of international volunteers. Blois is a well-known cultural destination with a rich architectural heritage. For instance, there are about ten castles near the city, the most famous being Chambord, Cheverny and Blois. Several cultural events take place in July: different festivals ("Délires d'été", "Guinguettes", "Tremplin Rock"), an open-air film viewing, a fireworks display and concerts. Nature also plays an important role in local life, with the Loire Valley, which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000. This workcamp will be part of the organization of this year's youth forum which is an important local event, organised with and for the young people of Blois. The theme will be "the recognition of young people's experiences». The workcamp will be a means to highlight the different local youth initiatives. The city of Blois also wants to encourage intercultural exchanges at an international level. This project will help promote international volunteering among the local youth. The involvement the inhabitants and local organisations in its organisation is encouraged. **WORK:** The volunteers will participate in the preparations, before and during the youth forum. They will, for example, be in charge of welcoming the visitors and the performing artists during the weekend, promote the international workcamp and promote volunteer experiences among young people during the forum.**ACCOMODATION:** Collective accommodation with sanitary facilities and a kitchen. Please bring a sleeping mat and sleeping bag.**LANGUAGE:** French. **LOCATION:** With its 50,000 inhabitants, Blois is the main city in the Loir-et-Cher district in the Centre Region of France. It is situated halfway between Tours and Orléans, on the edge of the Loire River, which is the last wild European river. It has a lively town centre and a castle.**TERMINAL:** Blois train station. **SPECIAL REMARKS:** Motivation letter in French required. You will use bikes for local transportation. The workcamp takes place in an urban area. For more information, have a look at: www.blois.fr/

REPUBBLICA CECA

SDA 111 Experiential Education 16/09 – 02/10

Tre posti liberi

Project: The project is held in Osinalice, a small village in Western Bohemia situated in a beautiful countryside with the famous Machovo Lake and the Bezdez Castle. The project is organized by the association DoNitra which runs an organic farm on which experiential educational courses (art, handcraft, self-awareness) are held. The courses focus on the development of skills and abilities which lead to self-sufficiency, self-

awareness, courage and a deeper contact with the nature.

Work: The aim of the workcamp is to teach the participants how to manage and carry out your own project. There will be three construction projects proposed to the volunteers (greenhouse/multi-purpose woodshed/garden) and one programme project (garden festival). The volunteers will choose one of the construction projects to be carried out together within two weeks. They can be assisted by a professional stonemason, bricklayer or carpenter. At the final weekend, the volunteers will have the opportunity to prepare the garden festival. This event is held regularly for friends of the DoNitra association, the village of Osinalice and participants of the courses given by DoNitra. There will be also different theatre and music performances. The event starts on Saturday and ends on Sunday afternoon.

UNITED KINGDOM

UNAS11 The Sir Gar Projects 02-Sep/15-Sep

UNAS12 Sir Gar 2 16-Sep/29-Sep

UNAS13 Sir Gar 3 02-Oct/18-Oct

Work: Environmental

Volunteers: 10-12

Age: 18+

Location: Glanamau, Carmarthenshire

Meeting Point: Llanelli Train/ Bus Station

The Sir Gar Projects

Volunteers will carry out practical environmental tasks to improve access to the countryside for local people. Work might include clearing or building footpaths, constructing bridges, creating picnic areas or information points and general countryside maintenance work. Volunteers work closely with the Carmarthenshire County Council Countryside Division Rangers.

The volunteer groups will be led by a small group of MTV leaders. Volunteers will have plenty of opportunities to get involve with local community activities. Volunteers will also participate in some global activities in local schools during term time.

Carmarthenshire is a rural county with beautiful beaches and the Black Mountains in the north. There are small market towns and plenty of tourist attractions. Many local people speak Welsh as their first language and volunteers will have the chance to learn about Welsh culture.

Volunteers will get involved in community life in Glanamau and the nearby town of Ammanford. They will have the opportunity to meet youth groups and a local theatre group and to learn about Welsh life.

Volunteers will stay in dormitory accommodation at the Glanamau Youth Resource Centre.

Volunteers will sleep on bed and bedding is provided.

There are shower, toilet and laundry facilities at the Centre.

Volunteers will cook together in a large kitchen at the Centre.

Glanamau is a small village with s few shops and local pubs.

GREAT FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO...

Enjoy working outdoors;

Are fit and healthy and prepared to work hard on a project which can be quite physically demanding;

Don't mind getting muddy!

Are keen to learn about Wales and Welsh culture;

Are flexible, enthusiastic and keen to get involved in local community activities.

THE ESSENTIALS

You should bring:

Strong boots with steel toe caps;

Waterproof jackets and trousers;

Old clothes for working;

Warm clothing;

Sun protection;

Ideas for cultural exchange activities with local young people.

Volunteers will be working outside in all weather conditions. Even in the summer Welsh weather can be very cold and wet. Volunteers must be prepared for all weather conditions.

CONCUK18 OAK GROVE COLLEGE 2. 08.09.12 - 22.09.12.

Location: West Sussex, England

Requirements: CGC

Oak Grove College is a recently built 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 four 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.

Work: 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 help develop 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.

Accommodation: 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. The main meal will be provided by the school at lunchtime. The group will make their own breakfast and a light evening meal.

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 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.