

# Réseau d'Entraide Solidaire



Volunteering is an **exchange**, a **meeting**, between one person who wishes to offer his/her time, energy, views to a general interest project. It is also an intercultural ground of learning (apprenticeship), experiments and personal construction.

In le REV, Volunteering implies a personal commitment which will invites you to deep collective and personal discovery.

# LE REV: in the Cévennes



## History

Founded in **1974** in Beauvoisin in the Gard, the REV for « Réseau d'Entraide Volontaire » became a regional delegation of Solidarités Jeunesses in 1979.

The REV used to have its main activity in Gard and temporary activities in Lozère.

**Since 2020, the association is in full mutation and is in the process of settling in Lozère and have the main activity in this area.**

**The 2023 project is about implementing Workcamp and Youth Exchanges in Finiels and villages around.**

We have a big building in Lozère, at Finiels, and in the next years it will be our base camp.

The new site will include a main building where the activities will be held, one chalet to host long term volunteers. The place is surrounded by fields and forest. It's a very isolated place, the next village is 7km far away, with some first necessity shops. To find us on google maps, look for « Eagle Nest », 44.407563 ; 3.749373



**It's a demanding but rewarding project.  
If you look for a challenge  
WELCOME HOME!**



**Did You Know?**

REV in french sounds like "dream" (rêve)



# Being part of Le REV

REV's project is really diverse, in two months of volunteering you will participate to various projects and actions. The main goals of the Project are to meet one another, to create a constructive dynamic, as well to break stereotypes, and stigmas by working together and living collectively.

## Collective Life

The project of SJ delegation is based in the collective, When you decide to participate to our local project, you decide to get involved **with a team on every aspect of the daily life** (eg: Cooking, eating, cleaning, socializing, living in peace and harmony)

During this year, 2 volunteers are sharing the Volunteers House and waiting for one more. As it is a new place, the living conditions will not be ideal but one of the tasks of the long-terms is to improve the accommodation to make it a pleasant place to live. As we are located in mountains, climate can be hard.



## Working Together

This work has an educational purpose and allows the participants to learn to work together, beyond their social, cultural and linguistic differences.

You will work about 27 hours per week, the work is varied and you will get the support of the staff. During the workcamps the rhythm will be more intense you'll work more, that will be compensate by more day off when the participants came back home.

## Environnemental Involvement

The new place is located in Parc National des Cévennes, a UNESCO site. The environment is an important part of our daily life. This aspect will be taken into account at all levels: for the restoration of the building the emphasis will be on ecomaterials, in terms of restoration we favor organic and local food. The sorting of waste, the rational use of vehicles but also of water is part of our practice. Another important aspect will be the awareness of the public welcomed on the site.



# Your volunteering

Voluntary service is an exchange, a meeting between an individual that grows through the participation of a collective project and through contact of local community and different people. The volunteer offers time, energy, efforts and commitment towards local communities. Through this experience the volunteer has the opportunity for experimentation and intercultural learnings. In Solidarités Jeunesses, volunteering doesn't mean humanitarian actions. Every volunteering project is a different experience. Especially in Le REV, volunteering implies an important personal commitment. In all projects we implement cultural diversity, people are living together and working together regardless age, origin, nationality, gender, skills...

## Missions

During your volunteering you'll take part in the organisation of the workcamps that are happening this summer in our place and villages around. You'll be leading them as a full member of the team.

Your tasks will be on 4 axis:

- You'll create a group dynamics by implementing get to know each others activities. Create a group dynamics: by welcoming the participants and implementing games and activities to get to know each other. Solving conflicts during the projects.
- The projects are self-managed: You'll accompany the group to take decisions about the daily tasks, the menus (They are cooking for themselves), and the extra activities when they are not doing workcamp. You'll also have to be force of proposal.
- You'll be responsible of the budget of the project and paperwork's regarding it.
- You'll create a link with locals by organizing 3 moments of meetings by project. You can also plan some activities with locals in order to create a stronger link.

You'll participate in every tasks before and after the projects that can permit their well being.

## Accomodation

You will be accomodate in the House of REV's volunteers at Finiels.

It is possible that you'll share your room with another volunteer time to time during the projects.

You can be accomodated in others places, either in tent or in room during the workcamps.

A car will be provided and shared with the other volunteers.



# The projects happening

During the summer 2023 we are organising 6 different projects in different places.

## International Workcamp in July Let's Renovate the Former Holiday 1

International group of 12 participants  
between 18 and 30 years old.  
15 days to create an aromatic spirale !

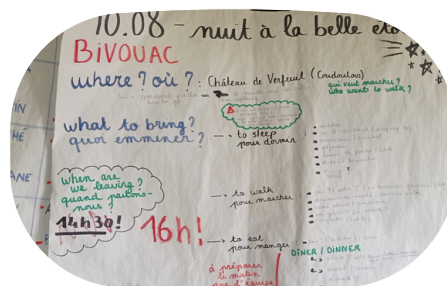


## International Workcamp in July and August Autonomy can be learned

Group of 18 participants between 14  
and 17 years old from 3 different  
countries  
16 days to create a solar dryer !

## International Workcamp in August Let's Renovate the Former Holiday 2

Group of 12 participants between 14 and 17  
years old from 3 different countries.  
15 days to create signs !



## International Workcamp in August Built Ties

Group of 18 participants between 18 and 30  
years old from 3 different countries.  
15 days to create a piece of art in fabrics !

## Youth Exchange in September Food Lab

Group of 20 participants between 18 and 30  
years old from Finland, Bulgaria, Latvia &  
France  
21 days to question the way of consuming !



## International Workcamp in September and October The Witche's Claws

International group of 12 participants  
between 18 and 30 years old.  
17 days to remove an invasive plant !

# Solidarités Jeunesses Movement

By coming to Le REV, you are not only joining a local association of general interest, but also a real national movement, presents in several regions of France: Solidarités Jeunesses. Le REV is one of its 8 delegations and represents it in Occitanie Est. You can discover it via :

## Gathering of Volunteers

During 3 to 5 days, volunteers from the different delegations meet and share their experiences.



## The Training Offer

The Solidarités Jeunesses movement's trainings allow you to deepen your understanding of different aspects that meet a multitude of needs. You can participate in training course during your volunteering.

## Inter-Delegation Exchange

During your stay, you can spend a week in another delegation of the movement. You will be able to share the daily life of other volunteers and discover a different way of working!

## ESC Seminars

At the beginning and in the middle of your journey, you will share and exchange during a week with other ESC volunteers from different organization, to exchange about your experience.

# If it was you ?

You can be sure what you'll bring  
to the project will have a real impact !

## YOU:

- ✓ are between 18 and 30 years old
- ✓ have an European Union nationality
- ✓ want to lead workcamps
- ✓ like to make proposals and take initiatives
- ✓ are able to communicate in english
- ✓ have a driving licence
- ✓ want to learn differently
- ✓ want to discover yourself and the others
- ✓ are willing to live in an isolated place
- ✓ are free this summer



Apply for 2 months of Volunteering with us!  
From July to September.