

# Réseau d'Entraide Volontaire



## BEING VOLUNTEER IN LE REV

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 invite you to deep collective and personal discovery.

# LE REV: in the Cévennes



## History

Founded in **1974** in Beauvoisin's village in the Gard, le 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.**

**In 2022, the objectives were about setting the project of installation.**

Indeed, 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 googlemaps, look for « Eagle's 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 fews 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)

For 2024, 4 volunteers will be sharing the Volunteers House, joined later on by 2 short term volunteers for the summer. 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, and 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 co-animate with others persons the workcamps.**

You will work about 35 hours per week, the task are varied and you will get the support of the staff. However, the working hours can vary according to the season. On the summer during the workcamps the rhythm will be more intense.

## Environmental 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, and in term of food, we favor organic and local. 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 in the 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 axes:

- You'll create a group dynamics by implementing get to know each others activities. You will create a group dynamics by welcoming the participants and implement games and activities to get to know each other but also by 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 a creative force.
- 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.

## Accommodation

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

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

The refurbishing of this chalet will be part of your volunteer program.

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

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



# The 2023 projects

During the summer 2023 we organised 6 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 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 !



## 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 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 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 !



## 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 !

# Socio-cultural Facilitation

REV is hosting long term volunteer, but not only. During the year, you will share your daily life with the public for one or more weeks. You will make this reception more dynamic by proposing activities : citizen debates, themed evenings, big games, etc.

## Mobility sensitization and local life

As Le REV is being installed, you will be in charge to identify young local people and promote international mobility from peer to peer. You will be also involve in developing local animation (international meals, language courses, etc).



## Hosting events

As part of the Solidarités Jeunesses movement, the REV hosts working groups, trainings, exchange workshops. Each accommodation is different and varies from year to year. You with the team will be really involved in the activities, collective organization and leisure if they take place. These moments allow us to meet other people, discover the movement and exchange ours practices.



## Hosting groups in "solidarity action"

For one or two weeks, the young people are welcomed and share in the daily life of the camp: work, meal, preparation, cleaning, discovering the area.

The group is under the responsibility of educators.

The groupes are fully included regardless of personal background, culture, gender and sexual orientation.



It allows a group of young people, accompanied by educators, to experience life and activities on site.

# Leading Workcamps

During the summer, on its site or in villages of the region, le REV organizes international workcamps and European youth Exchanges.

These are several projects (depend years) where you will co-animate the community life, in pair with another volunteer or a professional animator.

## International workcamps



For 2 to 3 weeks, a group of 12 volunteers of different nationalities meet to carry out a concrete project of general and local interest. As a co-animator, you will accompany the participants in their daily and collective life: managing a budget proposing activities, promote group dynamics and cohesion, foster the link with the project and the inhabitants of the village.

## Youth Exchanges

Between 20 and 25 young people from different countries, come to meet and get to know each other better, around a 2-3 weeks projects, with an educational aim. They organize a series of activities around a theme of common interest in various fields: the environment, the media and information for young people, the solidarity, etc.

Your role: to accompany and guide them in the organization and running of the activities!



## Facilitator training

Throughout the year, you will be prepared and made aware of the summer workcamp season via several collective times: preparation meetings, working on the permanent workcamp, collective life meetings, discovering animation tools.

A 5-day training course will also be offered, designed and run by Solidarités Jeunesses. It will give you the tools and methods necessary to lead groups.

# 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 that what you'll bring to the project will have a real impact !**

## YOU:

- ✓ are between 18 and 30 years old
- ✓ want to co-animate workcamps with different public
- ✓ like to make proposals and to take initiatives
- ✓ are able to communicate in english
- ✓ have a driving licence and feel comfortable driving on mountains roads
- ✓ are skilled or not afraid to use tools
- ✓ want to learn differently
- ✓ want to discover yourself and the others
- ✓ are willing to live in an isolated place
- ✓ are free between April and October



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From April to October.**