

# JAVVA

**International volunteering  
projects**



**Programme 2017**

JAVVA ASBL

## **JAVVA IS...**

JAVVA stands for « Jeunes Actifs dans le Volontariat et les Voyages Alternatifs » or in other words « Young People Active in Volunteering and Alternative Travels » and was founded as a non-profit organization in 2000. Since 2003, JAVVA has been recognized as a youth organization by the French-speaking government of Belgium.

### **OUR MISSION**

We aim to promote an ideal of tolerance, solidarity and peace between young people from around the world and to encourage their active participation and mobility.  
JAVVA has no political or ideological affiliation.

### **OUR APPROACH**

International camps and volunteering projects enable inter-cultural encounters as well as the discovery of others and therefore, in our opinion, represent a useful tool in the construction of peace. They contribute towards a fairer world with more solidarity and respect for differences. Even if our projects cannot be considered as humanitarian aid or emergency relief, they offer participation in another culture, and teach teamwork through participation in a development project in the heart of a local community.

### **OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES**

International Workcamps  
European Voluntary Service (EVS)  
Medium or Long term Volunteering  
JAVVA@School  
Trainings

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Dear partners,

Please, find below, our program of workcamps for 2017. We do hope to host many of your motivated volunteers this summer, and that they will have a good time in Belgium. We would like to point out some general remarks and specificities regarding our workcamps :

### **Workcamps**

This year, our workcamps will last 2-3 weeks and will take place from April to October. The number of international volunteers in the camp will vary from 8 to 14. If possible, we try to avoid having more than 2 participants of the same nationality in the camp. Usually English is the camp language, but there are some projects where notions of French are necessary (see workcamps' descriptions).

### **Conditions for participation**

Volunteers should be over 18 year old and there is no maximum age limit. There are no special skills required from volunteers. Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet the realities of local life and demonstrate flexibility, tolerance and openness to new experiences. There is no extra fee required to participate in our workcamps.

### **Four new workcamps this year !**

JAVVA16/01

JAVVA16/04

JAVVA16/05

JAVVA16/09

### **Our first MTV this year !**

JAVVAMTV17/01

**Do not miss them ...**

# INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPs 2017

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## MTV PROJECT 2017

Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	FP
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# INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS 2017

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# JAVVA17/01 – Red Cross Centre for asylum seekers – Fraipont

FRAIPONT

01/04 to 17/04

SOCI/RENO

10 vols

18+

## PARTNER :

The centre for asylum seekers in Fraipont is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. Asylum seekers come from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Balkans and other parts of the world. They left their country for different reasons such as forced marriage, war, persecution due to religion, sexual orientation or political opinion. Many of them were separated from their family, and they found themselves without any resource or shelter. The Red Cross is mandated by the government for the reception of asylum seekers, and its work in this area adheres to its principles of humanity, independence and neutrality.

The centres provide the following services :

- accommodation and food
- necessary hygienic means
- support and monitoring on the asylum procedure and social support
- medical support
- compulsory education for minors
- cultural and sports activities



The centre "Le Merisier" can host up to 305 residents.

It hosts different kind of family situations: families, childless couples but mostly isolated persons and 50 unaccompanied minors.

The infrastructure of the centre enable it to have, beside the usual accommodation facilities, some convivial areas such as a cinema, a refectory, a games library, a fitness room, a football and volley-ball field...

The center is surrounded by a wood easily accessible.

## WORK :

The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre.

Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works within the centre but also the organisation of entertainment activities for residents :

- Diverse renovation works will be carried out together with the technical team of the centre (for instance : renovation of some bedrooms, cleaning, painting, recycling workshops,...)
- Activities for the residents organized with the workers in order to understand better the way the centre works :  
Examples of activities:
  - Sport competitions (badminton, indoor football,...)
  - Cooking activity
  - Entertainment activities for adults : board games, film club,... (depending of volunteer's initiatives)
  - Support to the games library
  - After school homework help program (for children and teenagers of the centre)
  - Walk in the wood

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in the chalet of the centre. Showers and toilets will be provided.

## FOOD :

Volunteers will have their meals in the restaurant of the centre with the residents.

If you have a special diet, please let us know in advance.

## LOCATION :

Fraipont is a small village in the province of Liège, in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium. It's situated to the top of a hill. The centre, from Nessonvaux train station, is served by the train and a bus (number 31 destination Nessonvaux). The centre is at 20minutes walking from Nessonvaux train station.



## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- Volunteers are asked to prove a certain interest for the topic of migration and to be willing to interact with asylum seekers. Experience in animation will be appreciated (games, song, entertainment activities, dance...).
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.
- Volunteers will have to respect the regulations of the centre. **Alcohol is formally prohibited in the centre.**

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), by train from Brussels to Nessonvaux train station (meeting point) on 01/04. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels)* : The centre for asylum seekers in Fraipont is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre. Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works.

# JAVVA17/02 – Special Olympics Belgium

LOMMEL

19/05 TO 31/05

DISA/FEST

14 vols

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## PARTNER :

Created by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968, « Special Olympics » aim to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Today, Special Olympics is a global movement serving more than 4 million people with intellectual disabilities in 178 countries and representing 30 different types of sports.

Special Olympics Belgium was founded in 1979 and is officially recognized by the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee. It organises National Games every year (alternatively in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia) and send delegations of Belgian athletes to the Winter and Summer Special Olympics World Games. These competitions are open to any athlete with intellectual disability who regularly practise a sport at his/her own level. More than just a physical and sport training, these activities enhance the social development of the athletes.

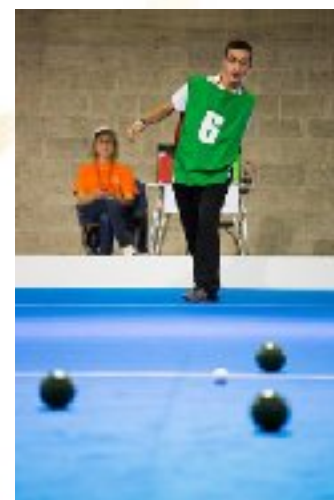
The 2017 National Games will take place in Lommel and will host about 3400 athletes and 1200 coaches from 313 sport clubs to compete in 19 adapted sports and disciplines. The programme will include a torch run, opening and closure ceremonies, an Olympic village, a healthy athletes programme and an art exhibitions from artists with mental disability.

More information (FR) on: [Special Olympics Belgium](#)

## WORK :

For this 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the Belgian National Games, volunteers will help on several aspects of the event logistics, such as assembling and dismantling of structures, building and putting up the decorations, transport and unloading of material, waste management,... Volunteers will work with several teams of the organisation before and after the Games. During the 3 days of competitions, volunteers will provide guidance to athletes for one of the disciplines of the competition: a precision ball sport, related to bowls and «pétanque» called Bocce. The Opening Ceremony as well as the Torch Run will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup> while the Games will take place from May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Physical work will be asked to volunteers so it is important to take this into account. Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like guidance of athletes, decorations, waste management,...



## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in the logistic centre of the organisation. Please bring a sleeping bag.

## FOOD :

Meals will be taken with the different teams of the organisation and will be prepared by local volunteers. Vegetarian food will be available but should be asked in advance.



## LOCATION :

The 2017 National Games will take place in Lommel, a small city, close to the Netherlands, located in the Province of Anvers, in the Dutch-Speaking part of Belgium. Lommel is well known for its white sand, to the Regionaal Toeristisch Bezoekerscentrum (Tourism Office), everything is build around sand and glass. The city is located about 100 km away from Brussels, 70 km of Antwerp and 40 km of Eindhoven. The place of the workcamp can be reached easily by public transport.



## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp requires physical efforts at some moments. Volunteers are asked to prove **a strong interest** for the thematic of this event. There will be one free day before and one free day after the competition.
- Please bring good working shoes and clothes that can get dirty as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem), Eindhoven airport, meeting point at Lommel train station on 19/05.  
Train timetables on: <http://www.belgianrail.be/en/be/main/F/>



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* For the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the Belgian Special Olympics, a competition hosting about 3400 athletes with intellectual disabilities, a workcamp will take place in the city of Lommel in order to help on several aspects of the logistics around the competition. Volunteers will also guide athletes for one of the disciplines during the National Games.

# JAVVA17/03 - Eco-centre « La CITE s'invente »

LIÈGE

04/06 TO 20/06

ENVI/RENO

10 vols

18+

## PARTNER :

“La CITE s'invente” is a non profit educational organisation for sustainable development. Its mission is to raise awareness about environmental issues and to promote sustainable ways of life.

The main objective of the organisation is to build and design an eco-centre for pedagogical purposes in the hillside (coteaux) of the Citadel of Liège. An eco-centre is a multi-purpose facility dedicated to demonstration of innovations and knowledge transfers for environment protection and sustainable development. In addition to the development of the eco-centre, the organisation is carrying out numerous activities related to environment:

- entertainment activities, particularly about compost, biodiversity, vegetable garden, eco-construction, beekeeping, deadheading of fruit trees, healthy food and (soon) permaculture with schools of the neighbourhood and adult groups.
- film production and projections
- fun, educational and ecological machines
- events related to sustainable development (festival,...)



## WORK :

The main objective of the workcamp will be to help improving the outdoor and indoor facilities of the eco-centre. Examples of tasks and activities to foresee during the workcamp :

- to finalize the outdoor kitchen area
- to prepare the construction of a future building whose aim is to host groups (the former sheepfold)
- to maintain vegetable gardens (weed, rebuild wood boxes,...)
- to carry out finishing work in the eco-centre with natural materials : sanding the terrace, painting pedagogical frames,...
- the prepare soil for planting and planting
- to dig new ponds
- to install nest boxes
- to spend one or two days in a permaculture farm in order to learn and to harvest vegetables and fruits for their meals
- to install a tepee in order to host children groups during summer time
- to make bread using the wood oven
- to pick wild plants, to take part to excursions in the area



The exact tasks to be carried out during this workcamp will depend on the progress of the works and the priorities at the time of the workcamps.

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in tents next to the eco-centre. Please bring a sleeping bag and a mattress.

## FOOD :

Volunteers will be provided with a kitchen where they will cook for themselves. Food will be local, organic and mainly vegetarian.

## LOCATION :

The eco-centre is located in the Saint-Léonard area of Liège, at the foot of the hillside of the Citadel. Liège is the biggest city of Wallonia and the third city of Belgium after Brussels and Antwerp. The hillside of the Citadel is a rural area of more than 90 hectares partly located in the historical centre of Liège, whose the half is classed as Natural Heritage of the Walloon Region. This site has more than 60 monuments recognized as Material Heritage by the Walloon Region and counts 13 km of walking trails. The eco-center is located in an area classified as a «Green zone» and as an area of landscape interest.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp is targeting volunteers who are sensitive to environmental issues with **a strong interest** for sustainable development.
- Please bring good working shoes and clothes as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.
- In order to be coherent with the project's topic, we encourage volunteers to offset the CO2-emissions related to their trip. It is possible to do it through this website for instance : <http://www.greentripper.org/en>

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Liège-Palais train station on 04/06. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* Join the workcamp at « La CITE s'invente » In the city of Liège and help this educational organisation to promote sustainable development through their eco-centre ! Volunteers will contribute to the improvement of the indoor and outdoor facilities of the eco-centre and make the place ready to host children groups during summertime.

# JAVVA17/04 – Clerheid's School, center of meeting and hosting

ÉRÉZÉE

12/06 TO 30/06

RENO/ENVI

8 vols

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## PARTNER :

Clerheid's School is recognized by the French Community of Belgium as a center of meeting and hosting which activities deals around the organization of school camps and holidays camps for kids and teenagers. Every activities take place in the frame of a one week camp.

Educational priorities of Clerheid's School :

- To encourage wonderment, peace, respect of life and what allows life.
- To stimulate solidarity learning and caring of each other.
- To give priority to self- realization and welcome every children, each youngster no matter his/her origin, philosophy, age, character.
- To encourage a good understanding of freedom
- To raise consciousness to art, responsibility and initiative.
- To be especially demanding about enthusiastic motivation of all.
- To allow the awakening of a critical mind.



More informations on <http://www.ecoledeclerheid.com>

## WORK :

You will have to help in the multiple tasks which will allow the school to organize once again incredible summer camps.

The purpose of the workcamp will mostly be about preparing, renovating and securising the wood village which hosts each year hundreds of kids. This enchanting place is the result of the work and imagination of generations of kids and leaders, and today it extends considerably (more than 20 huts over 2 hectares, a bridge, an amphitheater, a fence...).

This part of the work will include for instance these tasks :

- Reconstruction of the foundation of a wood bridge,
- Replacement of worn or damaged boards,
- Verification of roofs, walls and floors,
- Various wood work.

During the workcamp, we would like volunteers to share with us the everyday life of the school and the maintenance of the domain, especially by doing these tasks :

- To take care of the animals (a horse, two donkeys, sheeps and chickens),
- To prepare the fields and to repara the fences,
- Forest maintenance (picking up, and storage of the wood) and of the 12 hectares of field (grassland, stream)
- Construction of a dry stone wall.



Tasks are enough diverse so that there is something to suit all tastes.

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will live in a small cottage, with a kitchen, a bathroom and two bedrooms (2 x 4 beds), as well as in a dormitory with a bathroom. Bring your sleeping bag.

## FOOD :

Volunteers will either take their lunch with groups during the camps or they will cook by themselves in the kitchen at their disposal.

## LOCATION :

Clerheid's School is located in a hamlet in the province of Luxembourg, in Wallonia, the french speaking part of Belgium. The field of activity is situated between 350 and 550 meters of altitude, away from major roads on a crest of the Ardennes.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- The school is a place quite isolated, where there is a few public transport. The closest town, Marche-en-Famenne is at 30 minutes by car.
- Internet is in limited access in the office of the organisation.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.

## LANGUAGES :

The hosting team speaks French, English, Italian and a bit of Dutch but any other languages are welcomed !

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Bomal train station on 12/06. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* Join the workcamp at «Clerheid's School» in Erezée and help this educational organisation to promote human values like solidarity, respect, freedom... ! Volunteers will contribute to the improvement of the outdoor facilities to give the opportunity to the kids who come here in summer camps to have an amazing time.

# JAVVA17/05 - Jalna Natural Reserve

HEURE

01/08 TO 12/08

RENO/ENVI

10 vols

18+

## PARTNER :

The Belgian Royal League for Bird Protection is an organisation founded in 1922 that works to promote conservation and protection of birds and the wider environment. Since 1997, The League has a "Nature Centre" in Namur Province. The centre hosts families, groups of youngsters and adults, organisations or schools willing to organise nature holidays, family holidays, study weekends, or any other activity related to nature and in a pleasant and relaxing environment.

This beautiful domain of 15 ha is a natural reserve that counts not less than 559 plant species, 953 kinds of mushrooms, 203 spider species, 223 kinds of night butterflies, 50 kinds of day butterflies et 99 bird species. The centre propose different activities : guided tours of the natural reserve, theme activities (birds, animal footprints, plants, biodiversity, beavers, beehives,...), farm village tour, natural cooking (dandelion jam, nettle soup,...). The rates of the stay are very democratic and all the incomes are entirely dedicated to nature conservation.

More information (FR) on [www.protectiondesoiseaux.be/jalna/](http://www.protectiondesoiseaux.be/jalna/)

## WORK :

The aim of this workcamp is to renovate the "Nature Centre" which is surrounded by the natural reserve.

More concretely, the work will be mainly dedicated to painting and renovation work. And if time allows it, they will carry out some work in the natural reserve, like to parks and some gardens maintenance: removing the over-grown grass...

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in a dormitory within the nature centre.  
Please bring a sleeping bag.

## FOOD :

Volunteers will be provided with a kitchen and they will cook their meals themselves.

## LOCATION :

This beautiful domain is located in a village called Heure, in the hollow of the green hills of Famenne. The village is located at about 10 km from Marche-en-Famenne and about 40 km of Namur, in the French-speaking part of Belgium. The centre of the village is located at 1 km. There is very little access to public transportation and there isn't any store or bar in the area.



## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp is designed for nature lovers who are not afraid of outdoor work in an **isolated place** (no wifi).
- Please bring good working shoes and clothes as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.



## LANGUAGES :

The hosting team speaks French, English, Italian and a bit of Dutch but any other languages are welcomed !

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), train station in Marche-en-Famenne. Meeting point at Marloie train station on 01/08.

Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* The Belgian Royal League for Bird Protection is an organisation founded in 1922 that works to promote conservation and protection of birds and the wider environment. Since 1997, The aim of this workcamp is to renovate the "Nature Centre" which is surrounded by the natural reserve. This workcamp is designed for nature lovers who are not afraid of outdoor work in an **isolated place** (no wifi).

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# JAVVA17/06 - Festival Théâtres Nomades

BRUSSELS

10/08 TO 25/08

FEST

8 vols

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## PARTNER :

Since its creation in 1994, "La Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus" strives to give access to culture and - particularly theatre - to a socially disadvantaged public, less inclined to cultural activities. Democratization of culture and promotion of diversity are the guiding principles of the company's activities. These are divided in three types of projects: theatre plays creation, "Théâtres Nomades" festival and Mimouna Festival.

Every summer for the past 10 years, the Brussels Royal Park has hosted more than 60 theatre shows over 4 days for the Brussels theatre festival. The fountain and surrounding area are metamorphosed into a colourful nomad village made of marquees, caravans, Berber tents, and open-air stages.

The programme is diversified through various shows for children, a circus, street theatre, classical theatre, puppet shows, as well as creative workshops on the stage of the Royal theatre of Brussels.



More information (FR) on : [www.theatresnomades.be](http://www.theatresnomades.be) or [www.lesnouveauxdisparus.com](http://www.lesnouveauxdisparus.com)

## WORK :

Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics, such as meals preparation for the entire team of the festival, assembling and dismantling of tents, building and putting up the decorations, stage-managing, transport and unloading of material, installation of the "village of organisations", waste and composting toilet management,...Volunteers will work with all people working on the festival (technicians, stage managers, facilitators, organizers, cooks...). Volunteers who have sufficient knowledge of French will have the opportunity to take part in promotion activities together with artists in Brussels metro before the festival. Volunteers will also be integrated in the different teams during the festival (tickets, bar, catering, stage-managing,...) which will take place from August 17<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Heavy physical work** will be asked to volunteers so it is important to take this into account. Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like meal preparation, waste management,... Depending of the programme schedule, volunteers may also have the possibility to actively take part in entertainment activities of the festival.

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in caravans on the site of the festival. The living conditions are very rudimentary close to conditions of a "scout camp". Volunteers will use dry toilet placed in the park and will have to maintain it. Volunteers will have to respect the time constraint regarding the showers. Please bring your sleeping bag, sheets and toiletries.

## FOOD :

Meals will be taken with the diverse teams of the festival and will be prepared by the volunteers together with the kitchen team of the festival. Sandwiches will be prepared for lunch and a warm meal for dinner. Vegetarian and halal food will be available.



## LOCATION :

Volunteers will be in the centre of Brussels, the capital of Belgium, at two steps of the Royal Palace. The site is easily reachable by public transport.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp requires **hard physical efforts** at some moments and a active participation and involvement of volunteers during 2 weeks, due to the deadlines set for the good progress of the festival. Volunteers are asked to prove a strong interest for the thematic of the festival. There will be only 3 free days during the workcamp : one day before, one day during and one day after the festival.

- Please bring good working shoes and clothes that can get dirty as well as a raincoat in case of rainy weather. If you have a music instrument or juggling material, feel free to bring it !

- A **certain knowledge of French is preferable** in order to be able to join the promotion activities and to be integrated in some teams during the festival.

- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.

## LANGUAGES :

The hosting team speaks French, English, Italian and a bit of Dutch but any other languages are welcomed !

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), train station in Brussels Central – Bruxelles Central. The meeting point will be in Brussels on 10/08. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* Join the workcamp at the Festival «Théâtres Nomades» and discover the inside of this unique theatre festival in the heart of Europe! Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics at all the stages of the festival organisation.

# JAVVA17/07– Arthur Regniers Centre

BIENNE

16/08 TO 01/09

DISA

9 vols

18

## **PARTNER :**

The Centre "Arthur Regniers" hosts people suffering from cerebral palsy or from other motor disabilities. The aims of this Medical Teaching Institute is to provide educational support, health care, and well-being to the teenagers and adults of the centre and also lend support to their families. The centre provides a open-space, various activities, and technical support in order to promote the social, professional and cultural autonomy of the residents.

## **WORK :**

Volunteers will be asked to give support to the residents of the centre for some basic needs (such as helping with the meals,...) and to participate in the organization of artistic and cultural activities, discussion groups, various workshops and excursions together with the centre's staff. These activities will take place on the site of Bienne but also on another site (Thuin).

Volunteers will have the possibility to work with the teenagers and/or with the adults of the centre. The schedules will be flexible and will be adapted during the following weeks according to the centre's needs and the volunteers' proposals. They will also have the opportunity to suggest their own activities (such as games, music, recipes,... related to their native country).



## **ACCOMMODATION :**

In a common room (dorm) that will be fitted out within the centre.

## **FOOD :**

Meals will be taken in the centre's refectory and will be prepared by the cooks of the centre. Volunteers will help the residents during meals. Picnics can be prepared and taken away during excursions or activities during weekends.

## **LOCATION :**

Bienne-lez-Happart is a very small town near Binche and Charleroi. The centre itself is very isolated in the countryside but bicycles, a car, and train tickets will be available\*. These means of transportation can be used in the evenings or during the weekends to discover the region and visit other places in Belgium.

\*Please bring your bicycle helmet and your driver's license, if possible.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp is destined for volunteers who have **a strong motivation for the topic**. The Centre is very isolated, and the work can be emotionally challenging.

- A basic knowledge of French is useful, as activities will be conducted with residents who do not speak a word of English. Nevertheless, motivation remains the most important criteria in order to participate in this workcamp.

- Volunteers are invited to prepare a game, bring a presentation, music or some traditional meals related to their country of origin.

- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.



## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Binche train station on 16/08. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* The Centre "Arthur Regniers" hosts people suffering from cerebral palsy or from other motor disabilities aiming to provide educational support, health care, and well-being to the residents of the centre. Volunteers will give support to the residents for some basic needs (such as helping with the meals,...) and join the organization of artistic and cultural activities, discussion groups, various workshops and excursions together with the centre's staff.

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# JAVVA17/08 – Marsinne Folk Festival

HERON

05/09 TO 15/09

FEST

10 vols

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## PARTNER :

The only one of its kind in Wallonia, the Marsinne Folk Festival is organized by the non-profit organisation «Musiques et Traditions» since 1992. This three-day long Folk Festival features balls, concerts, dancing workshops, a free stage, sessions, street and puppet theatre, as well as a market for instrument makers and craftsmen.

Whether you are an experienced dancer, an enthusiastic music lover or a one day passer-by, this is the place to be if you want to indulge in traditional music in a peaceful and easily accessible setting. Expect to find a friendly and family-oriented festival with a unique atmosphere and set in a spectacular location. When it is not on one of the three stages, musicians play spontaneously together, in the middle of the public or in the craft market.



The lovely surroundings of the Marsinne castle-farm offer a unique atmosphere to the festival. We invite you to discover and enjoy what the oldest festival of traditional music Wallonia has to offer!

More information on Marsinne Folk Festival

## WORK :

Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics, such as meals preparation for the entire team of the festival, assembling and dismantling of tents and structures, building and putting up the decorations, stage-managing, transport and unloading of material, installation of the market area, waste management,... Volunteers will work with all people working on the festival (technicians, stage managers, facilitators, organizers, cooks...).

**Hard physical work** will be asked to volunteers so it is important to take this into account. Volunteers will also have lighter tasks like meal preparation, waste management, decorations,...

The festival will take place from September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>st</sup> 2016.

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in tents during the workcamp. The living conditions are rudimentary close to conditions of a "scout camp". Please bring your sleeping bag, mattress and toiletries. Nights can be very cold in Belgium.

## FOOD :

Before and after the festival, meals will be taken with the diverse teams of the festival. Sandwiches will be prepared for lunch and a warm meal for dinner. During the festival, volunteers will receive meal tickets to get warm meals from the caterer of the site.



## LOCATION :

The castle-farm of Marsinne, built in the XII century, is located in the old village of Couthuin (Commune of Héron), in the Province of Liège in Wallonia in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium. The site of the festival is about 10km away from the city of Huy and 40km away from the city of Liège. The castle-farm hosts also a brewery that produce a craft beer: the «Léopold 7».

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- This workcamp requires **hard physical efforts** at some moments and an active participation and involvement of volunteers during the workcamp, due to the deadlines set for the good progress of the festival. Volunteers are asked to prove a strong interest for the thematic of the festival. There will be 3 free days during the workcamp: two days during and one day after the festival.
- It is also important to take into account the fact that the organisation of a festival might be subject to last minutes changes or unforeseen events (for example: the truck to unload doesn't show up at the predicted time, a technical issue will delay the assembly of a stage,...). We are therefore expecting volunteers to be flexible and understanding in this kind of situation.
- Please bring good working shoes, gloves, clothes that can get dirty and a raincoat in case of rainy weather (+ sleeping bag & mattress). If you have a music instrument or juggling material, feel free to bring it !
- One or two evening will be organize to initiate volunteers to folk dances.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Huy train station on 05/09. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* Join the workcamp at the Folk Festival of Marsinne and discover the inside of this oldest festival of traditional music of Wallonia, in the country-side of Belgium ! Volunteers will help on several aspects of the festival logistics at all the stages of the festival organisation.

# JAVVA17/09 – Red Cross Centre for asylum seekers – Tournai

TOURNAI

18/09 TO 01/10

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## PARTNER :

The centre for asylum seekers in Tournai is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. Asylum seekers come from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and other parts of the world. They left their country for different reasons such as forced marriage, war, persecution due to religion, sexual orientation or political opinion. Many of them were separated from their family, and they found themselves without any resource or shelter. The Red Cross is mandated by the government for the reception of asylum seekers, and its work in this area adheres to its principles of humanity, independence and neutrality.

The centres provide the following services :

- accommodation and food
- necessary hygienic means
- support and monitoring on the asylum procedure and social support
- medical support
- compulsory education for minors
- cultural and sports activities



The centre of Tournai can host up to 450 residents. The centre hosts different kind of family situations: families, childless couples but mostly isolated persons.

The infrastructure of the centre enable it to have, beside the usual accommodation facilities, some convivial areas such as a refectory, a library, TV lounges, a games library, a sports hall,...

## WORK :

The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre.

Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works within the centre but also the organisation of entertainment activities:

- Diverse renovation works will be carried out together with the technical team of the centre (for instance: renovation of some bedrooms, cleaning, painting, recycling workshops,...)
- Activities for the residents organized with the workers in order to understand better the way the centre works:

Examples of activities:

- Sport competitions (badminton, indoor football,...)
- Cooking activity
- Entertainment activities for adults: board games, film club,... (depending of volunteers' initiatives)
- Support to the games library
- After school homework help program (for children and teenagers of the centre)

## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in a room within the centre changed in a bedroom. Showers and toilets will be provided.

## FOOD :

Volunteers will have their meals in the restaurant of the centre with the residents.

If you have a special diet, please let us know in advance.

## LOCATION :

The center is located at the border of the town of Tournai, in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium. The town is about 20 minutes away by car from France border and 1 hour by train to Brussels. Easy access by public transport, Tournai is a dynamic town full of activities and historical places.



## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- Volunteers are asked to prove **a certain interest** for the topic of migration and to be willing to interact with asylum seekers. Experience in animation (games, song, entertainment activities, dance...) will be appreciated.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.
- Volunteers will have to respect the regulations of the centre. **Alcohol is formally prohibited in the centre.**

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Tournai train station on 18/09. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* The centre for asylum seekers in Tournai is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre. Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works.

# JAVVA17/10 - Red Cross Centre for asylum seekers - Nonceveux

NONCEVEUX

22/09 TO 09/10

SOCI/RENO

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## PARTNER :

The centre for asylum seekers in Nonceveux is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. Asylum seekers come from Palestine, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and other parts of the world. They left their country for different reasons such as forced marriage, war, persecution due to religion, sexual orientation or political opinion. Many of them were separated from their family, and they found themselves without any resource or shelter. The Red Cross is mandated by the government for the reception of asylum seekers, and its work in this area adheres to its principles of humanity, independence and neutrality.

The centres provide the following services :

- accommodation and food
- necessary hygienic means
- support and monitoring on the asylum procedure and social support
- medical support
- compulsory education for minors
- cultural and sports activities



The centre "L'Amblève" - derived from the river along the centre - can host up to 218 residents. The centre hosts different kind of family situations: families, childless couples but mostly isolated persons and 33 unaccompanied minors.

The infrastructure of the centre enable it to have, beside the usual accommodation facilities, some convivial areas such as a refectory, a library, TV lounges, a games library, a sports hall,...

## WORK :

The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre.

Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works within the centre but also the organisation of entertainment activities:

- Diverse renovation works will be carried out together with the technical team of the centre (for instance: renovation of some bedrooms, cleaning, painting, recycling workshops,...)
- Activities for the residents organized with the workers in order to understand better the way the centre works:

Examples of activities:

- Sport competitions (badminton, indoor football,...)
- Cooking activity
- Entertainment activities for adults: board games, film club,... (depending of volunteers' initiatives)
- Support to the games library
- After school homework help program (for children and teenagers of the centre)
- Walk in the wood



## ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will sleep in the available bedrooms within the centre. Showers and toilets will be provided.



## FOOD :

Volunteers will have their meals in the restaurant of the centre with the residents.

If you have a special diet, please let us know in advance.



## LOCATION :

Nonceveux is a small village in the province of Liège, in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium. The village is about 30 minutes away from the city of Liège. The centre is located along a river, "l'Amblève", and is surrounded by green hills. The centre is very isolated and there is very little access to public transportation.

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- Volunteers are asked to prove a certain interest for the topic of migration and to be willing to interact with asylum seekers. Experience in animation (games, song, entertainment activities, dance...) will be appreciated.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.
- Volunteers will have to respect the regulations of the centre. **Alcohol is formally prohibited in the centre.**
- The RedCross Trail for which the volunteers involvement is required will take place a saturday. Free days will be moved during the weeeek.

## LANGUAGES :

The language of the workcamp is English. Basics of French are useful but not necessary.

## TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Aywaille train station on 22/09. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



## SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* The centre for asylum seekers in Nonceveux is one of the 24 reception centres managed by the Red Cross in Belgium. The aim of this workcamp is not only to raise volunteers' awareness about migration issues and enable them to have a personal approach to this topic, but also to bring a breath of fresh air to the residents of the centre. Volunteers will take part in the community life of the centre and their tasks will mainly consist of some renovation works.

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# JAVVAMTV17/01 - Clerheid's School, center of meeting and hosting

ÉRÉZÉE

05/05 TO 30/07

KIDS/ENVI

3 vols

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## PARTNER :

Clerheid's School is recognized by the French Community of Belgium as a center of meeting and hosting which activities deals around the organization of school camps and holidays camps for kids and teenagers. Every activities take place in the frame of a one week camp.

Educational priorities of Clerheid's School :

- To encourage wonderment, peace, respect of life and what allows life.
- To stimulate solidarity learning and caring of each other.
- To give priority to self- realization and welcome every children, each youngster no matter his/her origin, philosophy, age, character.
- To encourage a good understanding of freedom
- To raise consciousness to art, responsibility and initiative.
- To be especially demanding about enthusiastic motivation of all.
- To allow the awakening of a critical mind.



More informations on <http://www.ecoledeclerheid.com/>

## WORK :

You will have to help in the different tasks during the summer camps and to meet kids from different age and background.

The goal of this volunteering experience is mainly to work with the animation team of Clerheid's School. This means to help the team during the school camps and holiday camps by preparing activities and leading them with the team day by day. They organize several kind of camps and school camps (circus, philosophy and nature, campsites in caravan...) for children from 4 to 13 years old.

It will be asked to the volunteers to lead games, to participate to night watches and to help the animation team to offer a serenity framework to children. Musicians, singers, dancers, acrobats, ventriloquists and others artists are warmly welcome !

During the project, we would like volunteers to share with the team the everyday life of the school and the maintenance of the domain, especially by doing these tasks :

- To take care of the animals (a horse, two donkeys, sheeps and chickens),
- To prepare the fields and to repair the fences,
- Forest maintenance (picking up, storage of the wood) and of the 12 hectares of field (grassland, stream)
- Construction of a dry stone wall.

During the month of June, the School will host an international workcamp during three weeks, in order to prepare their summer camps. You will be working with volunteers of the workcamp in order to renovate and secure the wood village which hosts every year hundreds of kids. This enchanting place is the result of the work and imagination of generations of kids and leaders, and today it is extending considerably (more than 20 huts over 2 hectares, a bridge, an amphitheater, a fence...).

This aspect of the workcamp will include for instance these tasks :

- Reconstruction of the foundation of a wood bridge,
- Replacement of worn or damaged boards,
- Verification of roofs, walls and floors,
- Various wood work.



Tasks are enough diverse so that there is something to suit all tastes.

### ACCOMMODATION :

Volunteers will live in a small cottage, with a kitchen, a bathroom and two bedrooms (2 x 4 beds), as well as in a dormitory with a bathroom. Bring your sleeping bag.

### FOOD :

Volunteers will either take their lunch with groups during the camps or they will cook by themselves in the kitchen at their disposal.

### LOCATION :

Clerheid's School is located in a hamlet in the province of Luxembourg, in Wallonia, the french speaking part of Belgium. The field of activity is situated between 350 and 550 meters of altitude, away from major roads on a crest of the Ardennes.

### SPECIFIC INFORMATION :

- The school is a place quite isolated, where there is a few public transport. The closest town, Marche-en-Famenne is at 30 minutes by car.
- Internet and a phone are limited access in the office of the organisation.
- A **project-related motivation letter** is required.

### LANGUAGES :

The hosting team speaks French, English, Italian and a bit of Dutch but any other languages are welcomed !

### TERMINAL :

Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) or Brussels South Airport (Charleroi), meeting point at Bomal train station on 12/06. Train timetables on [www.b-rail.be/main/F/](http://www.b-rail.be/main/F/)



### SUMMARY OF THE WORKCAMP :

*(This description can be used for promotion of the project by the sending partners on their social media channels):* Join the workcamp at «Clerheid's School» in Erezée and help this educational organisation to promote human values like solidarity, respect, freedom... ! Volunteers will contribute to the improvement of the outdoor facilities to give the opportunity to the kids who come here in summer camps to have an amazing time.

Looking forward to welcoming  
your motivated volunteers !

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