

« WATER'S RHYTHM »

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

European Youth Exchange
From November 12th to December 3rd 2018
South Alps, France



CONTEXT

Since 2010 the hosting center of Vaunières is organizing and hosting a youth exchange linked to happenings in the hamlet, always digging on sensitive topics and using music as the main tool. On this year we'd like to propose to work around a new happening on autumn, an event to welcome the new international volunteers and the snowing season.

This event creates a perfect context to exchange and create around topics like peace and environmental fear development using music as a main tool.

We would like to celebrate European culture on which the whole venue is based by means of artistic expression (Music, singing, theatre...) It's a real opportunity to co-build peace, to encourage dialogue between people, mutual understanding by promoting «living together and doing together».

This idea of the Exchange was born at Vaunières, a very international place: all year through, European and international volunteers live there together with people from very different social backgrounds. The entire village has been built by French, European and International youths since 1970, so there is a huge story of cultural diversity.

The Hamlet is in the middle of the nature dependent on the resources of the mountain. The water that we drink comes directly from natural sources. The limited resources are a really sensitive topic. During this Youth Exchange, we're going to create musical tools to rise awareness around the water issue in the Village.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT

1) Build an European citizenship using music

- Discussions and exchanges about different art forms depending on the culture and background of the participants. We will also exchange on how the personal migration and new technology influences the mixity of arts.
- Documentation about the place and Interview/Meeting with people to catch intercultural aspect of the village and the joining groups.
- Awareness about responsible consumption and sustainable development.
- Fight against racism and xenophobia, promote understanding between people, deconstruct stereotypes...
- To reach those goals, we will use different outreach and non formal education methods: picture language, role play, writing workshops, debates, etc.

2) Creation

- Collective creation of a short performance - around the water topic to aware the water issue on the Village - shown at the happening the 1 st December
- We could also realize other productions around the main topic (music, performances, dances, etc.) to illustrate the need of going to an sustainable development.
- Promotion of the event (distributing flyers, writing articles, taking pictures)
- Assist in the decoration and set up of representation.

VENUE

Vaunières (6 km from the village of St Julien en Beauchêne, 40 km from the city of Gap).

In the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association "Les Villages des Jeunes" has been managing, livening up and renovating the reception centre of Vaunières since 1964. It is an old mountain hamlet, now a 'springboard' place for youth and adults experiencing family, health or professional difficulties, and who need to take some time to recharge, acquire new skills and reflect on their plans. Vaunières is also a place where families, tourists and people with disabilities come on holiday to enjoy the calm of the mountains and the dynamics of the place. The workcamps that we organise at Vaunières with volunteers from all over the world allow us to strengthen the cultural diversity of our activities and to make this site open to the world, a place where people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet by working together and sharing collective life. We hope that you also, a volunteer from France or abroad, will come in this spirit of encounter and working together which brings our project to life.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will sleep in a warm building named "L'hôtelierie" in shared bedrooms having access to all the facilities of the center (dining room, kitchen, showers and toilets). Daily tasks (meals, cleaning etc) are shared by all volunteers.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Accommodation costs covered + partial travel reimbursement according to the E+ distance calculator and grant awarded (see in the program guide). As soon as the project is approved, you will receive more detailed information and will be asked to nominate participants.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants should be aged 18 to 30. There is no age limit for group leaders. No specific skills are required to take part in this project, just a strong motivation to experience a multicultural collective life. Participants having experience in this field and willing to share their knowledge are welcome! Bring your music instruments and songs with you if you got some.

ADVANCE PLANNING VISIT

An advance planning visit for this project will be proposed to our partners in May or June to exchange about the project and collaborate together.



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