



**VIR'VOLT
SJ - ILE DE FRANCE**

The goal of Vir'Volt association is to boost the dynamic of international workcamps for young volunteers in urban and rural areas of the Ile-de-France region. Vir'Volt wants to mix international participants, youngsters in social exclusion, and local inhabitants. Living together in harmony, where each individual can find his place in the group, no matter where he comes from or where he is going, is the motto.



**CENTRE DE BEAUMOTTE
SJ - FRANCHE-COMTE**

The Beaumotte Center association was created in 1979 on the site of an old factory on the banks of the «Onion» river. It is located in the village of Beaumotte-Aubertans, a village of 391 inhabitants. The nearest towns are Vesoul (25 Km) and Besançon (30 Km). The association provides a place of respite for those in difficulty, and a training ground for people to develop and test their own abilities. The presence of international volunteers guarantees openness, tolerance of differences, and active solidarity.



**RESEAU D'ENTRAIDE
VOLONTAIRE - SJ
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON**

Founded in 1974 by a small group of locals, the REV became the Languedoc-Roussillon regional delegation of Solidarités Jeunesses national movement in 1979. The delegation is based out of two houses located in the centre of the village of Beauvoisin. The smallest house is a permanent home of volunteers, and contains two offices: this is where life takes place in this community of discovery and exchange of traditions, habits, moods, and dreams. Since April 2011, the REV has hosted small groups, a practice that we want to develop in order to facilitate the exchange between people from different cultures, generations, and social backgrounds.



**LE CRÉNEAU SJ
AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES**

The castle of Prureaux is a welcoming place that provides opportunities for everyone to participate in projects and learn how to live and work together in spite of linguistic, socio-cultural or socio-economic differences, and prejudices existing in society. This is an opportunity for people from near and far to share the experience of collective living.

The diversity of the inhabitants of the castle is culturally enriching and teaches people how to live together, to exchange their customs and traditions, and to live in respect and tolerance.



LA MAISON DES BATELEURS SJ POITOU-CHARENTES

La Maison des Bateleurs, which opened 16 years ago in Montendre, organizes around 15 international workcamps in the region and several other international activities all year long, to ensure multicultural and inter-generational exchanges and active solidarity.

In “La Maison des Bateleurs”, you can find long term volunteers, permanent workers, and groups of young people who come to enjoy the nice environment of the Charente-Maritime region.



LES VILLAGES DES JEUNES SJ PROVENCE- ALPES-CÔTE-D’AZUR

Les Villages des Jeunes works towards social integration and participation of all. Its objective is to allow people from different social and cultural situations to work together to complete projects beneficial to the community. The association runs two international hosting centres near the Alps: the Faï farm with its “singing mountains” and the hamlet of Vaunières, an isolated hamlet at an altitude of 1200 meters.



CITRUS SJ MIDI-PYRÉNÉES

In 2002, Citrus was established in Toulouse, under the initiative of a group of young volunteers driven by the desire to develop volunteer projects in the Midi-Pyrenées region. In 2012 it moved to Laguépie, a small village 1 hour north-east of Toulouse. The association’s various activities bring people to mingle, work, and live together. «Working together» is based on the philosophy that unites long term volunteers, employees in integration projects, permanent staff, and volunteers on international projects.



SEM&VOL SJ AQUITAINE

Since 2013, Dordogne has held international projects of arts and culture. Following a very positive hosting experience by the local population, a branch of Solidarités Jeunes was created in Aquitaine in 2015 and then became a regional delegation in 2016. During summer, international workcamps about heritage and environment are organized. The goals of this new organization are : developing workcamps and international exchanges, creating a network of local partners, encouraging mobility and youth commitment, and developing artistic and cultural projects in this area.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an exchange, an encounter, facilitated by someone who wants to offer his or her time, energy, and fresh perspective to a general interest project. Volunteering is also a welcoming community that offers a valuable opportunity for the volunteer to learn, to experiment, and to undergo personal development. Being a volunteer is not merely an activity, but a multi-faceted process brought about by our partner associations before, during, and after the volunteer project is completed. At SJ, volunteering does not mean humanitarian aid, because we do not deal with emergency situations, but rather an intercultural exchange and apprenticeship carried out through meaningful initiatives for local communities. Voluntary service exists almost everywhere in the world and it is a commitment that varies across different countries, cultures, and types of projects.

Volunteering brings together diverse communities and separate entities, local associations, men, women, youths, and local authorities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Group Life

Most of our volunteering bring together between 5 and 10 volunteers of around 5 different nationalities and with an average age of 20.

The team is responsible for cooking and cleaning, so volunteers are asked to bring their favourite traditional recipes!

Qualifications

We do not ask that volunteers have any particular qualifications, but they must be motivated to help and open to experiencing life as a volunteer in a rural area along with people from diverse backgrounds. A basic knowledge of English and French is helpful. Liking manual labor is a plus

Languages

The language used by the group will be dependent on the group itself and on the capacities of each volunteer, but English and French are the most common languages of our projects.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be hosted in shared rooms, and they will all have access to bathroom, living & dining room, etc.