

# SJ/ESCO4

## A GARDEN TO READ

20/04 - 04/05

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### PROJECT

VirVolt stands for International Volunteers Village. For two years, the association has been settled in the heart of nature, in the middle of a regional park. Welcoming young people from all over the world, getting to know each other and enriching ourselves through our differences; reflecting and acting together for environmental protection; having a positive impact on the places and the people living around the site or simply passing through...

This is the project of this future village, which is built every year thanks to the young people who come to contribute, placing solidarity at the centre of their actions. Living in yurts, tipis, and caravans, with a permaculture garden, water-saving methods, waste reduction, and recycling— this little village that is destined to grow respects its natural surroundings and experiments with eco-responsible practices. Participating in this project means contributing to the evolution of a unique and original place; it means taking an active part in the construction of new solidarity-based spaces and ecological initiatives; it means engaging for the benefit of a society that is more respectful of humans and nature.

### WORK

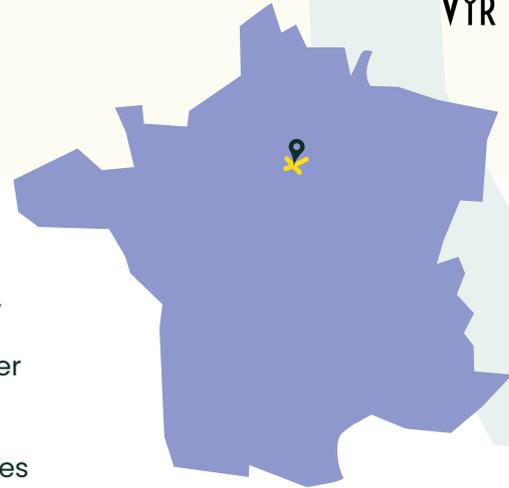
During this workcamp, you will participate in the creation of a new reading space in the garden of the Ballancourt media library. The Ballancourt media library has a small piece of abandoned garden covered in brambles. During this project, you will transform this space into a new reading area intended for the village children. You will build wooden benches and tables, as well as decorative elements, so that residents and children can read in a pleasant, friendly, and ecological environment.

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

In single-gender collective tents (yurts, tipis, Canadian tents) at the host site; please bring a sleeping bag. The accommodation site has single-gender toilets and showers, as well as a space with a kitchen. Food is provided, and meals are prepared by the volunteers in turns.

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES

You can enjoy animations on the association's site, as well as discover the cultural and natural heritage of the Gatinais Park. You will participate in organizing activities with local youth. Leisure activities will be organized collectively according to the possibilities and the available budget.



**Location:** La Ferté Alais is approximately 50km south of Paris, in the Essonne region

**Closest train station:** La Ferté Alais RER station

**Closest airports:** Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais

**Time and directions to the meeting point:** Association Vir'volt, Camping de la Sablière. Arrival between 2pm and 6pm.



# SJESCO5 ON THE ROMAN BRIDGE

22/04 - 05/05

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## PROJECT

Would you like to take part in the restoring of the Roman Bridge (Pont Vert) in Molières-Puycornet, formerly a crossing point on the royal road between Paris and Toulouse?

Then take the road yourself and come help restore beauty to this structure, which needs your motivation.

You will also discover CITRUS's values and ways of working as a popular education association that promotes living together, sharing, and diversity. A true little haven of peace.

Accompanied by our supervisory team, you will live in the heart of the two municipalities, sharing daily life with our international volunteers on site and the residents of Molières and Puycornet.

## WORK

Immerse yourself in the municipalities of Molières and Puycornet by taking part in a workcamp dedicated to enhancing the Pont du Vert, a 12th-century bridge that is now partially collapsed and overgrown with vegetation.

Working in small groups under the guidance of the municipality's technical supervisors, you will restore both the upper part and the façades of the structure by reinforcing it and removing invasive plants (grasses, brambles and shrubs) that weaken it.

As the work takes place on a centuries-old monument requiring agility and caution, we are looking for serious participants. All safety measures will be ensured by the municipal teams, although some areas of the bridge are elevated (up to 4 m).

Alongside the restoration work, participants will work in pairs on a rotating basis to manage the camp kitchen, preparing balanced, seasonal meals for the whole group.

This workcamp offers a unique opportunity to meet young people from across Europe and the world, share cultures and enjoy life together, while immersing yourself in local heritage by joining Citrus on the Royal Road.

## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

You will be accommodated in bungalows at the municipal campsite of Molières, which is very close to the worksite. Mattresses and pillows will be provided; you only need to bring your own sleeping bag.

As with all Citrus workcamps, cooking is an integral part of the experience. It is an essential social moment that fosters collective living and enables you to develop skills beyond those required at the worksite. Special attention will be given to seasonal and local produce. Please note that meat will not be served every day; we plan two meat-based meals per week. Specific dietary requirements can be discussed with the group leaders.

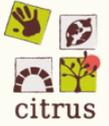
## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

On the edge of the Tarn-et-Garonne region, you will enjoy a variety of leisure activities: visits to medieval villages, hiking, etc.

Some of these activities will give you the chance to meet local residents and share this experience with them.

In the evenings and at weekends, let your imagination run wild and organize gatherings with large games, a folk dance, or musical moments.

Finally, what could be better than organizing a large international meal open to everyone, to share the culinary specialties of your country with the local residents and passing visitors?



**Location :** Molières, a municipality in the department of Tarn-et-Garonne, located 17 km from Caussade and 80 km from Toulouse.

**Closest train station:** Caussade station (82000).

**Closest airports:** Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport.

**Time and directions to the meeting point:** The group leaders will pick you up from Caussade station (82000).



# SJ/ESC06

## THE SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN

14/05 – 29-05

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REBUILD



### PROJECT

Sustainable development, particularly permaculture, is a theme deeply rooted in the values of the association and runs transversally through all our actions. For this reason, Maison des Bateleurs – Solidarités Jeunesses has been developing an environmental hub for several years, including a phytosanitary pond, dry toilets, composting facilities, an organic garden, and the use of surrounding natural resources.



### WORK

During this workcamp, you will actively take part in the daily life of the Maison and its various activities: collective living (cooking, cleaning, organization, etc.), intercultural exchanges (meeting local residents and association volunteers), and more.

The objective of this workcamp is to raise awareness and build knowledge about sustainable development through exchanges and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

The work will mainly consist of maintaining and developing the Maison's spring vegetable garden (sowing, transplanting, hoeing, watering, harvesting, processing), as well as preparing the soil for seasonal planting.

You will also take part in the maintenance of compost bins, the phytosanitary pond, the chicken coop, the insect hotel, bat nesting boxes, and the bamboo grove.

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Collective accommodation in dormitories and/or individual rooms at Maison des Bateleurs. Food is provided, and meals will be prepared in turn by the participants, while respecting sustainable development values and everyone's cultural backgrounds (with host families and international volunteers present).

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES

At the crossroads of several charming villages in southern Saintonge, you will be able to fully enjoy the local heritage. Outside workcamp hours, various cultural activities and local discoveries will be offered: markets, visits to local producers, and tastings of local products. Trips to Bordeaux, La Rochelle or Angoulême, as well as a day at the ocean, may be organized. Cognac and Saint-Émilion, emblematic towns of the French wine-growing region, are also nearby.

**Location:** Montendre, Charente-Maritime, 75 km from Bordeaux

**Closest train station:** Montendre (17130).

**Closest airports:** Bordeaux-Mérignac, France

**Time and directions to the meeting point:** We will meet you at the association's site, Maison des Bateleurs, May 14, 2026 from 10am

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# SJ/ESC10

# A GREENHOUSE DOME FOR THE CÉVENNES' GARDEN

10/06- 24/06

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## PROJECT

The project will take place at the permanent REV site, a former summer camp situated at an altitude of 1,200 meters. The building is situated at the foot of Mont Lozère in the heart of the Cévennes National Park. The REV association moved there in spring 2022 and wants to turn it into a place to welcome visitors, exchange ideas, and meet new people. To keep improving the garden started in 2025, you will build a wooden greenhouse dome, for year-round cultivation. This will contribute to transforming the site into a nourishing and supportive space where international volunteers, project volunteers, visitors, residents, etc. can meet.

## WORK

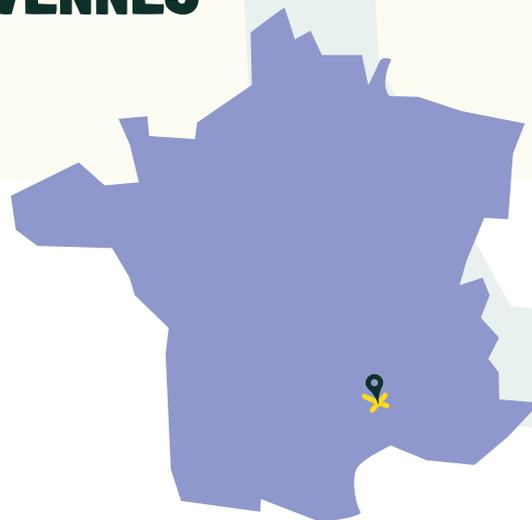
You will be involved in constructing a wooden geodesic dome that will serve as a greenhouse for the community garden run by the association. This dome's shape offers several advantages: it uses less material than a rectangular structure to cover the same area, it is wind-resistant (common at high altitudes), it captures light from all angles, and it prevents snow from accumulating on the roof (useful in winter). A technical supervisor will share their knowledge of wooden construction and guide you through building this structure during dedicated work sessions (25 hours/week).

## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The workcamp is in a very remote area, where you will be accommodated in collective tents on the REV site (remember to bring a warm sleeping bag). You will have access to sanitary facilities close to the camp. Moreover, if weather conditions deteriorate too much for camping, a shelter a few meters away will be available. On the project, it is important to know that you will have two meat meals per week. Meals will be provided by the association and prepared by the participants, who will take it in turns to form cooking teams. Bring your best recipes!

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Although far from France's metropolises, Lozère is a very dynamic region. The region's activities revolve around local festivities, concerts, and unspoilt natural areas (mountains, rivers, forests).



**Location :** The workcamp will take place in the hamlet of Finiels, which belongs to the commune of Pont-de-Monvert, located on Mont-Lozère in the heart of the Cévennes. The nearest town is Mende with 16,000 inhabitants.

**Closest train station:** Génolhac station.

**Closest airports:** Montpellier Airport for Europe or France. Marseille airport for international flights. Trains from Montpellier and Marseille take you to Génolhac via Nîmes.

**Meeting point:** Please arrive on 10/06 between 4pm and 6pm. Génolhac train station (30450).

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