



## Vacancy for EVS Volunteer in France

The cooperative Initiative et Développement Citoyen is looking for 6 volunteers to join their staff in the South of France.

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<http://campingdelastours.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/campinglebelvedre/>

Lastours, France

Deadline: 30 June 2016

**Themes:** Eco tourism, Environmental sensitization, international mobility, web communication, non formal education

**Targets:** European costumers, Local Community, Youth and children

### Period:

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2017- 30 November 2017**

### Volunteers' profiles

Participants are selected based on their interest. As the project is a long term, it's interesting to give an opportunity connected with the professional expectations

The volunteers make the atmosphere of the season, So the solidarity, tolerance and communication in the team are important.

Volunteers will have an important supporting role. They will support the team in the daily management, development and evolution of the hosting organization. Professionally, the proposed activities will focus on these different fields: environment, international mobility, tourism, communication, web communication and hospitality.

They work in atmosphere of respect and sharing of knowledge and expertise, the idea of sharing eliminates any competitive spirit.

There are different areas where the volunteers can help and learn:

**Communication and Web communication:** posting articles on the organisation's websites and blog; creating and sending a newsletter about international mobility; web design; social networks, making flyer and brochures.

**International mobility:** taking part in summer work camps and youth exchanges; logistics; organizing activities; info desks about volunteering abroad and promoting EVS opportunities.

**Logistic and development of the organisation:** organizing events to gather the local community and spread the values of solidarity, respect of the environment, active citizenship and mutual aid.

**Environment:** activities with children and customers of the campsite; sensitization to environmental topics.

During the volunteering, all the six volunteers will help in common task:

- Team working on party events and green buildings run by the centre
- Participation in daily life with the cleaning of the common showers area and cooking for everyone
- Share his knowledge and experience as a volunteer
- Sharing about how to have less impact in our life every day
- Some eco workshop
- Participate in bringing a positive atmosphere

## Criteria

Being available for one of the whole period; IT skills; basic level in English or French; being motivated to learn French; being adaptable and motivated to live in a campsite situated in a rural area, 18 km from the closest city (Carcassonne), with other volunteers and youngsters with different cultures and backgrounds; being passionate about environmental topics.

## Procedure

Please send your CV, cover letter and the application form in attachment (everything in English or French) to [moves@orange.fr](mailto:moves@orange.fr) by 30 June 2016.

## Context

The project will take place in a rural environment in the South-West of France. The hosting organization is based in Lastours, a small village in the Aude department 18 km far from Carcassonne, the main city of the area, where the closest train station and supermarket are. It's a rural region living on agriculture, wine-producing and tourism. In fact Lastours, with its 60 inhabitants, has a long history: since the beginning of Middle Age it was a strategic hub for economic traffic from Spain to the rest of Europe. The four castles on the top of the rock are the direct testimonials of its power. Actually, thousands of tourists by year come to visit the castles and all the close villages and our little campsite offer the view on it.

## The hosting organization

The cooperative was born in April 2010 to promote sustainable development, International mobility, active citizenship, mutual aid, environmental commitment and awareness of different possibilities to find a place in society as an active citizenship.

The organisation is a vehicle of values held by development of training actions and sustainable tourism.. The human race is at the centre of our values.

As a first step we have developed a little camping eco sustainable with 20 pitches in a field classified cultural heritage of France. In fact, our camping offers a breath-taking view on the four medieval castles of Lastours. The

campsite is marked by the ecologic label "Green Key", that aims to spread sustainable development and tourism values..

Secondly, we develop the international mobility for youth, and, actually we host various international seminar and we host EVS.

The last years have seen the cooperative organize and host intercultural evenings for the local community; games and activities about environmental topics with the children of the schools nearby; youth exchanges about the environmental impact of our lives and the impact food has on our bodies and on the planet; a summer work camp about eco-building, when we built a house using only natural materials; EVS projects about environment, web communication and local development.