

HOSTING A GROUP FROM SERVICE VOLONTAIRE INTERNATIONAL (SVI)



If your project needs hands and help, if you like organizing intercultural meetings and show your region and country to international visitors, you are welcome to host a group of young volunteers from Belgium and France with the support of SVI.

Various types of groups can join your project!

Youth movements

- groups made up of youth movements such as the scouts,
- youth clubs,
- schools

Other groups

- groups of friends,
- student groups as part of a course of study,
- groups with a particular ideology (e.g. preservation of the planet),
- groups with young people with fewer opportunities

They do not all have the same needs or expectations when it comes to volunteering

Youth movements (scout, youth club, school, etc.)

- Our groups are mainly aged between 16 and 18, with groups leaders of around 20 years old. They are looking for projects in the wilderness, in the nature. Mainly in the summer, from the beginning of July to the 15th of August. The association must accept minors who will be managed by group leaders.

- They are used to sleeping in tents, living in a community, they have civic behaviour and a strong sense of pragmatism.
- They are attracted by projects with children, animals, building rehabilitation, or maintenance of natural areas.
- The size of groups varies from 5 to 35/40 participants. A host association should therefore mention how many people they can accommodate at the same time.
- Duration of volunteering: from 1 week up to 1 month. Some groups combine volunteering with a week of tourism. If a host organizes it for them, it is an additional benefit.
- Usually they can contribute with a fee to cover administrative costs, meals, sightseeing or leisure programme.
- We also work with youth clubs and schools. Groups of young people from Belgian or French schools and clubs can take part in volunteer projects as well. They are accompanied by project managers, teachers, or youth leaders.



Varied groups

- Volunteers are mostly aged between 16 and 25.
- They often ask for a simple accommodation, with a simple comfort (camping, hostel, dormitory), matching the youth organizations mindset.
- They often require very detailed and precise info sheets.
- Duration usually varies between 2 and 6 weeks.
- The size of groups can vary between 5 and 20.
- The groups' motivations are very varied, but they generally want to take part in collective activities accessible to all their members: entertainment, cultural activities, environmental projects, renovation, festivals, archeology, agriculture, etc.
- Students generally volunteer between June and September.
- The volunteers' financial resources are often limited. The groups usually work during the year to pay for their volunteer project.



If you are interested to host a group, please send us your programme.

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