

Training of leaders- intercultural and ecological camps

The project in general:

- Location: Montreuil en Touraine (near the city of Tours)
- Date : 11/06/13 - 19/06/13
- Arriving : 10/06/13 / Departure : 20/06/13
- Target group: people between 18 and 30 years old
- 3 participants from each country (YIA Program countries)
- Topic: “camp leaders training: intercultural and ecological camps”
- Reimbursement : 70 % of the travel costs
- Accommodation : in tents



Context:

For many years the association “Compagnons Bâisseurs France“, has organised trainings and workshops to educate their animators for international work camps and European Youth Exchange. We found a partnership with the organization STAJ Touraine, which organises “Nature Camps” every summer. In these camps, the whole layout is realised on an ecological basis.

As we have significant experience in this area, we propose the following training to animators and our European partners as well. It is based on an intercultural approach and on ecological techniques.

Objectives of this training:

General objectives:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getting to know the role and the responsibilities of an animator • understanding group dynamics • reaching a group cohesion • dealing with conflicts • encouraging the participants to participant • administrating a budget • creating motivation within the group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responding to the concerns of the participants • elaborating rules of daily life • information on security and health • how to deal with alcohol and drugs • organising meetings • reanimating the group dynamic • responding to the objectives of the technical workshops |
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Objectives related to ecology

- Integrating ecology into the daily life (food and waste management, activity, transportation, furniture,...)
- getting to know ecological techniques (construction of dry toilet, clay oven, solar shower, construction of tables and benches out of wood and ropes...)



Objectives related to intercultural interaction

- highlighting everybody's culture
- working against stereotypes and prejudices
- communication, thinking about different ways to break language barriers
- being open-minded, curious and observant
- distinguish between problems caused by the cohabitation and by the cultural shock

The method

Living together for 10 days all of the time will be the best way to understand better how to live together for a certain time with people from different countries and cultural backgrounds. The participants will face problems of daily life in a group (food preparation, shopping, visits, activities, hobbies, etc. will be part of the work). The different workshops will bring ecological techniques and their realisation closer to the participants.

Furthermore, there will be theoretical workshops in which the participants will talk and discuss in an entertaining way (theatre, moving debates, role playing games,...)



Experiences gained out of an International or European camp

- getting to know new people
- facilitating skills of self expression and listening
- exchanges between cultures and generations
- facilitating the mutual understanding between nationalities
- discovering countries and territories
- gaining an experience about living in a group
- promoting mobility of people and ideas
- learning about citizenship
- acting as a promoter of values
- learning to be independent and to be (self) confident
- learning about sustainable development
- learning techniques and gain knowledge