

**EVS proposal**  
**European volunteers for the environmental conservation**  
**June 1st – September 30th 2015 ( 4 months)**  
**Paimpont - Brittany – France**

<b>Context</b>	<p>Etudes et Chantiers is a non-profit making organization which develops environmental and inheritance conservation projects, through different actions and publics: inclusion work, training work, voluntary work and other actions of sustainable development in rural areas.</p> <p>The project will take place in partnership with the Biological Station in the village of Paimpont. Volunteers will have the opportunity to carry out activities of restoring natural areas, act for biodiversity and run actions of environmental education.</p> <p>Since 2009, in partnership with various local actors, the Biological Station of Paimpont is working on the creation of a <b>Centre for scientific culture in rural areas</b> with a natural area called the Châtenay Mill as a place to welcome visitors. Over the last 4 years, volunteers have done a great job to facilitate and make secure the access of the Biological Station and the Mill. In 2011, an international workcamp was organized to build a footbridge over a stream to make the Mill accessible to the visitors and allow the implementation of awareness-raising activities to the environment and to the science on the territory. In 2012, 2013 and 2015, 3 teams of European volunteers have contributed to this project, building a greenery amphitheater in front of the Châtenay Mill and have done other conservation works.</p>
<b>Project aims</b>	<p><b>To help the creation of the center of scientific culture in rural areas of the Châtenay Mill by the implementation of volunteers' European team for the environment.</b></p> <p>The team will aim to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist in the development, preservation and maintenance of spaces in the area of the Châtenay Mill and around the Châtenay pond.</li> <li>- Participate to the creation of new facilities around the Châteany pound, such as a wooden bridge.</li> <li>- Promote environmental actions on the territory (in particular developing biodiversity measurement with participatory sciences protocols).</li> <li>- Develop relationship between the territory and its inhabitants, in order to open the Biological Station to more visitors.</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteers profile</b>	<p><b>The Group:</b> 3 French volunteers in civic service and 3 European volunteers in EVS</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> June 1st to September 30th 2015 for European volunteers June 1st to 30th November 2015 for French local volunteers</p> <p><b>Volunteers:</b> Motivated and available persons for this kind of commitment, willing to leave and work with international persons in a rural area. A previous volunteering experience in its own country is a plus. Knowledge/interest on environmental issues is a plus. Interest for French language and culture.</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<p><b>Supervision:</b> The team will be supervised by a professional for all the activities when specific competences are needed. The Team will work from Monday to Friday, 35 hours a week.</p> <p><b>1. Outdoor technical activities</b></p> <p><b>In the wet zone of Châtenay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning of the accesses of the Châtenay Mill and reassurance of the site (maintenance of the wet zone, installation of fences, stonework, footbridge ...)</li> <li>- Continue the construction of the greenery amphitheater</li> </ul> <p><b>Around the pond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening and cleaning of the footpath in order to permit the visitors to walk around the pond.</li> </ul> <p><b>Megalithic workcamp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clean-up and restoration of a Megalithic site</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Educational activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possibility to work with local organizations and a youth club of nature conservation: inventory of biodiversity (with the data collection work of the 3 last year, the goal is to make data available for everybody on database online), observation work of the environment, building of insect houses...</li> <li>- Promote environmental awareness in connection with the actors of the territory (schools, local inhabitants, visitors, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>Hosting arrangements</b>	<p>Hosting provided by the Biological Station of Paimpont with shared kitchen.</p> <p>Food allowance : 200€/month</p> <p>EVS allowance : 115€/month</p> <p>Accommodation: Volunteers will be hosted in single rooms in the Biological Station of Paimpont</p>

	A car will be available to the team for its travels within the project, but also for its leisure activities.
<b>Leisure Activities</b>	<b>Many things to visit and to do around, here are some links :</b> <a href="http://www.brittanytourism.com/">http://www.brittanytourism.com/</a> <a href="http://www.broceliande-tourisme.info/">http://www.broceliande-tourisme.info/</a> <a href="http://www.tourisme-broceliande.com/">http://www.tourisme-broceliande.com/</a>
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<b>Paimpont !</b>	



*Volunteers of 2013 on the bridge they built*



*The Biological Station and the Châtenay pond*



*The Châtenay Mill and the amphitheatre*