

**EVS proposal**  
**European volunteers for the environmental  
conservation**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 (4 months and a half)**  
**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, 2014 and 2015, 4 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 Châtenay pond, 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 October the 18th 2016 for European volunteers June 1st to 30th November 2016 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> <p><b>Physical ability and interest to do outside work</b></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</p> <p>The Team will work from Monday to Friday, 35 hours a week.</p> <p><b>1. <u>Work to promote historical and natural heritage and the living environment of the station</u></b> <b><u>Around the Châtenay Mill and in the surrounding area of the Station</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a differentiated/multi-level management plan on the station green spaces</li> <li>- Restoration environment work in the small valley</li> <li>- Cleaning the surroundings of the Châtenay Mill and secure the site, (logging, brushing, maintenance of the wet zone /drainage and stabilization of the yard, small stonework...)</li> <li>- Improve crossing the mouth of the river downstream of the small valley</li> </ul> <p><b>Around the pond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance of the walking trail around the Châtenay pond, completion of a marking system</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>Teaching activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint work with the researchers at the station: observation work of the environment</li> <li>- Design and making of educational panels to be positioned along the walking path around the Châtenay pond</li> <li>- Maintenance of the Land-Art works and development of new works (around the Châtenay pond)</li> <li>- Collection of plant taxa / animals around the Station (eg grasses, insects displays, digital versions, etc.)</li> <li>- Develop educational tools to ensure dissemination of the research work conducted at the station</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote environmental awareness and European citizenship i with the territory stakeholders (schools, local inhabitants, visitors, etc.)</li> <li>- <b>Prepare and participate Science Festival of Rennes Métropole</b></li> <li><b>3. Contribution to scientific actions</b></li> <li>- Support to analysis of naturalist inventories made by teams in 2012, 2013 and 2014: terrestrial invertebrates, butterflies, earthworms, wild bees (according to the Agricultural Biodiversity Observatory protocols): data processing, enhancement, communication of results</li> <li><b>4. Participating in local initiatives</b></li> <li>- Installation of fences allowing for the pastoral management of wet meadows and the experimentation by students and researchers working at the Station</li> <li>- Maintenance of the aromatic spiral</li> </ul>
<b>Hosting arrangements</b>	<p>Hosting provided by the Biological Station of Paimpont with shared kitchen.  Food allowance : 200€/month  EVS allowance : 115€/month  Accommodation: Volunteers will be hosted in single rooms in the Biological Station of Paimpont  A car will be available to the team for its travels within the project, but also for its leisure activities.</p>
<b>Leisure Activities</b>	<p><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></p>
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*Volunteers of 2013 on the bridge they built*



*The Biological Station and the Châtenay pond*



*The Châtenay Mill and the amphitheater*