



INFORMATION FOR HOSTING PARTNERS



2020 Call for proposals

Chantiers jeunesse at a glance

With some 50 partners across 35 countries, *Chantiers jeunesse* gives youth between 15 and 30 years old the opportunity to participate in various short- or medium-term volunteer projects related to the environment, heritage protection, construction, renovation, social issues and culture.

Mission

Chantiers jeunesse is a non-profit organization that aims to foster the development of young, active and engaged citizens, support the development of communities and the full potential of individuals by providing learning and training opportunities in collaboration with Canadian and international partners, in a spirit of solidarity and respect for differences.

Vision

Chantiers jeunesse helps create a society that looks outward on the world, welcomes diversity and pluralism, and supports individuals and communities to develop their full potential. Our organization is part of an international movement focused on volunteerism that aims to support local communities and brings young people together to learn from one another. Our projects mirror everyday life and lead to understanding one's place in a broader community.

Through its volunteer projects, *Chantiers jeunesse* aims to:

- 👏 Encourage youth to become involved and engaged citizens;
- 👏 Involve individuals and groups in tackling socio-environmental issues;
- 👏 Foster solidarity, social justice and participatory democracy;
- 👏 Support non-violent communication and intercultural education;
- 👏 Promote volunteerism as a pastime

Examples of our past volunteering projects and more information about our different programs can be found on our website at www.cj.qc.ca/

How can I host an Intercultural Volunteer Camp in my community?

Do you:

- 👉 Have an idea for a local or regional development project that will foster community growth and have a lasting impact on your organization and community?
- 👉 Want to involve youth volunteers in your organization's success?

We are looking for new partners!

Chantiers jeunesse is on the lookout for hosting partners with exciting **local or regional development projects**, who could benefit from the work, input and motivation of youth volunteers.

If you are a **non-profit organization, municipality, band council or Canadian public institutions** and you have a project in mind, you can host a *Chantiers jeunesse* volunteer project. Our volunteers carry out a range of activities based on your needs.

Volunteer Camps: At the heart of a work project

The inspiration for your volunteer project will come directly from you, and will meet the needs of your community or organization. Our volunteers are able to support you in a variety of initiatives, such as:

- Environment** | *create a walking trail, contribute to the maintenance of a healthy ecosystem, etc.*
- Renovation** | *make green spaces accessible to urban populations, paint buildings, repair furniture, etc.*
- Heritage preservation** | *revitalize historic sites, showcase a village's cultural heritage, etc.*
- Culture** | *volunteer at a local music festival, lend a hand to organize municipal events, etc.*
- Community** | *volunteer with people who have a disability, contribute to creating a positive living environment for seniors, help organize community sporting events, etc.*

About the volunteer groups

Volunteer groups are made up of 10 to 15 youth volunteers (aged 15 to 30) representing a cross-section of Canadian society, as well as from the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations from 35 countries. With various life and work experiences, they are highly motivated to learn and become active and engaged citizens in Canadian communities. These participants choose a volunteer project based on their personal interests, and are eager to discover your community and take the steps needed to volunteer for a cause they truly believe in.

Family groups consist of 6 to 9 Canadian families (one or two parents aged 18 to 30 accompanied by their child(ren) aged 3 to 12) who are enthusiastic about contributing together while discovering a new community.

Learning to live together is central to our volunteer projects. Room and board are provided by the hosting partner for the duration of the volunteer project, and accommodation can vary depending on the project needs and what is available in each community. Groups can live in a variety of spaces, such as community centres, dormitories or tents. Each group is also allocated a budget for groceries; cooking is a great way for participants to bond over shared meals!

Getting involved with Chantiers jeunesse

Chantiers jeunesse agrees to:

- 👉 Support the hosting partner throughout the project and work towards meeting the partner's goals;
- 👉 Coordinate the recruitment, selection, training and transportation of volunteers;
- 👉 Provide volunteers with a budget for food and social activities;
- 👉 Hire, train and supervise project leaders to support the volunteer group during the project;
- 👉 Contribute to increasing awareness of the hosting partner and projects through various channels;
- 👉 Work with the hosting partner to organize a public event to celebrate the participants' achievements and the partner's involvement;
- 👉 Ensure regular communication with the partner before and during the project;
- 👉 Support and empower volunteers in their individual development and group decision-making;
- 👉 Provide occupational health and safety insurance for volunteers;
- 👉 Provide a minibus and driver for the volunteer group for the duration of the volunteer project;
- 👉 Evaluate and follow up with each partner after the project.

The hosting partner agrees to:

- 👉 Thoroughly define and plan a project that has a direct and lasting impact; the initiative should be part of a broader local or regional development plan;
- 👉 Designate individuals to be directly responsible for overseeing the project for its duration, such as a project coordinator and a technical expert.
- 👉 Provide the tools, materials and safety equipment necessary to carry out the project; liability insurance must also be provided;
- 👉 Provide a technical expert to help participants with tasks and occupational safety training for roughly 15 hours per week;
- 👉 Provide local accommodation for up to 17 participants and staff with access to bathrooms and a kitchen or cafeteria service; the hosting facility could be: a community centre, a rectory, a church basement, a cottage, a school or other suitable option;
- 👉 Make a financial contribution averaging \$1300* per week to cover part of the costs tied to the organization and management of the volunteer project;
- 👉 Support the volunteer group in meeting and interacting with local residents and organizations;

**This amount is determined on a sliding scale, based on the size of your organization and the structure of your project. If this contribution was not planned in your 2020 budget, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We do not want this to be a barrier to collaboration, and will work with you to make a plan based on your needs.*

Call for partnership applications

1. Submit your project proposal
2. Clarifying and finalizing agreements between partners and Chantiers jeunesse: between December 15th 2019 and February 1st, 2020
3. Signing the memorandum of understanding: February 1st, 2020
4. Finalizing the details of volunteering project implementation logistics with partners: January to May 2020
5. Contribution payment due to Chantiers jeunesse: 1 month before the volunteer project's start date
6. Volunteering project carried out between June 15th and August 31st, 2020
7. Wrap-up meeting with Chantiers jeunesse to discuss successes and improvements, and to evaluate the final contribution to your organization: by October 15th, 2020

Contact us

Do not hesitate to reach out to us at any point during this process. We will be more than happy to work with you to make your project a reality!

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