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CALL FOR HOST PARTNER APPLICATIONS
Host a volunteer group in your community in 2021!

Chantiers jeunesse is a non-profit organization created in 1980 to foster the development of committed and engaged youth and the advancement of communities across Canada through volunteer projects carried out by intercultural groups to benefit local communities. *Leadership in Your Own Hands* is a new and innovative program for youth, funded by the Government of Canada through Canada Service Corps, that aims to promote civic engagement, intercultural cooperation and leadership skills through diverse volunteering projects with a positive impact on local communities. *Chantiers jeunesse* is pleased to invite non-profit organizations, municipalities, band councils and Canadian public institutions to submit proposals for local or regional development projects that could benefit from the work, input and motivation of youth volunteers.

The nature of the projects may vary depending on your needs and those of the communities in which you support and work with. Additionally, we know the needs are changing with Covid-19 and public health regulations which is why we have a flexible approach and are ready to act on different scenarios that may arise.

Here is an overview of our different programs:

Intercultural volunteering in Canada and Family Volunteering: *(more details in attached document)*

Group volunteer project respecting sanitary measures. The volunteers will work approximately 30 hours per week over a period of two to three weeks between June 14th and August 27th, 2021.

New for summer 2021! *All of our host partners will have the chance to be supported by an individual (mid-long term) volunteer before, during and after the group volunteer project! This individual volunteer will be responsible for organizing, hosting, and supervising the group of volunteers and more.*

Mid-long term volunteering: *(more details in attached document)*

Individual project or in a very small group. Chantiers jeunesse volunteers will work approximately 30 hours per week to complete a project for a period of 3 to 6 months. The dates are flexible.

Cybervolunteering: *(more information available upon request)*

Flexible project according to your needs and those of the community you work with, all completed virtually.

Next steps :

1. Familiarize yourself with the information document attached for host partners;
2. Familiarize yourself with the interest form
3. Submission of the interest form no later than **Thursday, January 28th, 2021**;
4. Clarify details of agreement between Chantiers jeunesse and the host partner (scenarios, COVID protocol, hosting, etc.)
5. Signing the agreement and contract
6. Confirmation of the project and scenarios 30 days prior to the project date

For any questions and requests for information, please contact Josée Rochon, Intercultural volunteer projects Coordinator at (514)252-3015 or by email at jrochon@cj.qc.ca.



INFORMATION FOR HOSTING PARTNERS



2021

Call for proposals

Chantiers jeunesse at a glance

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.gc.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 volunteers

Volunteers are 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 (International representation suspended for 2021 due to the state of public health). 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: 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! **A risk management protocol will be created for Covid-19 to ensure group safety, and groups size will be reduced.**

NEW FOR SUMMER 2021 : SUPPORT BY AN INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER!

Starting in 2021, you can welcome one or more individual volunteers from Chantiers jeunesse **as well as host a volunteer group**. During a period of 3 to 6 months, you can support the individual volunteer in acquiring or deepening their professional skills in the context of social and community engagement.

Mid/long term volunteering

A mid/long term volunteering project is, above all, a mutually beneficial exchange between a volunteer who dedicates their time, skills and energy for the benefit of a community and the host organization. Your organization would act as a mentor for the individual volunteer, offering them support throughout the project development, guiding them around a new community, opportunities to develop the volunteers competencies, and provide the space for innovation and creativity.

By hosting a mid/long term volunteer at the same time as you host a volunteer group, you and the volunteers benefit from additional help for your organization while planning the volunteer group as well as support for the group from another young person for the duration of the group volunteer project.

Please note that it is also possible to apply for an individual volunteer project only.

Getting involved with Chantiers jeunesse

Chantiers jeunesse agrees to:

-  Support the partner throughout the project and work towards meeting the partner's goals
-  Work with the host partner to build different scenarios due to current uncertainty
-  Provide a mid/long term volunteer (3 to 6 months) who will assist the host organization in the planning and support for your project, if the partner wishes
-  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 an event to celebrate the participants' achievements and the partner's involvement
- 👉 Ensure regular communication with the partner before and during the project
- 👉 Establish a Covid-19 Risk Management Plan
- 👉 Provide occupational health and safety insurance for volunteers
- 👉 Support and empower volunteers in their individual development and group decision-making
- 👉 Provide a minibus and driver for the volunteer group for the duration of the volunteer project (group projects)
- 👉 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
- 👉 Work with Chantiers jeunesse on the co-creation of different scenarios
- 👉 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 (some expenses may be reimbursed by Chantiers jeunesse)
- 👉 Provide local accommodation for up to 12 participants and staff (group projects) 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 \$1000* per week to cover part of the costs tied to the organization and management of the volunteer project (for group volunteer projects, contribution for mid/long term volunteers varies)
- 👉 Support the volunteer group in meeting and interacting with local residents and organizations;
- 👉 Promote the project as a collaborative effort with Chantiers jeunesse
- 👉 Collaborate and provide input with Chantiers jeunesse to establish a tailored risk management protocol for Covid-19
- 👉 Designate people in your organization who are responsible for the project with well-defined roles. (A project coordinator and a technical expert)

**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 2021 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 develop a plan based on your needs.*

Call for partnership: the steps

- 👉 Submit your interest form
- 👉 Co-creation of the different scenarios according to the state of public health
- 👉 Clarify and finalize agreements between partners and Chantiers jeunesse
- 👉 Draft and sign contract
- 👉 Finalize the details of volunteering project and logistical implementations with partners
- 👉 Welcoming the medium to long-term volunteer, if applicable
- 👉 Send contribution payment to Chantiers jeunesse
- 👉 Hosting the group project
- 👉 Project success follow-up call and report

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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