

SUSTAINABLE LIVING AND BUILDING VOLUNTEERING CAMP

France, Valenciennes

29 June - 5 July

Belgium, Mons

6 July - 10 July





PRE-REQUISITES

- EUNICE students (Bachelor, Master, PhD)
- English: B2 level
- Be over the age of majority in France (18)
- Up-to-date tetanus vaccination required

PARTICIPANT PROFILES

This volunteering camp is particularly beneficial for participants interested in sustainable development, eco-responsability and renovation. A background in these fields is not mandatory.

HOW TO APPLY & ENROL

- For questions related to funding, please contact the International Relations Office (IRO) of your institution.
- Each EUNICE Office/IRO will establish their own internal application call. Participants who wish to apply should send their application to their local EUNICE Office/IRO email address.

Green Makers Camp

Sustainable Living and Building Volunteering Camp

Week 1 : Valenciennes, France

- Eco-renovation of a historic site
- Camping
- Evening games
- Cooking
- Free time in the city of Lille
- Cultural visits

Week 2 : Mons, Belgium

- Gardening
- Nature walks
- Cooking using harvested plants
- Observation of nocturnal wildlife
- Stone carving workshop
- Cultural visits

UPHF Programme 29 June - 5 July

- 29/06 • **Arrival and welcoming session**
- 30/06 • **Opening of the volunteering camp**
- 01/07 - 03/07 • **Eco renovation activities (renovation of the Abbey of Maroilles)**
- 04/07 • **Cultural visit - Ecorenovation and night in “L'auberge du couvent des Clarisses”**
- 05/07 • **Free time in Lille**
Cultural visit - Ecorenovation and night in “L'auberge du couvent des Clarisses”

During their stay in Valenciennes, students will be introduced to traditional brick masonry techniques. Instructors will be on hand to guide them and teach the proper methods. The main activity will be a renovation workshop at the Abbey of Maroilles, a former Benedictine monastery founded in 650.

Students will have the opportunity to explore, learn, and practice technical skills while contributing to the restoration of this historic site. Meal preparation, evening games, walks, and exploring the region are also part of the program.

Participants will sleep in tents (they will contribute to the set-up of their own campsite with the equipments provided) with solid sanitary facilities.

This is a great opportunity for students to discover the rich historical and gastronomic heritage of the Avesnois region while also learning about eco-friendly renovation techniques!

UMONS Programme 6 July - 10 July

06/07	Gardening and permaculture (discovering the principles of sustainable and biodiversity-friendly cultivation)
07/07	Foraging walk and cooking workshop using harvested plants Taking pictures of biodiversity with a smartphone
08/07	Visit of the material library and recycling center in Tournai Twilight walk : observing nocturnal wildlife
09/07	Gardening and workshop about wild plants Visit of the quarry of Maffle and stone carving workshop
10/07	Visit to the MUMONS (UMONS' museum) Workshop with an architect: reflection on sustainable housing and observation walk

During their stay in Mons, students will dive into practical activities centered on gardening, permaculture, and sustainable living. They will learn the basics of biodiversity-friendly cultivation, go on a foraging walk to identify edible plants, and take part in a cooking workshop using their own harvest. A visit to the material library and recycling center in Tournai will introduce them to circular economy practices.

Participants will also join a twilight walk to observe nocturnal wildlife, and discover wild plants through hands-on workshops. Cultural and academic highlights include a visit to the MUMONS, as well as a workshop with an architect focused on sustainable housing.

Accommodation is provided in university residences. A unique opportunity for students to experience sustainability firsthand while discovering the natural and cultural richness of the region.