

## CHANTIERS JEUNESSE

### *(Mouvement Québécois des Chantiers)*

#### WHAT IS IT?

*The main objective of Chantiers Jeunesse (Quebec youth at work) is to help build a sense of independence among young adults, mainly through outdoor projects in which community involvement plays an important role.*

A work project abroad is first a voluntary commitment to a project requiring 30 hours per week of manual work that is of practical value to the host community. This may consist of renovation, construction, environmental protection, landscaping, heritage projects, etc. Each project lasts about three weeks.

Second, the program provides an intensive group experience involving the youth of various nationalities. It gives them an opportunity to take responsibilities and learn new personal, technical and professional skills, and to discover a country by gaining a deeper appreciation of its society, its culture and its economy.

Participating countries include France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech Republic, Belarus, Russia, the Netherlands and the United States.

#### HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

Depending on the host country, the projects vary from two to 12 weeks.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible applicants must:

- be citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
- reside or have permanent residence in Quebec; and
- be 16 to 25 years of age.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Costs vary according to the country and transportation costs. They include:

- return transportation from Montreal to the capital of the exchange country;
- accommodation and food for the duration of the project;
- medical and hospital insurance for the duration; and
- membership and participation fee for Chantiers Jeunesse.

Except where otherwise indicated, transportation costs from the capital to the job site are paid by the participant, as are accommodation and food costs before and after the job.

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