

Chantiers Jeunesse

WHAT IS IT?

The main objective of Chantiers Jeunesse [Québec youth at work] is to help build a sense of self-dependence among young adults, mainly through outdoor projects requiring community involvement.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

On a work program abroad, volunteers undertake to carry out a project of value to the host community and requiring at least 30 hours per week of practical work. This may consist of renovation, construction, environmental protection, landscaping, heritage projects, etc. Each project lasts about three weeks.

Programs provide an intensive group experience involving young people of various nationalities. They are given an opportunity to assume responsibilities, learn new personal, technical and career skills, and discover a country by gaining an appreciation of its society, culture and economic conditions.

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

HOW LONG IS IT?

Projects vary from three to four weeks, depending on the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- live or have your permanent residence in Québec; and
- be 16 to 25 years of age.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

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

- return transportation between Montréal and the capital of the exchange country;
- accommodation and food for the entire period of the project;
- medical and hospital insurance for the entire period; and
- Chantiers Jeunesse membership and participation fees.

Except where otherwise indicated, the cost of transportation between the host-country capital and the project site is paid by the participant, as are accommodation and food costs before and after the project.

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