

10 good reasons for an EYS Work Camp

1. **Work Camps offer you unique opportunities to gain new experiences**, actively support a social or ecological project and make international friends. Not only do they mean volunteering and expanding your skills, but they also enable you to get to know other cultures, have fun and go on holiday.
2. **Work Camps offer great opportunities.** You can work for an environment worth living in, support the preservation of historical monuments or renovate a community centre or a youth centre.
3. **Work Camps provide insights into fields of work and fields of activity.** Through the Work Camp work you will get to know professions (usually handicraft) and can try yourself out in them.
4. **Work Camps create a framework to take responsibility:** Work Camps are usually self-organized, i.e. you and the group decide about living together. You buy groceries together, cook in turn and arrange your daily routine yourself. Often only the working hours are regulated. Decisions are made jointly!
5. **Voluntary Work Camp work is meaningful for everyone:** Your Work Camp commitment is important and profitable for the local project and for those affected, and an enrichment for the local community. You yourself make special experiences of cooperation and solidarity, increase your intercultural competence, get to know completely new perspectives in exchange and make a contribution to society.
6. **Work Camps are open for everyone.** The volunteers come from 5-10 different countries and have different social and cultural backgrounds. You don't have to belong to a church/religion to participate in an EYS Work Camp.
7. **Participation in a Work Camp is very inexpensive:** EYS charge only a small fee (25€) for the placement. Accommodation and meals are free, but you have to pay the travel costs yourself. This makes EYS Work Camps attractive even for people with a small purse.
8. **Work Camps are supported with public funds.** This does not only enable low costs for the local projects and the participants. Above all, you can rely on the fact that the non-profit character of the projects and the adherence to content and organisational standards are regularly checked.
9. **EYS looks back on over 60 years of Work Camp experience!** So we know what we're talking about and why we're so excited about this format of youth exchange!
10. **EYS is networked and works together in international networks** in which we have agreed on transparent standards for the objectives and organization of Work Camps.