



Service
Volontaire
Internationale
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« Get out of your comfort zone...



and commit yourself to a project abroad! »

+ than 70 countries

Open to everyone

Individually or in groups

Associative projects

Departures all along the year

From 2 weeks to 1

WHO ARE WE?

- The SVI (International Voluntary Service) is a **non-profit** Belgian and French (and now, Canadian) Youth Association, which is apolitical and non-religious.
- Managed by and for young people, the SVI (French for International Voluntary Service) is an independent branch of the NGO **SJ Vietnam** based in Ha Noi and founded in 2004. The French Speaking Community of Belgium recognizes this association as «Youth Organization».
- The SVI wants to encourage young people to play an active role in the society in which they live and to help them to become responsible, active, critical and sympathetic **citizens of the world**.
- The SVI promotes international voluntary projects across more than 70 countries worldwide. Any volunteer and any youth movement ready to get involved abroad is very much welcome on our **work camps**. The projects we offer can last **from 15 days to 1** year and they aim at reaching concrete results regarding educational, social, environmental, cultural etc.
- Seize a unique opportunity to commit yourself to a **collective and solidarity project** which is useful to the locals from the country which welcomes you while learning a new language and discovering a new culture!

IT IS UP TO YOU TO SUPPORT ACTIONS OF SOLIDARITY HERE AND THERE!



WHERE AND WHEN CAN I GO?

The SVI has numerous partnerships over four continents. Discover plenty of associative projects covering many different themes such as culture, environment, education, renovation projects, and projects with children and so on. All through the year, we keep looking for either volunteers wishing to get involved in a two or three-week short-term or in permanent project, which lasts several months.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN A PROJECT ?

Feeling ready to participate in one of our partners' projects? Good news! All it takes are a few simple steps:

- Send us your registration form by e-mail.
- Provide money for your work camp. Different fees must be taken into account in order for the project you want to be part of to be well organized:
 - Membership fees for projects in the European Union, which last less than a month, are 80 euros, and those for worldwide projects are 200 euros. These fees allow you to take part in any project in the world for a period of five years. As you can see, we do our best to make international volunteering affordable for everyone.
 - Some hosting organizations sometimes ask for financial support from the volunteer to organize their local activities. If this is the case, this costs you between 20 and 400 euros per month. This financial support includes accommodation, food and transport.
 - You have to pay for the travel costs (your plane ticket, your insurance & your vaccines if needed).
- Our projects will validate your participation to us within a span of two weeks.
- Please note that all costs are in euros as our home office is based in Belgium.

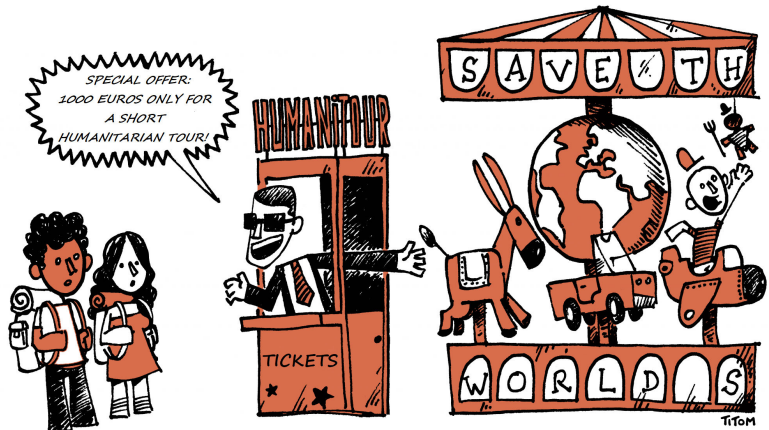
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOSTING ORGANIZATION ?

Are you a non-profit organization in the US or elsewhere? A municipality, a public school or a youth center? Do you need a hand with one of your projects? Then, why not welcome an international volunteer within your organization? It's FREE!

OUR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE THREAT OF “VOLUNTOURISM”

The SVI keeps informing and raising awareness among young people regarding the dangers and abuses of humanitarian tourism, also called “voluntourism”. This commercial product has been flourishing on the internet and on the campus. In reality, voluntourism is nothing but a pale imitation of volunteering mixed with low-quality tourism. On top of that, this can cost you upwards of 2000 euros.

Targeting young people, these travel agencies take advantage of the fashionable desire to “make oneself useful” to mix “solidarity projects” with a way of making profit at the expense of misery and young people wishing to take part in a better society.



WHEN BUSINESS TAKES OVER VOLUNTEERING ...

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