

# Ecole des petits chemins

## (BELGIUM, educational project, permanent project)



### SVI- Who are we?

The SVI, founded in 2009, is a non-profit, pluralistic, apolitical, non-religious, Belgian-French-Vietnamese association created by and for volunteers.

We follow volunteers who participate in some 2000 community projects and citizens, many and varied, in nearly 100 countries around the world. This brings us each year to accompany about 900 volunteers!

We offer young people aged 16 to 35, in particular, but not exclusively, the opportunity to work together in socially responsible civic activities by joining voluntary work sites in Belgium or abroad. These collective projects, initiated by local non-profit organizations, are organized collectively and bring together between 5 and 20 young men and women from different geographical and social backgrounds. We also make it a point of honor to welcome a hundred young foreign volunteers in Belgium or France, on associative projects, to develop the spirit of "living together" and to make them discover and support the sector.

Our goal is to support existing projects and encourage solidarity initiatives around the world, but also, make our projects accessible to the greatest number of young people, whatever their financial resources. Through our local and international activities, we seek to encourage young people to be active in the society in which they live. We help them to become Responsible, Active, Critical and Solidary World Citizens (CRACS).

### About our partner:

Our partner is a small school in the heart of Famenne, Belgium, in a former manse of the 18th century, inspired by alternative pedagogies to offer new horizons to children from 2.5 to 6 years.

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## The project:



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The project consists in creating a school inspired by the active learning teaching methods. It also consists in organising events about the teaching skills topic. The teaching project lies on the following principles:

- A school inspired by active methods teaching the children how to be autonomous.
- A school developing the 8 different kinds of intelligence
- A school teaching peace and cooperation skills
- A school with an involved teaching staff
- A school developing actual links with the pupil's parents
- A school paying attention to the fact that every child is different.

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## Volunteers tasks:

- You will help and supervise the children every day from 8 am to 3.30 pm.
- You will create activities with the teacher's help.
- You will also support the school activities by being a part of it (different kinds of events).

## About accommodation and food:

A host family will greet and offer meals to the youth. He or she could help cooking, work in the vegetable garden and harvest vegetables according to an agreement with the family.

If we found a larger building to host the school, there could be a room for the volunteer. Thus, he or she would be in charge of his or her meals, and be nice to the organisation team, and help it when the team needs it.

## Location:

The project takes place in Lessive, a village in the Famenne area in Belgium. This is a beautiful village located in the countryside. The school is located near a forest, some paths and a river. This village is very active and all generations live there.

The school is located about 5 kilometers from Rochefort, the nearest town.

## Requirement:

Minimum stay: 2 months

## About the leisure activities:

You can have a nice walk or ride a bike or a horse in the countryside.

The cultural center des Roches offers many shows. You can also visit the Han caves (Grottes de Han) and animal park in Lesse.

The "Petit Théâtre de la grande Vie" offers some activities, music and art lessons and shows to everybody. There are several projects and local initiatives too.

**Participation fees:** 140€ per month

## Interested or want to know more?

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