

SPECIFIC GOALS OF THE PROJECT

Mas Les Vinyes, a permaculture farm in Sant Martí d'Albars, Barcelona, Spain, thrives as an ecovillage since 2013, housing 10 residents and welcoming temporary volunteers. Our 25-hectare farm embodies a holistic permaculture approach, interconnecting elements to minimize waste while enhancing soil fertility.

Our core commitment lies in ecological food production—veggie gardens, food forests—augmented by hosting renowned non-formal training programs like Permaculture Design Courses (PDC). We cover regenerative agriculture, natural building, water and holistic management, fostering a diverse educational environment. The cooperative extends support to other agriculture projects transitioning to regenerative practices, drawing from a decade's experience. Engaged with the permaculture Spanish network and local like-minded initiatives, Mas Les Vinyes remains a beacon for individuals seeking a greener life, nurturing resilient communities. Our emphasis on empowering people through permaculture education aligns with our concern for the planet's future, particularly its climate challenges.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

At Mas Les Vinyes we have always welcomed volunteers who have helped us keep this project alive. We are looking for people who want to learn about permaculture, holistic management, bioconstruction, efficient use of energy and water, regenerative agriculture, and community living. We are very happy to open the call for volunteering 2024! This time, we want to welcome 4 volunteers aged between 18 and 30 years old who want to be part of this ecovillage for 6 months (either March-September or May-November). If you have always wanted to live in nature, be part of an intentional community, and work with your hands, do not hesitate to contact us!

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

All expenses are covered and funded by the ESC program. You will be sleeping in a room inside the farmhouse, with a shared space with the other volunteers. We eat mainly from our gardens, as we have many veggie gardens (plenty of vegetables!), as well as a food forest (plenty of fruit!). All our food is organic, local, and seasonal, even what we have to buy because we don't produce it at the farm. Transport for your trip to and from the farm is also included. Once here, we have cars and there is a bus stop close by. The closest village is 5 min by car or 25 min walk.

TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

As you will be staying for 6 months, you will have the chance to fully immerse in the community and all its residents (we are 6 adults, 2 teenagers, 1 kid, 3 dogs, and plenty of sheep, ducks and chickens). As this is a permaculture farm, you will learn how all its elements have been designed. All the tasks we do every day are completely different, you will not get bored! You will learn about regenerative agriculture, holistic management with

the sheep, bioconstruction, water management and phytodepuration, social permaculture, community living, agroforestry, and energy efficiency.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

We are looking for volunteers who:- are aged 18-30 years old. - are concerned about the current climate crisis. - want to learn about permaculture. - are motivated to work in farming and love nature, meaning they will have to do physical work outdoors. - are willing to come with green travel if they don't live too far away. - can speak Spanish or are willing to learn. - would like to live in a community with another 10 people.