

## YES! to sustainability 2024 European Solidarity Corps

Zavod Veles, so.p. // Association Veles, social enterprise  
(PERMACULTURE FARM – SLOVENIA)



**MAIN ACTIVITIES** - Permaculture farming, Sustainable lifestyle, Natural building and maintenance, Promoting Sustainability, DIY projects, Collaborating in local community.

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**DURATION OF ESC teams activity:**

**5 weeks; 15.5.2024 – 19.6. 2024;**

arrival day 14.5.2024; departure day 20.6.2024

**VOLUNTEERING TEAM:** places available for 12 participants

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### **WHO & WHERE:**

Kmetija Veles is a **permaculture farm** in Slovenia, formed by a **family** living permanently on the farm together with volunteers **in the season**.

Check us out at:

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/KmetijaVeles/>

Instagram: [Kmetija Veles](#)

The farm is located in the village of Svinjsko, in **Slovenian hills**. Isolated **8 km away from the closest shop, or public transport**. [Location](#)

### **OUR VISION:**

We are developing ourselves and the place in numerous sustainable directions – including permaculture farming, food and vegetable production, natural building, as well as within the social dimension with a special emphasis on working with volunteers and youngsters.

### **THE WIDER OBJECTIVES:**

To open the possibility for young people to experience sustainable living in rural communities, initiatives and family farms. As well as being involved in permaculture farming, coordinating and serving in the organization's events, social permaculture, children care, eco-building and maintenance, helping in local community addressing their needs, promotion of sustainability (taking photos, making videos, working with social media...), activities of local integration in the region... and we are open for some new ideas too!





## **EXPLANATION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ESC TEAM VOLUNTEERS:**

### Daily farm flow

This ESC activity will take place in the sustainable initiative farm, therefore volunteers will interact with examples of good practices of low environmental footprint in rural life. The schedule will include various activities; mainly practical with explanations from different fields of sustainable practices while working (mostly permacultural farming, natural construction, community living, social permaculture, social entrepreneurship, energy resources, water cycle on the estate, and natural cosmetics).

### Additional activities

The volunteers will be, depending on the needs of the farm and also on their interest and motivation, working and serving in a variety of activities and projects/workshops that will take place within the association. We always try to find the balance that supports everyone involved: the farm, volunteers, family, local environment.

Also, open space will be organized where volunteers can lead workshops for other volunteers.

Moreover, the association cooperates with various sustainable and/or local organizations. Therefore, the volunteers will have the possibility to be included according to the needs of the local community and other organizations.

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## VENUE AND TRAVEL

On the farm, you can find elements from natural building, permaculture farming, social permaculture and social economy which are supporting the family project to grow into a sustainable initiative. It's a permaculture playground where theory is implemented in everyday life. We're surrounded by nature where silence is an important element of it, which we need to be aware of and respect. We demand drug free participation during the whole project and alcohol-free working days into this event, and request a conscious consumption during weekends.

## FOOD

Meals will be vegetarian, and we will try to provide for special diets if necessary.

Please write it down in the application form.

## ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be simple, but pleasant, in shared tents. You can bring your sleeping bag with you, but it isn't necessary. You can bring your tent with you if you want more privacy. We will provide mats and extra blankets. We use dry, compost toilets and solar showers.

## **ESC PROJECT, ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL COSTS COVERED**

It is an ESC project that allows people working with youth to go abroad, to encounter foreign languages and cultures, to network, to learn best practices on youth participation and to contribute to a better world with the support of the ESC programme. It provides an opportunity to join meaningful work and experiential learning while costs for food, accommodation and traveling (rate for covered traveling costs depends on the distance) are covered.

## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:**

Zavod Veles is the family's non-profit organization that includes both local and international volunteers. The main aim of Zavod Veles is to support and promote a sustainable way of living. To be an example of good practice; to show, teach, and to allow people to try to live this way.

Working areas: Topics, such as permaculture farming, food preservation, natural building, social permaculture, community living, natural cosmetics, promotion, social economy, local connection, and integration, take a big part of our focus. We are professionals in some of them (i.e. natural building, social permaculture & economy) and some of them are just needed in our daily life (permaculture farming, community living, children care & education) and are step by step becoming more professional.

Working methods: We are doing our best to integrate the permaculture principles in every activity that is part of our organization.

The seat of the organization is on the farm so we spontaneously include in our daily life producing and processing the food for the sustainability of the organization. On the farm and on other places, we organize workshops/projects about the above-mentioned topics.

Our ultimate goal: Our goal is that people learn how to be more self-sufficient and that they have an idea and motivation about how they can change their lives when they return home.

The people we are welcoming are people interested in a sustainable lifestyle, simple life in nature without overwhelming luxury, natural building and ecological farming. Target groups are people that want to make a change and are highly motivated for that.

Our team: The organization's activities will be all the time supported by two members of the family who have professional knowledge about natural building, permaculture and education, other skilled members of the organization, who are not living on the farm as well as the short-term volunteers that will already be on the farm.



Origins: Zavod Veles is an organization, established in January 2016. In the beginning, we focused our energy on networking, connecting, being known, coworking. The organization became part of many sustainable networks and started to collaborate with other organizations and initiatives that support sustainability.

Now you know more about us and the program. Let us know you better too, please:

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**VELES TEAM**