

Internship 2013 • India

Theoretical and practical training at the Catamaran centre
Two internships, from the 2nd to the 15th July: rural development
and from the 1st to the 15th August 2012: become eco-actor

... The internships at the Catamaran centre கட்டுமரம் ...



Every year since 2003, SOLIDARITÉ offers students internship positions in India to complete their studies. This experience gives them theoretical and practical knowledge on a wide variety of subjects such as international solidarity, post-development, access to land, organic farming, micro credit and savings, biodiversity, food sovereignty, ecology and environment. Each internship comprises two parts: the first one (15 days) at the training centre

and the second one (several months) on immersion in a project. The internships are validated by an « **International certificate on post-development study** ».

We welcome every year groups of students at the Catamaran centre for theoretical and practical training over 15 days.

... Subjects discussed ...

- « Development in question » and its alternative post-development
- Rural India
- Issues on land, water and forest resources
- Environmental problems, biodiversity and renewable energies
- The non-violent approach
- Women self-help groups
- Intercultural

... Practical application ...



The interns will visit projects in the field that are implemented by our local partner organisations:

- Organic agriculture and village self-sufficiency
- Discovering Women self-help groups
- Landscape studies and meeting with the locals
- Biodiversity: mangrove forest and marine biodiversity
- Renewable energies
- Ecotourism

The interns will also do practical group work (organic agriculture, composting, cleaning and waste management, pathway rehabilitation, water storage, reservoirs, etc.).

... The cost of the internship ...

The internship's total cost is €1140¹ for 15 days of training. Our organisation is non-lucrative. Hence, this cost covers not only the costs directly linked to your presence in the host country but also the structure of the Catamaran Centre. All benefits are used for the internship management,

¹ This rate includes: application and administrative costs – training cost – housing – yoga classes - meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) – transportations during the training.

for the centres' maintenance and functioning, for supporting alternative projects in India. In participating in our project, you therefore support our programs!

••• The immersion: from 2 to 6 months •••

Then, following the choice of the interns, they integrate the team of one of our organisation's partners, alone or in duo, to take field training from 2 to 6 months.

SOLIDARITÉ can propose internship themes to students who hope for but internship topics proposed by the students themselves, depending on their studies and their wishes are favoured and encouraged

Few examples of possible missions

- **COMMUNICATION-MARKETING** • Support to the communication and marketing study about the development of ecotourism activities within the Catamaran centre ;
- **MONITORING AND FIELD STUDY** • Monitoring of the «The children of Arsenic» project, support to the development of a women union, other missions within the training centres for social workers and NGOs ;
- **AGRICULTURE** • Discovery of organic agriculture's methods with our partner NAVDANYA and its «Seeds of hope» project ;
- **EDUCATION** • Monitoring of several classes within a project on environmental awareness and biodiversity protection ;
- **PROJECT MANAGEMENT** • Field study or evaluation in order to realize a new project ;
- **RESEARCH & FIELD STUDY** • These missions require good notions on regional languages. Research on the job possibilities, the advantages and inconvenients of the NREGA law, study of villages in the zone (examples of micro-enterprises' success).

••• The Catamaran centre கட்டுமரம் •••



The Catamaran centre is in Chettikuppam (Marrakanam block), in the south of India, on the *East Coast Road* that links Chennai to Pondicherry. The campus is in an exceptional environment: surrounded by rice fields and coconut plantations, it is right on a white-sand beach in the Bay of Bengal. The buildings, with large and well-ventilated patios, were built according to traditional Indian methods: the walls are made of compressed mud bricks. The meals are prepared using local products (rice, millet, vegetables, fresh cheese, fruits, etc.) and the produce of the centre's organic vegetable garden. The water, which comes from the well, is pumped thanks to a windmill and filtered.

Find all the information concerning the Catamaran centre
on our website: www.solidarite.asso.fr

You can download there:

- The complete presentation of the two internships and their projected program
- The participation conditions

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