

“Jarama, river with a Battle’s Name”

Rivas 01 (16-30th July 2008): “Jarama, River with a Battle’s Name”

Description of the project:

Rivas Vaciamadrid is a city situated at the south-east of the Spanish capital (Madrid) and played an important role during the Civil War (1936-1939). A very crucial battle took place in the city: Jarama’s Battle. Due to its strategic position for the capture of Madrid, in February of 1937, this area was turned into a terrible battlefield where 18.000 people died. The village of Vaciamadrid and the village of Ribas del Jarama, placed between the confluence of rivers Manzanares and Jarama, were completely destroyed till the end of the War. Later, the two municipalities were unified as Rivas Vaciamadrid.

Last year was the 70th anniversary of the battle. It is a good moment to rise awareness for the new generations about the importance of this battle and the consequences of it and how the Spanish Civil War was only the prelude of the Second World War. During the Spanish Civil War, many people came to fight in another land, another country for something important, beyond the borders, so it’s an opportunity to recover the historical memory of all of us...

Work:

The work is focused on the rescue of rests and traces in order to recovery and recreate sceneries of the Civil War. The work also can include preparing historical routes on the ground and designing maps of the scenery of the battle for pedagogical purposes.

There will be visits, excursions, video forums, leisure time activities...

Group:

The group will be made up by 20 international and national volunteers and 10 locals.

Lodging:

The international and national volunteers will be hosted in the youth centre where there are 24 beds. Showers and basic installations will be provided. Meals will be arranged in the youth centre..

Fee: 75€

How to apply:

You can show your interest contacting the following mail:

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we will send you a specific application form for our workcamp.