

Family Holiday Home

LA BISE

“The fruits of freedom”

“Fighting against extreme poverty also involves holidays...”

“Holidays are not a utopia, but a necessity. Not having access to holidays implies total exclusion.”



ATD Fourth World Movement

“Thinking and acting differently against poverty”

- **All Together in Dignity.**
 - **Eradication of poverty.**
 - **The challenge of ensuring human rights are respected.**
 - **Expression and participation of the poor at all levels of society.**
 - **Sharing knowledge and culture...**
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“The right to holidays for all”

The right to holidays for all is part of the framework law on the fight against exclusion of July 1998. However, a very large part of the population is still excluded from this right.

The main objective of the “Réseau Vacances – Combattre l’exclusion” is to work towards the recognition of the right to holidays, and to promote its implementation.

Deprived of basic security, people suffering social exclusion especially need time to rest and regain their strength.

Holidays represent both, an opportunity to rebuild the family unit, and a gateway to the outside world. This major experience can really transform people, and give them strength for the future.

“The right to holidays for all”

The “Réseau Vacances” is a real barometer of what is happening in relation to holidays: it organizes meetings for associations, social workers, hosts, and funders who meet with families and of course the guests, so that they can exchange and get to know each other.

The network’s inspiration, thoughts and proposals stem from the testimony of families, individuals, and hosts. “Réseau Vacances” pays close attention to these people, to what they are going through and what they think about their personal situation, to what they expect in terms of holidays as a time of peace and freedom.

Experience shows that holidays are a real source of fulfillment for each family member and a powerful way to combat exclusion.

“Réseau Vacances”: fighting exclusion in alphabetical order:
Accueil Paysan, AEC Vacances, ATD Quart Monde et la Maison de Vacances Familiales de La Bise, Destination Partage, Emmaüs France, La Pacifique, Les Petits Frères des Pauvres, Les Restos du Cœur, Le Secours Catholique, Ternelia, Vacances et Familles, Vacances Ouvertes.

“Here, I don’t feel judged or observed”



The Family Holiday Home allows families to rest, to recover, to live together, parents and children. It represents a time to relax supported by people who can be close to families without any prejudice.

Isolated families, like those who take part in these stays, are able to meet people from very different backgrounds and live with them moments of relaxation, peace, and happiness, allowing them to find the strength to face the future.

This way, La Bise becomes a real laboratory of how to live together.

In this safe environment, everyone has the opportunity to try new things, to discover abilities so far ignored, and to develop new interests. Some say it is the first time they have been to a concert or made basketry. Others prefer to talk about their participation in discussions where their opinions were taken into account, or the discovery of beautiful landscapes or historical sites.

All this is possible because there are friends and partners that contribute with their services, sharing their knowledge of the region, their passions, their expertise, convinced that along with the guests, **they can promote together the right to holidays for all.**

What is the project “La Bise” about?

- Pilot project conceived by ATD Fourth World.
 - Family Holiday Home at the heart of Jura.
 - Political combat to guarantee “The right to holidays for all”.
 - Receiving families in great difficulty who have never gone on holiday.
 - Small capacity holiday home (maximum of 5 families).
 - There is one apartment per family.
 - Family promotion.
 - Free and structured activities proposed.
 - Family and friendly atmosphere.
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- For people living alone, or isolated.
- Weekend with families and their social workers.
- Large and highly-available team devoted to the holidays quality.
- Accredited by VACAF and ANCV.

The project finds its strength in the presence and participation of local players who believe in it. They participate and contribute to running the Holiday Home through the association “*Les Amis de la Bise*”, at 3 different levels:

The Holiday Home’s outreach, by mobilizing new friends, in dialogue with governments and other associations, and by reminding politicians to take this pilot project into consideration.

Building renovation. A team of volunteers was mobilized for nearly three months to renovate the kitchen. We have reflected and payed attention to the building accessibility.

Fundraising to bring this Holiday Home to life.

When evaluating the stay, the guests talk often about meeting people from the outside, locals and their accent, and how they animate the different activities and workshops: basketry, puppetry, dancing, singing, sewing, carpentry, crochet and donkey riding.

The 2016 holiday stays

For 40 years, La Bise in the Jura has received families that have never gone on holidays.

The experience gives people beautiful memories, but especially other “fruits”: the sense of openness, another look at oneself, and more strength and self-confidence.

For some this experience has even “reoriented” their life.





In pictures...





Shared moments...



La Bise... who is it?



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