

An educational association complementary to state schooling
A pedagogical research and action movement
A non-formal education movement

les **Aroéven**

educational partners

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Environmental and sustainable development education



“Les Aroéven as a pedagogical movement promotes the idea of a permanent and global education. Their aim is to contribute to a change in society leading to more social justice thanks to the right for all to succeed.

Our actions, inside and out of schools, reflect the values defended by the association. Our educational project and the leisure activities we organise are based on Respect, Fraternity, Solidarity, Democracy, Secularity and Citizenship.

Our activists are educational ones. This is the mean by which we wish to act so that youths can be autonomous and responsible, adults able to spark off and accompany youth initiatives, for a common life, rich in learnings and exchanges.

Our movement, an educational, researching and training one, fulfils a public service mission. It is a source of policy proposals at national and regional levels.

Les Aroéven are committed to the idea of a democratic, secular, and tolerant Europe, in which men and ideas can move around freely. In that sense, we support international exchanges and are committed to helping youths build a European citizenship”.

Fédération des Aroéven, Common Charter, 2011.

A pedagogical research process

One of the association’s mission is to be part of the educational community training (in all its components), thus contributing to a better school climate and promoting the opportunity for each to succeed.

The movement is involved upstream in the teachers’ primary training, but also downstream by directly intervening in middle and high schools as well as during extracurricular time. It is a strong advocate of action researches involving practitioners and researchers (both French and international ones).

- **2006-2008 - “Teaching Diversity”** was a European granted action-research project between les Aroéven and their Hungarian, Italian and Finnish, British, Portugues and Romanian partners. A book presenting the tools and findings was later published.
- **2012 - a European comparative study project of conflicts resolution techniques in schools is launched.** Les Aroéven are introducing the “peer mediation” tools they have developed and implemented over the past decade in a network of French secondary schools.

Varieties of pedagogical publications are released every year by the Fédération des Aroéven and illustrate the progression in the movement researches : guides for teachers and/or trainers ; researchers and practitioners’ texts on specific issues for the educational community...

A specific educational approach

Les Aroéven advocate “co-education” as the way to bring-up future citizens.

It is important that schools allow the development of a relationship between adults and children based on critical thinking and respect for differences. Schools should involve children and teenagers in their education and promote a sense of community. The partnership between parents and teachers should also be reinforced so that the common educational project can be developed on a long-term basis.

Learning to live together

- ☞ Students representatives’ training
- ☞ Eco-delegates’ training
- ☞ “Building children’s self-esteem” sessions
- ☞ Collective school training to get the “holiday camp leader” certificate
- ☞ Preventing risky behaviours sessions

Developing active participation and social responsibility

- ☞ Training pupils to get involved in and manage non-profit activities
- ☞ Supporting the development of associative structures inside schools (“Conseil de vie lycéenne”, “foyer socio-éducatif”).
- ☞ Peer mediation trainings
- ☞ Fighting gender stereotypes sessions
- ☞ Supporting the development of class projects (study visits, “discovery classes”, school trips...).

Les Aroéven were asked by the Aquitaine Regional Council to assist a group of French students in organizing the hosting of foreign delegations invited to the “Students and Trainees Festival” (where students present their artistic and scientific work). For six months, the association worked with the group so they would acquire project management skills and be fully responsible of the activities.

Our association was asked to tutor the Limoges student delegation in preparing its participation to the European Youth Parliament project (a simulation of the European institution: national delegations working in thematic commissions and then in plenary on resolutions) so that they would better understand the European Union functioning and develop their own political proposals.

Educational leisure time

Holidays are a time of discoveries, adventures and experimentations, contributing in their own right to children's education. Les Aroéven promote a right for everyone to enjoy holidays and advocate the official recognition of a special status for holiday camps' leader ("volontariat associatif").

Les Aroéven, consistent with their goal of a global and permanent education, organise holiday camps and leisure times activities in recreational centres for youths from 4 to 18 years old, in France and in Europe. They follow the same principles than our school sessions: co-education, learning diversity, education to sustainable development and conflict resolution...

- **Holiday camps leader trainings**

- **Summer camps in France and in Europe**

- **European youth exchanges**

Les Aroéven have developed relations with Romanian city councils and charities in order to enhance the professional training of youth workers and their exchanges (co-leading holiday camps...).

They are also engaged in European peer reviewing of good practices for holiday camp leaders. "Just do it better" was a European training organised by Les Aroéven in Brittany to enhance cooperation between German, Romanian and Latvian co-operation in their management of recreational activities for children.

Les Aroéven organised a partnership with the Madrid Alliance Française to host binational holiday camps for 50 French and Spanish children.

Language study vacations are also organised in Great Britain and Spain or in France with groups of European children. Discovery trips for teenagers are offered in many countries (Germany, Croatia, Norway, Turkey...)



Europe / International

Les Aroéven, created upon the idea that education should be based on interaction and respect for diversity, are convinced there's a need for a child to open up to the world and to understand the global challenges of our modern society. In a very connected world, it is important to give the right tools to the next generation so that they can act as responsible and active citizens.



Our association has long been involved in the various European mobility programmes and is part of the Lifelong Learning associations network (created by the French National Agency to promote the programme).

It is a member of Solidarité Laïque, a charity created by school actors and working on programmes to promote education to international solidarity.

Extending youth workers trainings, peer reviewing and exchanges to extra-European countries are one of the long-term goal of our association.

Les Aroéven are creating tools to help students clubs (Maison des Lycéens) develop international solidarity projects of their choices.

Les Aroéven have developed over the last years a partnership with village councils and schools in Burkina Faso so that teenagers from both countries can work on a common project (the building from scratch of a youth center) and discover each other's realities and challenges.



DG Éducation et culture

Programme «Jeunesse en action»

Les Aroéven, non-for-profit associations

Created in 1952 under the 1901 Act, even though their activity started as early as the 1940s. They are organised regionally (22 structures covering all of the French Hexagone) with a federal secretariat (Fédération des Aroéven, Foéven) in charge of coordinating and initiating global projects.

The Fédération des Aroéven is a registered charity. It was given a certification from the Youth and Sport Ministry as a non-formal education actor, and another one from the Education Ministry as an “educational association complementary to state schooling”. It also earned official recognition as a “tourism actor” for its organisation of holiday camps and educational leisure times.

The Federation is accredited as a vocational training organisation and received the official authorization to deliver summer camp leaders’ training and certificate (BAFA/BAFD).

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