

**Code:** SVIEK062  
**Name:** TOLOSA-UZTURRE TOWER 2  
**Workcamp location:** Tolosa (Gipuzkoa. Basque Country)  
**Accommodation address:** Zuloaga Txiki, a municipal hostel. (Tolosa)  
**Project:** ENVI/RENO – Environmental/Renovation  
**Initial Date:** 16/07/2010  
**Final Date:** 29/07/2010  
**Min Age:** 18  
**Max Age:** 26  
**Places:** 20

### **DESCRIPTION OF WORKCAMP:**

**Project.** It is situated in the municipality of Tolosa. The workcamp is in the middle of nature, right at the entrance of Aralar Natural Park, on the foot of pretty mountains of great environmental value. Wild boars, roe deers, foxes, eagles and other animals can be found among apple trees, pine trees, oaks, beeches... In such a spot there is a washing place built long ago by the neighbours, where women would gather to do the laundry, so it was a kind of meeting point. In the surroundings we can find other interesting sites, as old farms, valuable examples of traditional Basque architecture, water mills and pretty paths to hike.

**Task:** Volunteers will contribute to the restoration and enhancement of an old telegraph tower. This tower is built of high-quality ashlar. After cleaning it, volunteers will compose the tower's structure with stone extracted in the previous operation. Surrounding elements will also be restored, especially San Inazio sanatorium.

**Location:** Tolosa, the ancient capital city of Gipuzkoa, is located 26 km from the current one, Donostia-San Sebastián. Tolosa is a town with a sparkling cultural life that also keeps many of its traditions: its famous Carnival celebrations (one of the most ancient in Gipuzkoa) and its international choir and puppet contests. On the gastronomy side, we must mention the weekly market. Every Saturday, farmers from the region gather in the Tinglado market and in other squares to offer farm products of the best quality. The town also has a Museum of Confectionery, where visitors can appreciate the tools the Gorrotxategis have been using to elaborate their delicious confectionery since 1680.

On the other side, Donostia-San Sebastián, on the Bay of Biscaye and surrounded by green mountains, is nowadays the capital city of Gipuzkoa and one of the main cultural and tourist spots in Euskadi. Its bay and La Concha beach, its old town, full of traditional bars and restaurants stuffed with tasty and varied tapas (called pintxo) and its international cinema and jazz festivals are famous worldwide.

**Accommodation:** In Zuloaga Txiki, a municipal hostel. This farmhouse has room for 30-40 people, distributed in four bedrooms.

**Language:** English

**Meeting point:** on 16/07/2010 at 6:00 pm outside the Town Hall in the village of Tolosa (Gipuzkoa).

#### **How to get there:**

*Nearest airports:* Donostia-San Sebastián, Bilbao, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Santander.

*Nearest train station:* Tolosa (Gipuzkoa), stop at "Tolosa centro apeadero" (halt).

- *By train:*

- RENFE Spanish Railway Company: <http://www.renfe.es> Tel: +34 902 24 02 02

- *By bus:*

- *from Barcelona, Madrid or Santander to Donostia-San Sebastián:* ALSA-Continental Auto Bus Company: <http://www.alsa.es> Tel: +34 902 42 22 42 • -
- *from Donostia-San Sebastián to Tolosa:* Tolosaldea Bus Company

*More information:* <http://www.turismoa.euskadi.net>