

Nature pour tous

Presentation abstract

« Nature pour tous » Natagora's social project

In its endeavour in environmental education, Natagora has always wished to sensitize as many people as possible to nature around them. Wanting to leave no one out, Natagora decided to create the project « Nature pour tous » - Nature for all.

Since 2005, we set up all kinds of activities for everyone, including « different » people, to open the door to nature. Nature, then, becomes a way to social integration, sensory discoveries and citizen responsibility in the effort to protect the environment.

Daily, our team members try to facilitate the access to nature for people with disabilities and usually left out of conventional activities. We allow people with mental or physical handicaps, elderly or left out for social or economic reasons, school drop-outs or young children to enjoy privileged moments in nature.

We don't limit our activities to the discovery of the natural world, we try to be active on the social level by organising activities to understand handicaps and by integrating « different » people in our project.

« Nature pour tous » is also involved in the development of adapted tools. From the conception of the project, Eric Dubois, project leader, has imagined three dimensional birds allowing everyone to discover garden birds. This idea became concrete with the creation, in 2015, a box with 17 birds made out of resin.

Each bird, created with a 3D printer, has the right size and the right colours. But they also have a texture that corresponds to their colour allowing visually impaired people to apprehend the general aspect and the specific aspect of each bird.

In order to facilitate the discovery of these tools, each bird has its sensory inventory for the different textures. People can discover also the name of birds in brail as well as the names of the colours.

These birds are printed in colour and, therefore, are not restricted for visually impaired people. If, for one reason or another, someone cannot use binoculars or a telescope, they have the opportunity to discover the birds close-up.

2018 is a year of great projects. One of them is the creation of an adapted mobile dry toilet. This project will allow us to welcome groups in nature with maximum comfort. Another project for this year is to organise a camp in Drôme, France. This trip will be for children from difficult neighbourhoods. The purpose of this camp will be to create a relationship between these children and handicapped children.

Through our various nature activities, our workshops on the theme of adapted guidance, various expertise of natural sites for their accessibility, our intervention in the management of nature reserves and a whole bunch of other activities, we aim to improve the daily life of these people allowing them to bloom in an environment they are too unfamiliar with.

Nature Pour Tous, to help Nature be naturally accessible.

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Organisation : NATAGORA (NATURE POUR TOUS)



City (Country) : GEER(BELGIUM)

Biography : Eric Dubois is the coordinator of « Nature pour tous » since June 2005. He is an official guide recognized by the tourism authorities, guide for « different » audiences in adapted languages. He has a training in ornithology, ethology and he is a certified guide for the blind. Developments, activities, adapted tools, networking, workshops, integration and adaptation are ever present in his work. All audiences are welcome with the same enthusiasm. Regularly, he follows workshops to improve his competence or to transmit his own. He became coordinator of the project as it developed and as the public's interest for our activities became obvious. Presently, the team is working on new inventive projects

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