

Spotlight on Brittany: Out & About

Aux Sabots Rouges

Introduction	Now if you live in the Guémené area, you may have heard of an association called Sabots Rouge. Henry talks to Lisa Davi de Florian about what they get up to.
Lisa	Aux Sabots Rouge is an association that I started with a French friend about three years ago, with the main aim to create a place for French and English people to meet and exchange languages, so we have a regular meeting every Friday afternoon. It has a base in a very old house and we rent a small part of it. People can come, they know where it is and sometimes the door is open at other times as well. It's a nice comfortable place to be.
Henry	Why are the people from Aux Sabots Rouge involved with the cinema?
Lisa	Because the cinema is something that we appreciate a lot, because in Guémené we haven't got a tremendous amount of things to do, and before, from time to time, we had English language films, but now very regularly, practically every month, they have a film in VO with French sub-titles, so we are introducing the cinema to as many people in the area as possible.
Henry	And this cinema is..?
Lisa	Its an association, so most of the people that work here are bénévoles and with just one person who is salaried.
Henry	So Madeleine, what have you been doing today?
Madeleine	I've been walking with the English people from the Sabots Rouge, so we've been walking in the country around Guémené and then we have shared a meal with the English people. The English have organised all the day, so it's a very great initiative on part of the English people here in Guémené or around Guémené.

Henry	What do you see Aux Sabots Rouge doing in 2010?
Lisa	Erm, well, we'll continue our weekly conversation groups with maybe another group in the evening as well, or another group on another afternoon, because we're getting quite crowded now, and we are organising probably another Ronde du Ciné. We usually organise one in the spring and one in the autumn, then just evenings, where we invite people to come and listen to somebody talking, or we share ideas. We also have a group of Breton singers that use the association once a month.
Henry	Madeleine, dernier message?
Madeleine	Je pense que c'est un petit peut le devoir des gens du canton de venir au cinéma quand ils ont une salle à leur disposition plutôt que d'aller à Lorient ou Pontivy.
Lisa	Yeah, come and support our cinema.
Henry	Some great examples of integration there. Well done Sabots Rouges, keep it up!