

#bar

#food

#mutual aid

#user-friendliness

THIRD PLACE IN A RURAL SETTING

Structure : The Test Tube



St. André des Eaux

Pays de la Loire

The only business in the village, the café-concert L'Éprouvette, was established and formally registered in early 2022.

A cooperative society of collective interest (SCIC), L'Éprouvette Coop was created to develop a rural cultural, social, and food-focused third place in Saint-André-des-Eaux, with the support of the town hall and the investment of numerous members representing various stakeholders: local producers, residents, employees, local associations...

L'Éprouvette's mission is to foster mutual aid and a sense of community, intergenerational connections, access to culture, and local, sustainable food.

This third place brings together several activities:

- a bistro
- cultural events
- a social space
- a grocery store: The grocery store works with over 25 local producers and 3–4 wholesalers to supplement what is not produced in our region.
- a community cafeteria
- a shared garden
- a coworking space
- a restaurant

BAR AND RESTAURANT HOURS NOV. 2025

Monday and Tuesday: 12 PM – 2 PM* (lunch service)

Wednesday: 12 PM* – 9:00 PM

Thursday and Friday: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM* / 5:00 PM – 9:00

PM Saturday: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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<https://leprouvette.com/>