

"I would ask optimism to people of Las Hurdes. The region has an important future. What we need is to believe ourselves, to work all of us in first person, in the same direction, and to believe in our possibilities."



have taken many years to believe that it had been positive. About 18 years ago or so, a group of persons we realized this and started almost a pedagogical work to convince other people that we could use it positively. And despite that, this debate will always exist here, in Las Hurdes.

-Tell us something about the collaborative project with Sierra de Francia.

-I think it is an excellent idea. Also, I consider myself a citizen of the world who do not believe in borders, provincial lines, I think we've lost a lot of time not doing before. It is true that we had been working on it for a while, but sometimes the administrations themselves, above our own, put obstacles. Fortunately, we have broken that barrier and they are convinced that is a

good thing, like us, because we share many things besides, in matters like culture and customs, nature .. it is a continuity. We are working through the Delegation of Tourism, both of Castilla and León and Extremadura. A very important step. In fact, we have signed together with Sotoserrano the organization of twelve activities a year, hiking and biking routes, canoeing ... they are already closed, with date and everything. With La Alberca we are also working to organize other things. I think it has been a success ... we were so close and so far at the same time, it was a bit absurd. It can be very good for us, because La Alberca has a large number of tourists, it is impressive, and we will try this tourism goes down to Las Hurdes, somehow. I think it did not have very much felt that the Administrations were like that, a bit of backs. The provincial lines were created