

<u>Maison des Jeunes de</u> <u>Marche-en-Famenne</u> <u>(2010-BEFR-36)</u>

Organisation

La Maison des jeunes (MJ) The Youth House. Is an association accredited by the French Community of Belgium. We work in the city of Marche-en-Famenne, 17.000 inhabitants in the south of the country.

Our mission is to promote youth development of responsible citizenship, active, critical and supportive. In all our activities - workshops and training creative or artistic outings and visits, organizing concerts and shows ... - and we strive to work on the basis of "pedagogy of the project." Through negotiation, preparation, implementation and evaluation of activities, we hope to encourage young people to acquire new skills and help them develop as a person and a citizen.

The young people who come in the youth house are in between 12 & 26 year old. For example, our youth participated in workshops as: dance activities, African drumming, musical creation, internship styling, organization of festival rock, participate to carnival...

<u>Tasks</u>

The volunteer will have the possibility to participate in all our activities: artistic workshop, sports activities, organisation of festival and welcome of the youth after school... S/he will also work sometimes in partnership with other local youth and social organisations.

Welcome to the Youth

With the help of a staff member, the volunteer will be at the youth house for the welcome of the youth after school. In this moment, the youth house is open for everyone. The youth could come to meet each other, play some games (dard, baby foot, board games...), discuss...The staff member are available to facilitate the activities but the youth are free to participate or not.

Artistic or sport workshop

Up to his/her capacity & motivation, the volunteer could take part to some activities (sport, dance, music...). With staff member, help to organise these activities.

Cultural Visit

The volunteer will organise some visit out of the youth house (bowling, paintball, amusement park, museum...)



Collective activities with other EVS volunteers :

The EVS activity within La maison des jeunes is usually part of an EVS group project that aims to increase European awareness among youth in the town of Marcheen-Famenne and to improve a closer collaboration between the local youth services. For that reason, some activities will be run with other EVS volunteers (hosted by two other local youth organisations).

The volunteers will work together especially during special youth events organized once a year in Marche-en-Famenne: Rock festival, Carnival, youth services open day, end of exams party.... The volunteers will help to prepare and follow-up these events. In some occasions, they will hold an information stand presenting EVS program and youth exchange opportunities. They will have the opportunity to organize a "European night" in the local youth house and to present therefore their country and traditions.

Project time

EVS activity will start on 01/03/2014 for duration of 12 months

<u>Location</u>

La maison des jeunes is located in Marche-en-Famenne a 17 000 inhabitants town of the province of Luxembourg. This unique situation will permit the volunteer to share the semi-rural life style of the area, but also to meet young people from different places.

During his/her EVS, the volunteer will live and mostly work in Marche-en-Famenne. The town offers all modern facilities (shops, supermarkets, sport center, cinema....). For the urban-life-style-lover, it is however

IMPORTANT: our town is located in a semi-rural area. Even if it is not far away from the biggest Belgian cities (57 km from Liège, 106 km from Brussels, 47 km from Namur) and well connected by train, Marche-en-Famenne can sometimes look remote and very quiet.

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