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Community work and local development

Concordia is a French national non-governmental and non-profit making organization, founded in 1950 by English, German and French youngsters. Their aim was to enhance the values of tolerance and peace after the 2nd world war by organizing international workcamps of young volunteers.

The main objectives of Concordia are the following:

- Education in helping young people to grow up by acquisition of collective life.
- Culture in favoring the youth exchanges on an international level, always emphasizing the values of peace, friendship and mutual respect.
- Social in taking part in concrete actions of solidarity, as well as supporting a civic attitude
- Social economy in contributing to realization of local development, in favor of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

Project environment

The EVS project takes place in the region of Aquitaine, south-east of France in a little village, called Saint Caprais de Bordeaux, 30 kilometres far from Bordeaux. This region is well known for the rich, cultural and environmental heritage and vineyard is also a very important activity of the region. This area is quite isolated and there is not a lot of public transport to visit around but Concordia can lend bikes. If you are a lover of nature and walks you will enjoy a lot!

From October to June, the volunteer will have the opportunity to work with children and teenagers in different structures that need support around Saint Caprais de Bordeaux. During this project the EVS volunteer will change of structures several times to meet different people and to see different way of working. As the structures are already organised in their team it's not always possible for the volunteer to choose where he will go to work with. The project is organised by Concordia Aquitaine in partnership with the community of common compounds of 7 different villages. The volunteer will work during day time with children and/or teenagers.

As we believe that doing an EVS is also to be involved in the activities of the association, we ask the volunteers to take part to the local events and activities that Concordia and the area organise (Organisation of the Christmas market, support to the local fair trade grocery shop, opening days of Concordia, special associative days or weekend organised by others volunteers, helping in the garden of the association...).

Moreover, we encourage volunteers to develop a personal project besides their initial missions.

In July and August the volunteer will participate to the workcamps with Concordia as a co-animator or animator.

Tasks and activities

The main task of the volunteer is to work with children and teenagers during their free time in leisure center, to make activities with them and let them discover the country of the volunteer. The aim through this project is to bring openness to the people who are in contact with the EVS volunteer.

In particular the activities deal with:

- ✓ Helping out the team in the leisure center, the welcoming place before and after school and the youth cent

Organize activities with the children or youth about the country or the passion of the volunteer (cooking, relaxation, hip hop, manual activities...)

- ✓ Participate to outdoor activities with them
- ✓ Participate to **all** the meeting with the team
- ✓ Being involved in the life of the association

The detailed activities will be proposed by the volunteer according to his/her skills and interests and with the support of the pedagogical team. The project will also allow the volunteer to know and develop new pedagogical techniques in term of work with children and youth.

Requirements

- Basics knowledge in French
- Motivation to work with children and teenagers.
- Be flexible and open to meet/live with new people, to think outside of the box
- Cultural, artistic or sport skills are more than welcome
- Be willing to develop a personal project
- Motivation to discover the associative world and all its activities
- Availability to start in October 2017

Practical conditions

- **Working Hours:** The volunteer will work approx. 30 hours per week.
The hours of work can be organised in different ways: (During the school holiday the volunteer will probably work 48 hours per week during two weeks but during the school time the volunteer will work around 20/25 hours).
- **Working and living conditions:** Accommodation will be provided. The volunteer will be accommodated in the house of Concordia, next to the offices of the association, with 4 or 5 other volunteers. The volunteers will have to adopt a collective life which means cook and eat together, propose activities in group and participate to the associative events that we organise once a month in the house of the volunteers. The volunteer will get pocket money (115€ per month) and money for food (7,50€ per day). Internet is available in the house but it's better to bring your own laptop.
- **Transports:** There is few public transport in this area, it is possible to find bicycles and the volunteer will have access to the car of the association to go to work and to do some shopping for the house.

Beginning of the project: First week of October

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NB after receiving the applications, we will arrange skype interviews which are compulsory