

ESC individual volunteering project in France with Concordia Rhône-Alpes and the Mission Locale Vaulx-en-Velin

"Mobility and Active Citizenship Ambassador » 6 months project April 2023 - September 2023

Concordia Rhône-Alpes, 2016-1-FR02-KA110-012049, as coordinating organization, proposes an ESC volunteering project for 6 months (April 2023 - September 2023) in the hosting organization called the Mission Locale (Vaulx-en-Velin).

The Mission Locale is an association under the law of 1901 (concerning non-profit organizations). Its missions are to inform, welcome and support out-of-school young people aged 16 to 25 (mostly NEET). It consistently brings together institutions and structures involved in occupational integration and social inclusion at local level. Its main purpose is to help youngsters to build a vocational path and ensure its monitoring. As part of its missions, the Mission Locale works to provide comprehensive support on all the issues that young people may encounter during their social and professional integration in order to promote self-sufficiency and social autonomy.

The Mission Locale fulfills a public service mission, entrusted by French State, for the vocational integration and social inclusion of young people. Its main missions are to:

- Identify, welcome, inform and guide youngsters.
- Support integration process
- Act for access to employment
- Observe the territory and provide expertise
- Develop project engineering process and coordinate local partnership

Youngsters hosted by the Mission Locale de Vaulx-en-Velin are mainly from priority neighborhoods of the municipal policies (QPV), i.e. disadvantaged urban areas requiring public action. In this context, the Mission Locale, guided by equity principle, aims to remove all existing barriers encountered by the youth in order to foster social inclusion and professional integration.

Project environment

The main part of the ESC project will occur in the Mission Locale de Vaulx-en-Velin, situated in Vaulx-en-Velin. However, concerning different missions and activities to carry out, it is possible that volunteer will be sent occasionally on various meetings with local partners and participate in events within the Lyon Metropolis.

The accommodation of the volunteer will be in in a flat sharing residence in Oullins, 40 minutes away from the hosting organisation (except the business trip, in this case accommodation is taken in charge by the hosting organization).

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Vaulx-en-Velin is a city located in the eastern metropolitan area of Lyon. It is known for its industrial history and working-class heritage (TASE Factory). In recent years, the city has undergone significant urban renewal and regeneration efforts, aimed at revitalizing its economy and improving the quality of life for its residents. Vaulx-en-Velin is also known for its diverse population and its cultural diversity, which is reflected in its various community centres (Charlie-Chaplin Community Cultural Centre), libraries (Maison de quartier Leonard de Vinci Media Library, Paul Eluard Library...), educational facilities such as ENSA (National School of Architecture of Lyon), ENTPE (Engineering School of Sustainable Land Use Planning), Vaulx-en-Velin Planetarium and cultural events (Jazz Festival, Short French-speaking films Festival...).

Lyon city is the capital of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and finds itself at the heart of a natural showcase made up of vines, lakes, mountains and volcanos. Lyon is dynamic and modern city that draws its strength from its world-famous traditions, which are gastronomy, silk and cinema.

Lyon is a city with excellent **transport links**. Whether it be by plane, train or TGV (with 3 stations, including Part-Dieu, the largest international station in France) or car, it's easy to get to Lyon, and once you're here, just as easy to get around the city (with 4 metro lines, 2 funiculars railways (aka "ficelles"), 4 tram lines and 120 bus lines, the Lyon Metropole boasts one of the densest public transport networks (TCL) in France; Vélo'v has more than 4,000 shareable bikes that assures a practical, eco-friendly and cheap way of scouring the 483 kilometres of cycling routes in the city).

Tasks and activities

The volunteer will be asked to support the Mission Locale staff, to raise awareness among the different audiences mostly on the civic involvement and promote the mobility opportunities topics and volunteering. The volunteer will share intercultural thoughts, experiences.

In particular, the activities will deal with:

- Participation of the volunteer in the workshops offered by the Mission Locale: international mobility workshop, contradictory debates, positive experience, identifying Fake News, Health Prevention ...
- Support youth workers in improving/creating workshops (volunteering involvement, environmental issues awareness...)
- Raising awareness among the public of ML partners (Youth Service, Professional integration facilities, social centres, associations, etc.);
- Contribution to the reactivation of the Youth Advisory Council (CCJ), in particular participation in the creation of information and needs collection tools, visual and digital communication tools with the help of the communication officer;
- Participation in the implementation of actions related to cultural events (Europe Day, visit the House of Europe etc.) and various animations in support of the "culture" referent.
- In cooperation with the Mission Locale of Tarare, contribution to communication actions (podcasts for instance) in order to create links between the different Missions Locales and promote meetings between youngsters from both rural and urban areas.
- In general, the volunteer is encouraged to undertake initiatives to promote youth civic engagement, interculturality and mobility.

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Some of its missions will be carried out in pairs with a French volunteer with the support of youth workers and project managers from the organization.

As a resource centre for skills development, the Mission Locale will be able to provide the volunteer with training such as ICDL (International Computer Digital Literacy), Voltaire certification (French language learning program) and depending on available resources, SST (Workplace First Aid Rescuer).

Requirements

- Adaptation, sense of organisation and anticipation;
- Curiosity and creativity;
- To be communicative and easy to approach to different audiences (mostly youngsters aged from 16 to 25);
- Some knowledge of French will be appreciated and be really motivated to learn French (mostly oral practice);
- Availability for a 6-month project starting in April 2023.

Practical conditions

- Working Hours: The volunteer will work 28 hours per week, distributed in 4 days a week. He/she will have vacation (2 days a month) + the national holidays.
- Living conditions:
 - Accommodation and food will be provided. The accommodation of the volunteer will be in a flatsharing residence in Oullins "So Coloc" which is 40 minutes away by metro from Vaulx-en-Velin. Nearby the residence there are public transports and all kind of conveniences. The volunteer will share this flat with up to 7 young people (french and/or Erasmus students, ESC volunteers). In the flat, there is a shared living room and a shared kitchen all equipped as well as two bathrooms. Wi-Fi will also be available.
- **Budget**: Concordia will provide every month to the volunteer food money (7,50€ per day). In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money from Concordia (6,00€ per day).

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and write "ESC application ML Vaulx en Velin" in the subject of the e-mail + specify your sending organization.

NB after receiving the applications, we may arrange Zoom interviews

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