



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**



"EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR OF VOLUNTEERING "

**1 long term individual
activity 12 months
(9/09/2024 to 29/08/2025)**

**Municipal Animation Center
of Cournon & Concordia Auvergne
FRANCE**



THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION: CONCORDIA AUVERGNE

Concordia is a national, French, non-governmental and non-profit 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 work camps for young volunteers.

Today, Concordia develops various international volunteering projects in France (work camps, European Solidarity Corps, Civil Service) and gives opportunity to French youngsters to volunteer abroad. Moreover, Concordia works with Erasmus+ Program (Youth Exchanges and Trainings).



The Paris head office supports activities of the 11 regional offices, including Auvergne, based in Clermont-Ferrand. Since 2010, in Auvergne, Concordia has hosted 8 international volunteers in its office and 30 volunteers in partner organizations. Our role is to foster local and international partnerships, to ensure a quality follow-up of volunteers and to support the implementation of activities.

THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION: Municipal Animation Center of Cournon



Cournon-d'Auvergne is a town in the Puy-de-Dôme department, which counts 20,440 inhabitants. In cooperation with its partners, the city council takes action to elaborate a consistent educational policy. The youth service is divided into few centers, including the municipal animation center which welcomes children and young people from 3 to 17 years.



Its local educational project aims to support people from their childhood in their family development and personal growth.

The main objectives of the educational project are

- To create a fulfilling leisure environment, taking into account the daily rhythm of life.
- To promote social diversity
- To value "community life" and socialisation.
- To encourage the involvement of citizens in the life of the city.
- To ensure effective collaboration with all partners involved.

The aim of the project is not to replace family education but rather to support it in the education of children.

More about Concordia Auvergne:

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THE MISSION

ROLE AND TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEER

This individual volunteering activity will take place within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps. For 12 months, the volunteer will work in the municipal animation center of Cournon d'Auvergne. He/she will be fully integrated in the animation team and will have a tutor in the center, helping him/her with assignments and daily life, and a tutor in Concordia Auvergne.

Various missions will be entrusted to the volunteer, and more specifically the following ones:

The main role of the volunteer will be to introduce European dimension and "intercultural opening-up" to the actions of the educational department and its partners, particularly in the local Municipal Animation Center.

The idea is to raise awareness of local youngsters on European countries and help them to be more open-minded about multiculturalism through various leisure activities, taking place out of regular school hours.

Promoting European mobility among youngsters of the territory, students of local middle and high schools. For this purpose, the volunteer will be in charge of bringing them informations about non-formal educational programs, sharing experiences during different meetings or events, giving his testimony on social medias...

Contributing to the activities of the local Municipal Animation Center as a member of the animation team such as arts, crafts, sporting and cultural activities.

Raising awareness on citizenship and intercultural topics, presenting her country and trying to fight against stereotypes. The volunteer will contribute in creating pedagogical activities, participating in workshops, organizing debates, etc.;



Suggesting new activities for youngsters and local population in accordance with their needs and your expectations (for instance : helping children in home assignments, leading cultural and artistic activities, encouraging sport and good health practises...

All these activities will be discussed with the volunteer and can be adapted according to his/her interests. The volunteer will also be encouraged to implement own initiatives and will benefit from qualified support of the team to do that.



VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE

We are searching for an active and motivated person with the following qualities:

- Adaptation, communicative and willing to approach to a different audience
- Desire & readiness to work with kids and teenagers ;
- Convinced by non-formal education principles and beneficts

- Sense of initiative and willingness to develop one's project;
- Good level of French or/and English or motivation to learn French;
- Motivation to participate in European project and become a facilitator for European projects and values.

Thank to participating in this project the volunteer will:

- Improve his/her French (speaking/writing);
- Get to know international mobility programs and means of project granting;
- Upgrade team working skills;

- Improve pedagogical and facilitation skills;
- Learn how to work with different audiences;
- Develop ways to present his/her culture.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Activity period:** from **9/09/2024 to 29/08/2025**
- Working conditions: the volunteer will work in the office of the Animation Center, approx. 32 hours per week. The volunteer is entitled to 24 days of vacations spread out during these 12 months of the project.

- Living conditions: the volunteer will live in Clermont-Ferrand in a shared apartment, with an other volunteer. He/she will have a private furnished bedroom. The flat has two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living room, equipped and furnished to ensure a comfortable stay (washing machine, Internet connection etc.). The accomodation, house services and fees are 100% covered by Concordia.

- Financial support will be provided to cover expenses for food (9 € per day). Apart from that, the volunteer will receive pocket money (8€ per day).
- Insurance : HENNER insurance in provided by the ESC program

- Travel costs will be covered based on the distance from volunteer's country to France, but there is a maximum amount of reimbursement according to the European Solidarity Corps rules.

- The volunteer will be given an access to online linguistic platform, "EU Academy", that will help the volunteer to follow a personalized language course.
- He/she will be individually followed by a dedicated tutor from the Animation Center, and a tutor from Concordia, to help him/her with working assignments and integration.

APPLICATION PROCESS



DEADLINE: we are waiting for your application until 8th of July 2024

To apply, you have to FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORM FOLLOWING THIS

LINK

You can also send us any additional document showing your motivation. We are looking forward to reading your application!

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