

European Solidarity Corps – Individual long-term activity

“From rural to international youth”

Social Center “La MAGIC” & Association CONCORDIA Auvergne

France, Broût-Vernet, 12 months (from September 2019)

THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION: CONCORDIA AUVERGNE

This project is coordinated by the regional office of Concordia in Clermont-Ferrand (region of Auvergne) and will be hosted by Social Center “La Magic” in Broût-Vernet (department of Allier).

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 Training Courses).

The main domains of Concordia’s activity:

- **Education:** helping young people to grow up through non-formal education and experience of collective living.
- **Culture:** favoring youth exchanges on the international level emphasizing values of peace, friendship and mutual respect.
- **Social:** taking part in concrete actions of solidarity, as well as supporting civic engagement.
- **Social economy:** contributing to local development, in favor of the environment, heritage, tourism and social and educational activities.

The Paris head office supports activities of the 11 regional offices, including Auvergne, based in Clermont-Ferrand. Since 2010, in Auvergne, Concordia has hosted 6 international volunteers in its office and 25 volunteers in partner organizations.

For more information please visit: www.concordia.fr

THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION: SOCIAL CENTER “LA MAGIC”

Social Center “La MAGIC” is an association created in 1962 with the aim to help people living in a rural area. Today the social center performs its actions on the territory of 24 municipalities (department of Allier, region Auvergne Rhône-Alpes) with population of 14 700 inhabitants. The center’s office is located in the municipality of Broût-Vernet (1 182 inhabitants).

In this context mobility of people is essential for having access to cultural, sportive and leisure activities. However, teenagers, elderly people living alone, or families having financial difficulties may face problems to reach these services.

So within this geographical area the role of “La MAGIC” is to reduce the social gap, isolation and social insecurities by helping to organise local events and services for moderate prices. The social center targets all inhabitants of the area, including the most disadvantaged ones, with a purpose to enhance personal and collective development and to maintain social links, and solidarity in the countryside.



It offers various actions for people of different age groups, as well as inter-generational activities. The team works with children and youngsters (animations, summer camps...), with families (parenting training courses, annual animations), with adults (administrative support, workshops of personal mobilisation for unemployed people...), with elderly people (conferences, computer skills workshops, bringing food at home...). The center’s office is located in the municipality of Brout-Vernet, where the majority of its actions take place, but a lot of other events are organized on the territory of municipalities.

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ROLE AND TASKS OF A VOLUNTEER

The volunteer will work in the office of Social Center “La MAGIC”, in Brout-Vernet. He/she will be fully integrated in their friendly team and will have a tutor helping him/her with assignments and daily life.

Various mission will be entrusted to the volunteer, among them are the following:

- Promoting European mobility among youngsters followed-up by La MAGIC and also among students of local middle and high schools. For this purpose, the volunteer will be in charge of creating pedagogical activities, organizing events, sharing experiences during different meetings;
- Assisting youngsters in the preparation and realization of a European youth exchange;
- Accompanying a group of inhabitants in the creation of a social center in Burkina Faso and helping them to define vectors of cooperation between the centers (what kind of projects they can implement, what means they have to use...).

Thanks to participating in this project the volunteer will:

- ✓ Improve his/her French (speaking/writing);
- ✓ Elaborate project management skills;
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ Discover the region and the French culture.

It is necessary to mention, that all these activities will be discussed with the volunteer and can be adapted according to his/her interests and needs.

Furthermore, the volunteer will be encouraged to implement his/her 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:

- Capacity to adapt to new environment;
- Ability to communicate with different audiences;
- Good presentation skills;
- Desire & readiness to work in rural area;
- Sense of initiative and willingness to develop one's project;
- Good level of English and/or French or motivation to learn French;
- Motivation to participate in European project

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Activity period:** from September 2019 to August 2020 (12 months)
- **Working conditions:** the volunteer will work in the office of "La MAGIC" in Broût-Vernet, approx. 32 hours per week (some actions may take place in municipalities nearby). Except regular days off (Saturday and Sunday), the volunteer is allowed to take 24 days of vacations spread out during these 12 months of the project.
- **Living conditions:** the volunteer will have a private accommodation in a nearest city. It is entirely furnished, with Internet connection and household equipment (washing machine, TV, etc.).
- **Transport:** since the volunteer will live in a city, 2 employees of "La MAGIC", who live at the same place will make arrangements to bring the volunteer by car to the working place in Broût-Vernet.
- **Financial support** will be provided to cover expenses for food (**7,50€ per day**). Apart from that, the volunteer will receive **pocket money** (**6€ per day**).
- **Travel costs** will be covered based on the distance from the volunteer's country to France, as there is maximum amount of reimbursement according to European Solidarity Corps rules.
- He/she will benefit from 1 year **health insurance** that covers all medical expenses.
- The volunteer will be given an access to **Online Linguistic Support (OLS)** – an online language platform that will help the volunteer to follow a personalized language course.
- He/she will be individually followed by **dedicated tutors** from Concordia and the social center.

However, we would encourage you to think well before applying to this project. Keep in mind that you have to be ready to work in rural area and that the place you will be living in is not a big city, like Paris or Lyon so you should not expect the same ambience.



APPLICATION PROCESS

A priority will be given to youth with fewer opportunities (having economic, social, geographical obstacles, disability, educational difficulties, cultural differences, health problems...).

For that purpose, **we kindly ask candidates to mention which situation they may face** and what kind of **support should be provided** to improve it.

DEADLINE

We are waiting for your application until **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17!**

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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