

Network of Youth and Cultural Centers in Normandy

Description of our organization

The Network of Youth and Cultural Centers in Normandy (RMJCN) is a regional federation of youth and cultural centers (Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture or MJC). Its role is to gather and coordinate the MJCs and associations in the region that share its Popular Education Project.

Our organization leads events in the city and proposes various activities (sporty, cultural, artistic, education to citizenship).

Project environment

The action presented is to host 5 young European volunteers at the same time in 5 different places:

- 1 volunteer in the Youth and Cultural centre of Yvetot
- 1 volunteer in the Youth and Cultural centre of Duclair
- 1 volunteer in the Cultural Center of Gruchet-le-Valasse
- 1 volunteer in the Cultural Center of Saint Romain de Colbosc
- 1 volunteer in the Network of Youth and Cultural centers in Normandy,

The selected area for hosting the volunteers is the “Country of Caux” with the city of Yvetot as a central place + 3 villages located 20 kilometres around.

The volunteers will live in Yvetot, a city with 12,000 inhabitants, which offers all services (administrative and health services) and leisure (cinema, restaurants, cultural centers...).

A train joins Paris to Le Havre (1h1/2 from Paris and less than 30 mn from Le Havre and Rouen), several bus lines (one goes to the sea) and also the freeway. It is a tourist area which offers many possibilities.

The “Country of Caux” is a rural and enclosed country, distinguished by small communes with local councilors who hesitate to create new projects and with a lack of interest from the inhabitants and the elects regarding the European mobility.

The young people living here are not very moving. That is the reason why it is difficult for them to go on with studies or to integrate a job. This motionlessness is as much physical as psychological.

The population of the “Country of Caux” is, for a large majority, a population living in this country since several generations which often show mistrust with new inhabitants.

The “Country of Caux” is an attractive area concerning tourism and is located in the middle of a rural country, not far from the seaside and from large towns as Rouen and Le Havre.

It's a country with a young population and, due to this fact, many schools (for instance, 4 secondary schools in the area where will act the volunteers). Also, there are a lot of

organizations willing to be their partners for this action.

So, the activities of the volunteers will be guided on several places of this country, according to the transportation accommodations.

Proposed activities for EVS volunteers

Every volunteer will be followed individually. The Network of Youth and Cultural Centers will look after the good coordination between these structures and will also make sure that the volunteer will be in good conditions outside these structures.

It will bring to the volunteers hours of linguistics lessons, in accordance with the needs of everyone and could organize internal joint exchange days in order to speak with the volunteers of their concerns (regarding, or not, their voluntary service).

The associations will also do its utmost to find, for the volunteers, help for transportation to allow them to move, particularly during the week-ends (Country railways cards, Country bus cards, etc ...) They will benefit of the meals proposed by the organizations (for example, the meals served during the school leisure centers).

The 5 volunteers will work in their own receiving structure 4 days / 5.

According to the hosting place, each volunteer will be involved in the life of the structure, within the framework of the proposed activities :

The young volunteer could participate to all activities and essentially to:

- Participate to the organization of animations and workshops for children and youngsters on the topic of environment
- Organization of intercultural sessions to sensitize a large public on citizenship and European diversity
- Preparation of the different shows for the end of the year

The 5 volunteers will prepare a presentation of their country and of their experience that they will propose to different target groups. These shows will be an occasion to share regarding the European mobility and to tempt other young people to try the adventure.

These presentations could also be proposed during the leisure centers, the association workshops or the young people reception centers. Thematic evenings and exhibitions could be organized too for the members of the structures and, even, for everybody.

One day per week (at the RMJCN from Yvetot), the volunteers will meet in order to work together on a common project that will take place at the end of the year. It could be a show, an exhibition, a video etc... This will be defined by the volunteer themselves. The coordinator will help the volunteers to lead this project by bringing them a methodology. The volunteer hosted by the RMJCN could be in charge of the communication concerning this project (to produce communication tools for instance).

During the project, the volunteers will learn to:

- Create and set up a common project,
- Take in account the cultural differences of every one,
- Meet the local people,
- Show creativity and dynamism,
- Develop some skills (multimedia for instance)

Accommodation

The volunteers will live in a common accommodation (flat) in Yvetot. Everyone will have his own bedroom. The kitchen, the bathroom and the living room will be common.

2 volunteers will be in organizations located in Yvetot, not far from the accommodation.

The volunteers located in Gruchet-le-Valasse and Saint Romain de Colbosc will go by public transport. The volunteer located in Duclair will probably have a car from the associative driving-school.

We have to indicate that the volunteer located at the RMJCN will have a car during his working hours.

The shopping could be done near the accommodation. Several supermarkets and shops are located in Yvetot.

Yvetot has leisure infrastructures that could benefit to the volunteers: associations, media library, cinema, swimming pool, stadium, etc ...

Volunteer profiles and recruitment process

Profiles of the volunteers :

The principle governing this project is the collective hosting of 5 EVS. This group will be composed by young people with different cultures and nationalities, coming from the 5 corners of Europe.

We would like that the volunteer has knowledge or predispositions in the field of animation: work in team and public speaking.

Selection Procedure

The EVS youngsters will be recruited by the hosting organizations as follows:

The application will be examine considering the project and the capabilities to apply, as shown in the documents received from the youngster.

The personal topics of interest of the candidate for EVS will be taken into consideration because they could be used for the development of his personal project to conduct in the hosting organization. The selected candidates will be contacted for skype interview.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send us an e-mail with your CV and motivation letter at rmjcn.yvetot@orange.fr

Deadline for applications: 10/03/2016