CONCORDIA

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12 months ESC project:

"Active citizenship and mobility for all"

From September 2019 until September 2020

Call for 2 volunteers

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 the realization of local development, in favor of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

The Paris head office supports the ten regional offices activities. Concordia Rhône-Alpes is one of these regional offices.
Concordia has the approval of the French Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of the Environment.

Project environment

The office of Concordia Rhône-Alpes is located in Lyon, the 3rd biggest city of France, at the East. Lyon benefits from a temperate climate and offers all kinds of services and its access to leisure is well developed. It's a really touristic city, with a strong cultural patrimony.

Tasks and activities

The two ESC volunteers will work together in pairs, and with the support of our local volunteers and our working team.
They will be asked to support Concordia staff in promoting mobility and involvement for young people, including the ones with fewer opportunities.
The volunteers will also work on a project to favour active citizenship and free expression for young people.
And finally, the volunteers will also help with the preparation of the international workcamps season, and other kinds of international projects we organize throughout the year (Erasmus + youth exchanges, training courses…).

In particular the activities will deal with:

1. **Ambassadors for mobility (all year long)**
   - Participate in events promoting voluntary service;

- Present the "Erasmus +" program and the European Solidarity Corps;
- Meet youngsters willing to do an ESC Individual volunteering, present them the process, help them in their researches and testify about your own experience;
- Promote voluntary service with new tools, to be defined. For Ex: creation of a booklet or a website with records about different voluntary experiences;
- Be in contact with local partners, to participate in the reinforcement of Concordia's networks. This could help us to create bonds with other structures, with the implementation of new shared activities;
- Organize specific information sessions in several priority neighbourhood in Lyon's area for the youngsters with fewer opportunities, to help them to access to the mobility, especially by promoting the short-term ESC volunteering and the international workcamps;
- Support Concordia's staff in different tasks related to external communication (monthly newsletters, facebook posts…).

2. **Supporting active citizenship and free expression**
   - Organise in collaboration with local volunteers some regular events in Lyon or other close cities to favour the active citizenship and free expression for the young people on different topics (solidarity, environment, inclusion…): street debates / Citizen Cafés in a local bar in Lyon;
   - Follow a specific training about street debate technics to be able to favour the collective expression.

3. **International Volunteer Workcamps season and other intercultural projects**
   - Assist Concordia's staff for the organisation of the international volunteer workcamps season (generally from june to september) and before, for its logistic preparation;
   - Offer practical support for various tasks: preparation of material for workcamps (tents, tools…), reinforce the link with the local communities which host the workcamps, communication;
   - Co-lead an international workcamp during the summertime (2 or 3 weeks) after having participated to a specific animation training. It's possible to be technical leader or group leader (depending on the volunteer's interest and capacities);
   - Assist Concordia's staff in the development of projects in the frame of Erasmus + program (Youth Exchanges, Training courses…). This can mean to do some promotion, and help to the preparation regarding practical matters, but also to help with the animation, or even imagine and write your own projects.

The detailed activities will be defined both by the volunteers and Concordia's staff, according to the volunteers' skills and interests.

Requirements

- Adaptation, to be communicative and easy to approach to a different audience;
- To speak good English and/or French or to be motivated to learn fast French;
- Interest for the international workcamps, and intercultural awareness projects;
- Availability for a 12 months project starting in september 2019.
- Sense of initiative, enthusiasm

Practical conditions

- **Working Hours:** The volunteer will work approx. 30 hours per week (including 3 hours dedicated to learn French on the online platform).
- **Working and living conditions:** Accommodation and food will be provided. The volunteers will be accommodated in the Concordia's regional office "House of Volunteers", which is located in Lyon, alongside the office, with one more volunteer doing his/her ESC volunteering in another partner organisation. They will both have their own room and they will have common access to the bathroom, kitchen, living room and courtyard.
  In addition the volunteers will get a budget for food (7,5€ per day) and pocket money (180€ per month), provided by monthly transfers. Free internet access will be provided.

Application deadline: 08/01/2019

Please send your CV and motivation letter to: Estelle DUQUESNOIS

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and write **„Active citizenship and mobility for all"**

in the subject of the e-mail

NB after receiving the applications, we may arrange Skype/Phone interviews with the pre-selected candidates