

# "Volunteering through Europe and beyond"

# Concordia

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 realization of local development, in favor of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

The Paris head office supports the eight regional offices activities in the Alps, Auvergne, Aquitaine, Bretagne, Normandy, Picardy, South-Southwest and Ile-de-France.

Concordia has the approval of the French Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of the Environment.

More information on this website: http://www.concordia-association.org/

# Project environment

The office of Concordia Auvergne is located in Clermont-Ferrand, in the centre of France. The Auvergne region is mainly famous for the natural park of volcanoes. Clermont-Ferrand is counting around 141 000 inhabitants and it is a dynamic city with a lot of cultural and sportive activities.

Our region is famous for the beauty of our landscapes (old volcanoes, medium altitude mountain range, lakes and rivers, etc.). There are a lot of opportunities for hiking, climbing, etc. all around the city. You will find in Clermont all that you need and there are a lot of possibilities for leisure activities (sport, music, theatre, concert, cinemas).

Clermont-Ferrand is also famous for hosting the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, one of the world's leading international festivals for short films, as well as the corporate headquarters of Michelin, the global tyre company created more than 100 years ago in the city.

More information on the below links:

- http://www.auvergne-tourisme.info/
- http://www.clermont-ferrand.fr/
- http://www.clermont-fd.com/

# Role and tasks of the volunteer

The aim of this project is to promote volunteering in Auvergne region. The main role of the volunteer will be to emphasize the international aspect of Concordia Auvergne's activities. Thanks to her/his presence, we want to promote youth participation, volunteering, develop European project in the frame of the Erasmus+ program and continue to set up international workcamps in the region.

In particular, the activities will be:

- > To promote Concordia Auvergne's activities in various events: forum, festival...
- > To contribute to European projects:
  - Promoting voluntary service (EVS, "service civique") with new tools, to be defined;
  - To support Concordia's staff to set up a youth exchanges and a European training with local partners.
- > In the frame of the workcamps season (generally from june to september):

- To assist Concordia's staff during the workcamp season and before, for its preparation. Practical support is needed for various tasks: preparation of material for workcamps (tents, tools...), link with the local communities which hosts the workcamps...

- To co-lead an international workcamp (2 or 3 weeks) after having participated to a specific training.

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

#### Profile

- Adaptation, to be communicative and easy to approach to a different audience;
- Convinced by non-formal education principles and benefits;
- Speak good English and/or French or to be motivated to learn French;
- Motivation for European projects and international workcamps;
- Motivation for co-leading a group of international volunteers.

#### Practical conditions

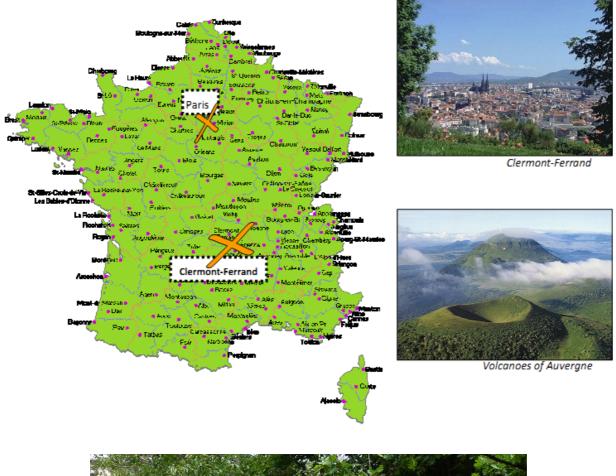
- <u>Activity period</u>: From February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (8 months).
- Working Hours: The volunteer will work approx. 32 hours per week
- Working and living conditions: Accommodation and food will be provided. The volunteer will be accommodated in the Concordia's flat above the office. She/he will have her/his own room and she/he will have shared bathroom/kitchen with one another volunteer. Internet access will be also available. In addition the volunteer will get pocket money (€115 per month) and €7.5 a day for the food, following EVS funding rules.
- > The volunteer will be individually followed by a <u>dedicated mentor</u>.

### Deadline

The selection process has to end theoretically at the beginning of september, which means we are waiting for your application from now to <u>august 31<sup>st</sup></u>.

To apply, interested volunteers should send their CV, motivation letter specific to this project and the application form, by e-mail to the contact person below.

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International workcamp in Auvergne