



## 2010-FR-9 : CCAS of Issoire & CONCORDIA Auvergne

### - TO PROMOTE INTERGENERATIONAL LINKS IN ISSOIRE -

#### Concordia

Concordia is a French national non-governmental and non-profit making organisation, 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 organising 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 favouring 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 favour of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

The Paris head office supports the 9 regional offices activities i-e the Auvergne, Aquitaine, Brittany, Ile-de-France, Midi-Pyrenees, Normandy, Picardy, Rhône-Alpes and South-East of France.

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

**Concordia Auvergne is coordinating this EVS project which will be host by our partner: the CCAS of Issoire.**

#### The CCAS of Issoire:

The Community Centre for Social Action (CCAS) of Issoire is a local public establishment in charge from the city hall to implement the social politics for the inhabitants of Issoire. So, it manages:

- A day and night emergency service for the vagrant public (young people without accommodation, the homeless people, etc.).
- An independent living facility for autonomous seniors: the retirement homes of la Cascade.
- Different actions for people in the process of social inclusion (young people, beneficiaries of minimum grant, etc.).
- Several actions to maintain old people at home or bring them activities (meal delivery at home, on demand transport, health prevention workshop, etc.).
- An active accommodation service to help people with low incomes with an adapted accommodation.

#### Project environment

The EVS project takes place in the region of Auvergne (centre of France) in the town of Issoire (14 780 inhabitants). This small city is located at the crossing of 2 rivers, and at the door of natural regional parks of Volcans d'Auvergne and Livradois-Forez. Issoire is also close to the main regional city of Clermont-Ferrand (149 000 inhabitants). Its position in the centre of France facilitates access to the mediterranean coast in the South, the atlantic ocean in the West, the alps in the East and Paris in the North.

Even if Issoire is not a big city, it doesn't lack cultural, artistic, and outdoor activities. Moreover, the proximity to Clermont-Ferrand enables an easy access to a wider range of activities, leisures and discoveries.

## Tasks and activities

We want the volunteer to participate in a new project which aims to develop intergenerational links between the different audiences of the CCAS. The idea is to plan common activities between the home of youth workers and the home "l'Escapade".

In this way, the volunteer will get involved in the CCAS activities, and particularly the ones described below:

- The Home of Youth workers
- The Home "l'Escapade": it is a free place where retired can meet

Beyond these two missions, we want to let the volunteer discover all the services managed by the CCAS, in order to let her/him discover all the services:

- \* The Home for the elderly
- \* The emergency welcome by day and by night
- \* The social gardening

The volunteer will work with the permanent team, composed of animators and professional social workers. She/he will enrich the team with a sensibility, a different point of view, a different path, new propositions, opinions, dynamic... The volunteer can also suggest actions and develop a personal project in agreement and with the support of the team.

The detailed activities will be proposed by the volunteer according to his/her skills and interests, and with the support of the team.

## Requirements

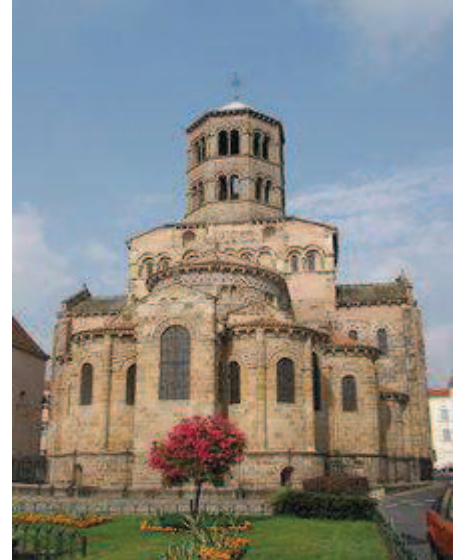
- Adaptation, open-mindedness and motivation for working with people facing various difficulties and for setup a new intergenerational project.
- Strong motivation for the animation (cultural and sport) and social fields, and for team work.
- Speak correct English and/or French, or to be motivated to learn French.
- Availability for a 11 month project starting in September 2015.

## Practical conditions

- **Working Hours** : The volunteer will work approx. 35 hours per week
- **Working and living conditions**: Accommodation and food will be provided. The volunteer will be accommodated in the Home of Youth Workers. He/she will have his/her own room and he/she will share bathroom/kitchen with 1 or 2 other young people. In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money (115€ per month). Internet access will also be available.
- The volunteer will be individually supported by a **dedicated mentor** from Concordia (the organisation that also coordinates the global EVS project).

The selection process has to end theoretically mid April, which means we are waiting for your application from now to **April 8th**.

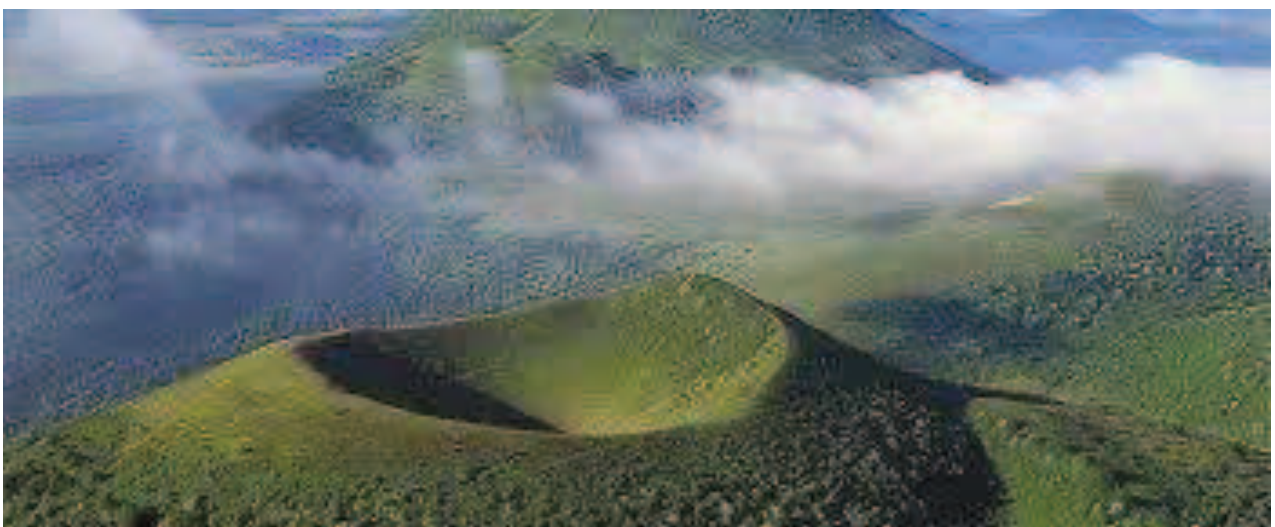
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Issoire



Clermont-Ferrand



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