



## Lycée Georges Sand à Yssingaux & CONCORDIA Auvergne - Bring Europe in high school ! -

### 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 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 realisation of local development, in favour of the environment, heritage, tourism and socio-educational activities.

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 hosted by the high school Jean Monnet in Yzeure.

### The high school "George Sand" in Yssingaux

"George Sand" is a public agricultural school which offers training courses for around 500 students from the age of 14 years old up to university foundation course level.

It provides an education adapted to professional careers and to the abilities of students who have very different profiles and who wish to have a short term introduction to professional work or to take up long term studies (veterinary, engineering). Internships are an integral part of their training.

The school has already been involved in European projects and a team is in the process of establishing new actions, such as an e-twinning project which facilitates the exchange of ideas throughout Europe and a "European Club".

International cooperation has always been one of the aims of the agricultural department. The international opening that we demonstrate thanks to these training courses pushes us to continue our involvement in European activities, this time by welcoming a European volunteer.

For more information about the school : <http://www.legta.yssingaux.educagri.fr/>

### Project environment

The EVS project will take place in the region of Auvergne (centre of France) in the historic town of Yssingaux (7,100 inhabitants), very close to Le Puy-en-Velay and Saint-Etienne. It has easy access to Lyon and Paris by train and is not far from the regional capital, Clermont-Ferrand (149,000 inhabitants). Auvergne is a region famous for its volcanoes, so there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, go on hikes and take part in other outdoor activities such as mountain biking and horse-trekking.

Yssingaux is also close to gorges and the source of the Loire river. The town has sporting facilities, a public swimming pool and many sports clubs. Although Yssingaux is not a large town, it has many cultural and artistic

opportunities open to the wider public thanks to its cinema, theatre and arts festival. In addition, it is the world capital of patisserie as it is home to a famous patisserie school.

For more information:

<http://www.yssingeaux.fr/>

<http://www.ot-lepuyenvelay.fr/>

## Role of the volunteer

The main role of the volunteer will be to enrich the educational team of the high school and its activities by bringing a European opening.

The volunteer will work in a team with another French volunteer in the organization in order to develop the civic engagement and citizenship in schools.

The volunteer will be able to undertake the following tasks:

- Youth awareness on health risks: prevent youth risks behaviors, give them the required keys for good health.
- Fight against discriminations and promoting equality: educating young people against prejudices, highlight the cultural diversity, promote the values of equality and secularism and in this way fight against the causes of discriminations.
- Awareness of mobility and international solidarity: promote international relations balanced through development education and youth exchanges.
- Youth awareness on environmental issues: promote citizen behaviour that leads to a sustainable development.

This EVS project is part of a bigger action since three other volunteers are going to realise the same project, at the same time in three other high schools. We will encourage the volunteers to meet up in order to share their experiences, ideas and difficulties. These meetings will facilitate the follow up of the project and ensure its success.

## Practical conditions

- **Activity period** : From October 2015 to March 2016 (6 months)
- **Working Hours** : The volunteer will work approx. 24 hours per week. The volunteer will not work during the school holidays: 'Toussaint' holiday from 17th October to 2nd November, Christmas holiday from 19th December to 4th January and Winter holiday from 13th February to 29th February.
- **Working and living conditions**: Accommodation will be provided. The volunteer will be housed in a residence for university students, the "Aubépine" residence, which is composed of individual bungalows in a wooded park, and is next to "George Sand" agricultural school. In this way, he/she will live in a fully equipped duplex. The accommodation has a kitchen, toilet and shower room on the ground floor and a bedroom upstairs. In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money (115€ per month) and 7,5€ a day for the food. The accommodation's proximity with the school will make life easier for the volunteer. What is more, the fact that the volunteer will live in a residence with other young people will make it easier for he/she to become integrated in the local community.
- The volunteer will be individually followed by a **dedicated mentor** from Concordia (the organisation that also coordinates the global EVS project).

## Deadline

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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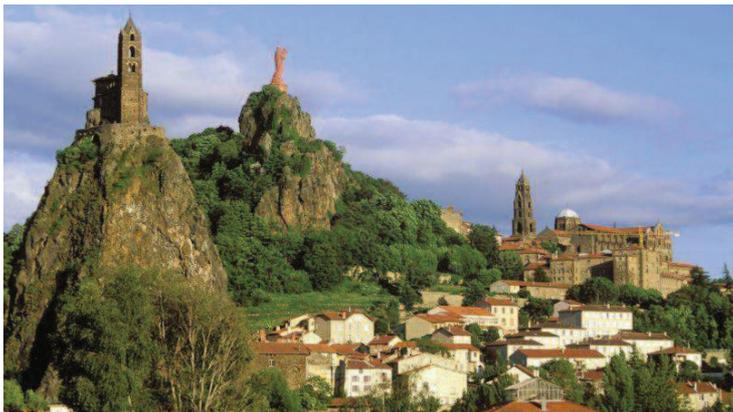
**Yssingeaux**



**Auvergne countryside**



**Location of Auvergne in France**



**Le Puy-en-Velay**



**Clermont-Ferrand**