



Lycée Jean Monnet Mermoz à Aurillac & 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 2nd 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 Pierre-Joël Bonté in Riom.

The high school "Jean Monnet Mermoz" in Aurillac

"Monnet-Mermoz" high school is a vocational and academic school. It is located in a rural, mountainous area where many students come from less-favoured backgrounds and have limited international mobility. Many students come from small, rural schools so the high-school has 249 students who board during the week. The school is recognised on a national level for its innovative teaching methods in certain areas such as engineering science and technology, and also in the aeronautical department. Projects have been completed by teachers and students in order to make an aeroplane and a hydroplane. The school offers professional training in areas such as electricity, technological maintenance, digital technology, management, accountancy and nursing.

For more information about the school : <http://www.epl.aurillac.educagri.fr/>

Project environment

The EVS project will take place in the region of Auvergne (central France) in the town of Aurillac (35,000 inhabitants). At 600 metres above sea level, the town is located in the Cantal volcanoes area near to the Auvergne Volcano Park so there will be plenty of opportunities to take part in outdoor activities and hikes. There is a ski station nearby and green tourism is being developed in the area. The town has a train station which gives easy access to Clermont-Ferrand (main town in Auvergne). The volunteer has to be aware that the climate can be harsh, with snow and frost being likely during winter.

Even if Aurillac is not a big town it doesn't lack cultural, artistic, and outdoor activities. For example, there are many events and exhibitions held throughout the year thanks to the town's museums, theatre and cinema. There are also many sports clubs and sporting activities available. Moreover, its proximity with Clermont-Ferrand enables an easy access to a wider range of activities, leisures and discoveries

For more information:

<http://www.ville-aurillac.fr/>

<http://www.cantal-destination.com/>

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 organisation in order to develop civic engagement and citizenship in schools.

The volunteer will be able to undertake the following tasks:

- Youth awareness of health risks: prevent youth risk behaviour, give them the keys required for good health.
- Fight against discriminations and promote equality: educating young people against prejudices, highlight cultural diversity, promote the values of equality and secularism and in this way fight against the causes of discrimination.
- Awareness of mobility and international solidarity: promote international relations balanced through developmental education and youth exchanges.
- Youth awareness of environmental issues: promote citizen behaviour that leads to 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 an apartment usually used by foreign language assistants or in another apartment with all necessary facilities, (kitchen, bathroom etc.). He/she will have his/her own room. Lunchtime and evening meals can be taken in the self-service restaurant used everyday by teachers and students. The town centre can be reached on foot or by bus and there is a train station in town. There is also an airport nearby that has daily links to Paris. In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money (115€ per month), and 7,5€ a day for the food.
- The volunteer will be individually followed by a **dedicated mentor** from Concordia (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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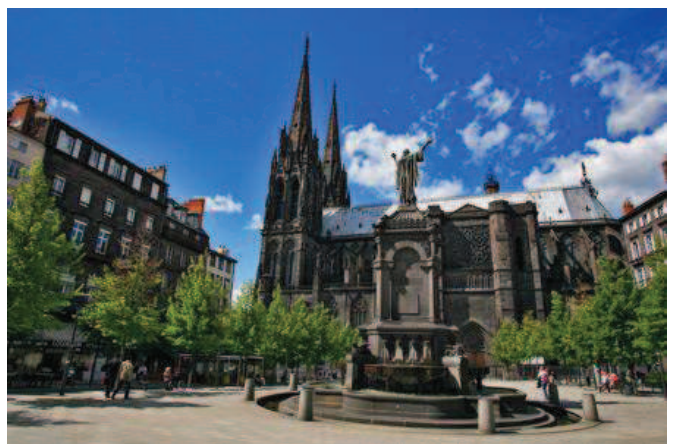
Aurillac



Location of Auvergne in France



Volcanoes in Auvergne



Clermont-Ferrand