



Lycée Pierre-Joël Bonté à Riom & 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 "Pierre-Joël Bonté" in Riom

"Pierre-Joël Bonté" is an academic and vocational high school that opened in 2009. It welcomes many types of learners (school-age, apprentices and adults) and offers a large selection of qualifications. The school has sports and linguistic departments and in 2013 it opened a European Department. A European opening is an integral part of the establishment. In particular, it is by means of this new department that the school wishes to open up opportunities of European mobility to its students and staff. The school wishes to broaden its horizons by welcoming a European volunteer.

There are 4 areas of vocational training in the school: Construction, building, energy, woodwork, a technology department and many other vocational courses. The languages taught in the school are English, German, Spanish and Italian.

For more information: <http://www.entauvergne.fr/public/0631985R/Pages/default.aspx>

Project environment

The EVS project will take place in Riom (18,500 inhabitants), an historic town situated in Auvergne and near to the regional capital, Clermont-Ferrand. Riom has good rail links, which makes it easy to access Clermont-Ferrand, Lyon and Paris. The Auvergne region is famous for its volcanoes and so it is possible to take part in outdoor activities and go on hikes in the area.

Even if Riom is not a big town, it doesn't lack cultural, artistic and outdoor activities. In fact, many events take place throughout the year and the town has several sports centres and a public swimming pool. Riom has many cultural and sporting organisations. In addition, its proximity to Clermont-Ferrand means that a larger range of activities and discoveries are available closeby.

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 main role of the volunteer will be to sensitize on mobility and international solidarity: promote international relations balanced through developmental education and youth exchanges.

However, according to her/his skills and wishes, the volunteer could undertake the following tasks:

- Youth awareness of health risks: prevent youth risk behaviour, give them the keys required for good health.
- Fight against discrimination 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.
- 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 others high schools in Auvergne. 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 shared apartment that is used by staff who live far away from the school. He/she will have his/her own bedroom and he/she will share the bathroom, kitchen and living room with another person. In addition, the volunteer will get pocket money (115€ per month) and 7,5€ a day for the food. The accommodation does not have internet access but it will be possible for the volunteer to access the internet in the establishment outside of school hours. The volunteer will also benefit from the school canteen service from Monday morning until midday Friday during term-time. The school is located on the outskirts of Riom, close to shops and a 20 minute walk from the train station.
- 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**.

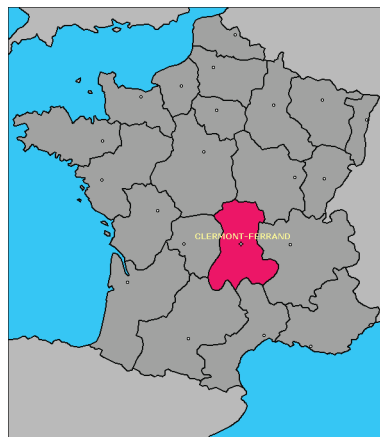
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Riom



Clermont-Ferrand



Location of Auvergne



Volcanoes in Auvergne