



EVS in France with Concordia Rhône Alpes
Animation and intercultural exchange in a French high school
Starting date: 03 October 2016 – 8 months

Concordia

Concordia Rhône-Alpes, 2013-FR-148, as coordinating organization, proposes an EVS project in the hosting organisation called **MFR du Domaine de la Saulsaie**, from **october 2016 to may 2016 (8 months)**.

The Domaine de la Saulsaie MFR (Maison Familiale et Rurale) is an associative establishment that belongs to the movement of Maisons Familiales et Rurales that trains 70 000 young people from 14 years old to bachelors' degree every year.

France holds more than 400 MFR in total.

The Domaine de la Saulsaie MFR develops trainings from second year of highschool to technical diploma in agriculture (2 years after highschool) in services to individuals, horticulture and vegetable gardening, organised as follow:

- From age 16 to 18, Services to Individuals and to Territories.
- From age 18 to 20, BTSA, Development and Attraction of Rural Areas.
- From age 15 to 18, Management of Agricultural Exploitation
- From age 15 to 18, Horticulture

For each subject it is possible for the students to complete half of their education at school and half during an internship in a professional environment.

The MFR welcomes an average of 180 young people every year.

Project environnement

The main part of the project will occur in **the MFR du Domaine de la Saulsaie, situated near the Montluel village**. For week-ends and holidays, the accomodation of the volunteer will be in **Concordia's house, in Lyon**.

Montluel is a french village in the department of Ain that belongs to the Rhône-Alpes region. The inhabitants of Montluel are called the Montluistes. Montluel enjoys a privileged position because it is located between the urban area of Lyon and the Ain countryside. The climate is semi-continental with Mediterranean influences: summers are hot and sunny and winters are cold. Montluel is also located next to the Dombes region, famous for its thousands little lakes with rich flora and fauna. The village is quite large and it is divided into three areas: the town, the wooded hill of Côtière and the plateau.

Montluel is only 23 km away from Lyon, 44 km from Bourg-en-Bresse and 39 km from Villefranche-sur-Saône. Montluel is located 10 minutes from the motorway A42 to Geneva and it is crossed by the RN84. The departemental couches (line 171 from Montluel to Lyon) and the Rhône-Alpes TER train allow you to reach Lyon or Ambérieu-en-Bugey following the RN84.

In 2012 Montluel registered a population of 6,818 people and an area of 40.05 km² with a density of population of 170 inhabitants/ km². The majority of the population works in the urban area of Lyon. The MFR Domaine de la Saulsaie is situated quite far away from the center of the village of Montluel. It's situated in a really rural place, without regular public transports.

The office of Concordia Rhône-Alpes is situated in **Lyon**, the 3rd biggest city of France, at the East. Lyon benefits from a temperate climate and offers all kinds of services and access to leisure is well developed. It's a city really touristic, with a strong cultural patrimony.

Role and tasks of the volunteer

The volunteer will be asked to support the MFR staff, to make intercultural and linguistic awareness amongst the students and to support the organisation of pedagogical and spare time activities.

In particular the activities deal with:

- Intercultural awareness
 - Be an ambassador of his/her own country.
 - Linguistic and cultural support to prepare students for the 3 weeks internship abroad during classes or during evenings.
 - Linguistic support during English classes in collaboration with the English teacher.
 - Present the differences in his/her own country concerning certain topics like geography, current laws... in order to discuss with students about the french system.
 - Participate to workshops that prepare students to leave for an internship abroad (help with the CV, motivation letter).
- Pedagogical and leisure activities
 - Take part into some workshops of Services to the Individuals, horticultural production and vegetable production classes according to the preferences of the EVS.
 - Help the students with document researches (via internet) about a specific topic.
 - Take part into the preparation and organisation of the evenings.
 - Support in surveillance during exams and working periods
 - Help students with homeworks
 - Support with accompanying students during school trips or professional's events
 - Various administrative tasks (dealing with absences of students, mail...)
 - Participate in visiting interships of the students.

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

Profile

- Adaptation, to be communicative and easy to approach to youngsters;
- Speak good English and/or French or be really motivated to learn french ;
- Motivation for the themes of youth activities and french pedagogical and education system;
- Availability for a 8 months project starting in beginning of october 2016;
- To have the driving license and feel comfortable with driving

Practical conditions

- **Working Hours** : The volunteer will work approx. 30 hours per week
- **Working and living conditions:**

Accommodation and food will be provided. The volunteer will have two different accomodations available. The main one will be used during the days of his/her missions, from monday to friday, inside the MFR du Domaine de la Saulsaie, in Montluel.

The other one will be available for week-ends and during his/her holidays, and will be situated in Concordia's house, in Lyon. The volunteer must have his own laptop.

In the MFR, the volunteer will live in a student accommodation but in an area separated from the other students. The room will be locked and the showers as well as the toilet will be in front of the room. The volunteer will also have an equipped kitchen with a fridge, electric oven, dishes, cutlery, coffee machine at his/her disposal. The room is about 12m².

A TV and a Internet connection will also be available.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by the MFR, except on Monday morning, Friday evening and on Saturday and Sunday.

MFR staff will arrange and furnish the living space according to the expectations of the volunteer at his/her arrival.

To be noticed: the MFR is situated in a rural place, without daily public transport, except the school bus on monday morning and friday evening. Depending on the situation, a car can be lent.

In Concordia, the accommodation of the volunteers will be in a house composed of 3 rooms, a kitchen/living room, a bathroom and a courtyard. The house is alongside the office. This place is situated in "Jean Macé" area, 7th district of Lyon, with public transports and different kind of conveniences in the neighbourhood.

The volunteer who will do his/her missions in the MFR will have access to this accomodation during week-ends and holidays. During these days, he/she will share this place with other volunteers. Sometimes, he/she may share his/her own room with another person of the same sex as Concordia sometimes hosts some of its volunteers for a day or 2. He/she will be able to do his/her own meals in the common kitchen. Wifi access will be available.

Concordia will provide 7,50 euros for the 3 days per week spent in Lyon (from friday night to monday morning) + for all the holiday days.

In addition the volunteer will get **pocket money** (115€ per month).

Deadline for applications

Please send your CV and motivation letter to:

Estelle Duquesnois: cd.rhone-alpes@concordia.fr

Application deadline: 04/04/2016 included

Please write "Animation and intercultural exchange in a french high school" in the subject of the e-mail, and specify your sending organisation.

NB after receiving the applications, we may arrange Skype/Phone interviews.