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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEER European Solidarity Corps Youth Volunteer For Climate

Orléans, France

**FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

### WHAT IS CONCORDIA?

Concordia is a French national non-governmental and non-profit organization, 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 organizing 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 favoring 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 favor of the environment, patrimony, tourism and socio-educational animation.

You can visit our website to know more about the organization: <https://www.concordia.fr/eng>.

### CITY AND REGION

The ESC project takes place in the region of Centre-Val de Loire, center of France in a city called Orléans. Located 1 hour from Paris, Orléans is ideally situated on the Loire, royal and wild river, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Capital of the Centre-Val de Loire Region, Orléans is at the crossroads of the Sologne, the Beauce, the Gâtinais and the Loire Valley with its royal castles. Previous volunteers mentioned that it is easy to find something for entertainment if you like walking and sightseeing. The number of castles you can reach by train or bicycle is enormous, and if you are interested in velo sport then let us tell you that here is a famous "La Loire à Vélo" road. The Johannine City, in reference to its heroine Joan of Arc, has many historical and patrimonial heritage assets that make its reputation. You will as well have the opportunity to take advantage of the outdoor leisure activities at the Charlemagne Island leisure center.



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## OUR PROJECTS

We develop projects on topics that are very important to us. One of these topics is fighting against climate change, which will be the main topic of your project. We also run activities on promotion of volunteering, international workcamps and training courses.

We work on those projects in teams, and give the possibility to young volunteers (French and international) to develop the projects with our partners. It means that the volunteers work together and have a lot of freedom of what to suggest and to build the activities they want to build.

As we believe that doing an ESC also means to be involved in the activities of the association, we ask the volunteers to take part in the local events and activities that Concordia and the area organize (opening days of Concordia, special associative days or weekends organized by other volunteers...).

Also, in the city, there are many non-governmental organizations which we are working with, so you can be proposed to help them in organizing or participating in their events.

In July and August the volunteer will participate in the work camps with Concordia as a co-leader or leader.

## TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

The volunteer will be on the project for 12 months. During this period, he/she will discover, run and experiment a lot of different kinds of activities.

The main activity of the ESC volunteer will be to implement projects on the fight against climate change. There will be a lot of freedom for the volunteer to try and experiment with new projects. We are not an organization which has already planned activities, but we give the possibility to volunteers to try the activities they want. We will be here as support in this, we will give you advices and tools, but mainly in the activities you will have autonomy in the construction of your project.

### OCTOBER – JANUARY:

- Getting to know Concordia organization and understand its concepts and values
- Getting a clear understanding of the activities organized by Concordia in Orleans
- Getting to know the team of volunteers and the members of the organization
- Getting acquainted with daily schedule and tasks
- Taking part in the coordination of activities organized by Concordia and partners
- Organizing activities in a team on the **environment raising awareness** for people of all ages.
- Joining a ESC on-arrival training proposed by the Erasmus + Agency



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#### FEBRUARY – MAY:

- Participate in the mid-term training proposed by the Erasmus + Agency
- Organizing workshops to promote the European Solidarity Corps
- Organizing activities in team on the **environmental raising awareness**
- Will have the opportunity to start working/writing is/her own project
- Will help volunteers, which will join us in March, get to know CONCORDIA and everything you know

#### JUNE – SEPTEMBER:

During the summer, the volunteer will lead or co-lead international volunteers' work camps with Concordia and will have training for that.

- Organizing the arrival of an international workcamp : logistical preparation and project implementation (to understand better what is a workcamp, please have a look the Concordia website)
- Leading a international workcamp (objectives of the workcamp : to organize activities for volunteers during the week)

The volunteer will be at the office from Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with some coffee breaks and a one hour lunch break during which he/she will be able to go home as it is 1 min walk from the office. She/he will be allowed to take 2 days off per month (when she/he wants regarding the activity schedule). Sometimes, some activities take place during evenings or the weekend; she/he will have some days off also in that case.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANT

- Be between 18 and 30 years old
- Fully COVID-19 vaccinated (2 doses)
- Have a good motivation and a desire to discover the associative world and all its activities
- Be comfortable to work with children, teenager and families, willing to work with young people from different nationalities and religions
- Be ready to be challenged and to learn the French language
- Wish to work in team with other volunteers from different countries
- Be interested by the field of environment and more
- Be able to work with a computer
- Having a good English level
- Be communicative and open-minded



## COVID-19 SITUATION

Currently the situation in France is nice, so there is no obligation to wear the mask in transport and supermarkets. But as the number of illness cases increases now and the pandemic is not over, there might appear restrictions during the project, so be ready for everything.

## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

All the expenses spent relative to the volunteering project will be covered :

- Visa is needed;
- Tickets for coming in France and going back to your country:

Eligible costs		Amount	Rule of allocation
Travel	Contribution to the travel costs of participants, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return	For travel distances between <b>100 and 499 km</b> : up to <b>180</b> euros par participant	Based on the travel distance per participant. Travel distances calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission
		For travel distances between <b>500 and 1999 km</b> : up to <b>275</b> euros par participant	
		For travel distances between <b>2000 and 2999 km</b> : up to <b>360</b> euros par participant	
		For travel distances between <b>3000 and 3999 km</b> : up to <b>530</b> euros par participant	
		For travel distances between <b>4000 and 7999 km</b> : up to <b>820</b> euros par participant	
		For travel distances of <b>8000 km or more</b> : up to 1500 euros par participant	

- Accommodation in a shared flat for volunteers;
- Food: the volunteer will get 7,5€ per day and will manage it him/herself;
- Health Insurance by Cigna;
- Pocket Money for her/his personal use (6€ per day);
- Public transport pass.

We usually give the money for a month in the beginning of every month, but it can be managed according to your wishes



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## ACCOMODATION

**The address of the flat is : 50 rue du Bourdon Blanc 45000 Orléans**

The volunteer will live in a shared flat near to the office. He/she will have his/her own bedroom, toilet, shower and will share kitchen and living room in the flat with 7 other volunteers from different organizations. Together, volunteers share all the tasks relative to daily life: cleaning and taking care of the place.

The accommodation is located in the old city center 1 minute from the office, 2 minutes from the main cathedral and 5 minutes from the famous Loire river.







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## OFFICE

The address of Concordia Centre-Val de Loire is : 48 rue du Bourdon Blanc 45000 Orléans



**Small room-office tour:** <https://youtube.com/shorts/tnSh1Kus-gQ?feature=share>

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION FORM TO :**

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