

ESC individual volunteering project in France with Concordia Rhône-Alpes and Centre social Arc en ciel (Saint-Fons)

"Animation and Intercultural Exchange in Saint Fons"

12 months project

Octobre 2022 - September 2023

Concordia Rhône-Alpes, 2016-1-FR02-KA110-012049, as coordinating organization, proposes an ESC volunteering project for **12 months** (October 2022 - September 2023) in the hosting organization called the *Centre socio-culturel Arc en ciel*.

The *Centre social Arc en ciel* is located in Saint Fons, city in the close suburbs of Lyon. It is a non-profit association whose aim is to **contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the locals by reinforcing the social links and allowing each person to be actor.**

The organization proposes several services and activities answering the needs of the locals from Saint-Fons city:

- Leisure time activities for children from 3 to 17 years old ;
- Youth project from 15 to 20 years old ;
- Educational support for children ; help with their homework ;
- Literacy classes ;
- Social support for families ;
- Support for holiday departure and family outings ;
- Support for inhabitants' initiatives ;
- Organization of manifestations and events in the neighborhood.

The office of Concordia Rhône-Alpes (the coordinating organisation of this ESC project) is situated in **Lyon**.

Project environment

The ESC project will occur in the facilities of the **Centre social Arc en ciel, situated in Saint-Fons, city in the close suburbs of Lyon, reachable by public transportation.**

Lyon city is the capital of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and finds itself at the heart of a natural showcase made up of vines, lakes, mountains and volcanos. The Lyon Metropole is a territorial community that encompasses the 59 communes that make up Greater Lyon (1.3 million inhabitants). This territory is a great playground to be explored, with many activities devoted to games, sports, well-being, hiking, typical markets, and guided tours. Lyon is dynamic and modern city that draws its strength from its world-famous traditions, which are gastronomy, silk and cinema. Probably this is the reason why it is among the Top 10 most popular European cities on Google* and in 2016 it was elected Europe's Leading City Break Destination during the World Travel Awards.

Lyon is a city with excellent **transport links**. Whether it be by plane (with the 4th busiest airport in France and over 120 regular direct national and international routes), train or TGV (with 3 stations, including Part-Dieu, the largest international station in France) or car, it's easy to get to Lyon, and once you're here, just as easy to get around the city (with 4 metro lines, 2 funiculars railways (aka "ficelles"), 4 tram lines and 120 bus lines, the Lyon Metropole boasts one of the densest public transport networks (TCL) in France; Vélo'v has more than 4,000 shareable bikes that assures a practical, eco-friendly and cheap way of scouring the 483 kilometres of cycling routes in the city).

The city of Saint-Fons is part of the Lyon Metropole ; it's reachable by public transport networks (TCL) from the city center of Lyon.

Tasks and activities

The volunteer will support the Centre social Arc en ciel staff, with the main goal to favour intercultural and linguistic awareness among the children of Saint-Fons and to support the organisation of educational and pedagogical activities for the children, and their families.

In particular the activities will deal with :

- Intercultural awareness
 - Be an ambassador of his/her own country.
 - Organise intercultural workshops to make the children discover his/her country and other European countries.
- Pedagogical and educational activities
 - Linguistic support in English for the children / sociocultural education classes in English.
 - Help the children with their homework.
 - Propose workshops and activities to the children on various topics (environment and sustainable development, cultural activities, facilitation digital access...).

The detailed activities will be defined both by the volunteer and the Centre socio-culturel' s team, according to the volunteer's skills and interests.

Requirements

- A good knowledge of french would be appreciated ;
- Taste for teamwork ;
- Good interpersonal skills ;
- Flexibility, autonomy and sense of organization ;

Practical conditions

- Working Hours: The volunteer will work around 30 hours per week, distributed over 5 days a week. He/she will have 5 weeks of holiday over the year + the national holidays.
- Living conditions:
 - **Accommodation and food will be provided.**

