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## Call for application! European Voluntary Service (FRANCE)

### Hosting Organization

The **CRIJ (Regional Youth Information Centre)** in Caen, a non profit association providing a free, confidential information service to young people and those who work with them on a wide range of subjects including careers, education, employment matters, rights and entitlements, leisure, sport, travel and European opportunities.

We provide information throughout the Basse-Normandie region, editing publications, organizing information events or meetings, for a wide public or specific target groups.

The European volunteer will be part of the **Europe Direct** Unit in charge of European and international issues in the CRIJ: information about the European Union, its specific working, its policies, with a priority given to the Erasmus+ programme and international mobility opportunities for young people.

**Support:** 2 people in the Europe Direct staff: the chief in charge of the activities and the mentor. Both of them are previous European volunteers. One external mentor, also a previous Volunteer.



**October 2015 – July 2016**



### Where?

Our association is located in the **city centre of Caen**, the regional capital of lower-Normandy (**FRANCE**). The city is 15 km from the Channel coast, and 2 hours from Paris (connected by train or motorway).

The association is located in the city Centre of Caen, which guarantees an easy access to all shops, public services and transport. The CRIJ aims at **providing information to young people all over the lower-Normandy**; its action covers the whole regional territory. The volunteer may have to join CRIJ actions taking place out of the city, or organized directly by other local youth information points located all over the region.

**Accommodation:** The volunteer will stay in a student dormitory so that he/she can meet other French young people on site. The accommodation will be located in Caen, the volunteer will be able to use the public transport and to enjoy the proximity of all services he/she needs.

### Activity time:

-Activity: 35hours/ week including language course, and personal project. .  
-2 successive days off per week  
-2.5 days off/ month (= 25 days in totality for a 10 month voluntary experience).

## Proposed activities

### Information actions about Europe and international mobility, dedicated to young people.

*The activities can be progressive. The volunteer always will be allowed to make suggestions.*

Some easy tasks, that don't request a lot of experience, may be proposed at the beginning:

- **Dissemination of the Europe Direct pedagogical resources** (leaflets, exhibitions, games): registering loans, updating the online catalogue, preparing the orders.
- **Creation of "home-made" pedagogical materials** with our staff (games, activities). The volunteer will be asked to help in creating it. If he is interested in it, he could also imagine and create new personalized tools!
- **Public events (festivals, fairs):** we present public games and communication activities about Europe with adults and children. The volunteer will be welcome to help us make our stand alive and attractive!

Further activities (depending on the volunteer's independence, linguistic ability, and interest) which can be personalized more easily and which let more place for initiatives:

- **School visits:** management of activities with pupils, or participation as a concrete example for European mobility describing to young people his/her mobility experience.
- **Activities about his/her own culture and country.** If he wants, he will be welcome to prepare some activities for children about it, and we will be pleased to help.
- **Happenings at the CRIJ reception:** The volunteer will be asked to get involved in animating this place, proposing and organizing new happenings highlighting specific topics through exhibitions, meetings....
- **Communication:** website moderation, creation of communication tools (flyers, posters, leaflets). If the volunteer is interested in it, he will be encouraged to propose new contents or new designs.
- **Events organization:** Some big events organized by the association request the involvement of all of us (especially the summer job fair). The volunteer will be a great help in putting in place the event, and will help in prospecting job offers abroad. We could highlight his own country, dedicating him a special space.
- **Writing tasks** (depending on linguistic progress): radio programme, articles and interviews for the website.

This doesn't avoid getting involved in the activities managed by other CRIJ units. The volunteer will also enjoy weekly time dedicated to his personal project, related to the Europe Direct activities or not.

## Recruitment process

The CRIJ will treat equally all applications, without any gender, nationality, religious, and age or skills criteria. No specific degree or training will be required.

We will pay a special attention to human qualities that will make the volunteer feel comfortable with the Europe Direct activities.

- Interest for the European issues and intercultural relations.
- Curiosity
- Desire for independence,
- Motivation for getting in touch with a lot of different publics.
- Taste for activities with children or young people
- Interest for pedagogy

A driving license would be an advantage since the volunteer might need to travel through the region.

*As it will be a first hosting, we would also like to have an interview with the sending organization, before making any definitive choice.*

**Please send:**  
CV + letter of motivation  
(French or English)

By post or by e-mail

After a pre-selection, we will  
have a skype- or phone-call.



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