

Volunteer's Info Kit

Organization Description

Le Centre Information Jeunesse Val d'Oise (CIJ) / The Youth Information Centre (YIC) makes part of a national information network which aims at informing young people, parents and youth professionals on any subjects of interest or concern in their daily life (employment, education, jobs, culture and hobbies, health, internships, housing, European mobility and citizenship etc.).

The YIC is an association existing since 1979, and leads the Youth Information network at the regional level. It is in charge of the coordination and animation of the structures' network on the Val d'Oise territory (French department). Its main activities consist in :

- Meet and inform the public freely, anonymously and with or without appointment
- Giving advice and support to local structures in matters of youth issues
- Creating pedagogical tools for youth professionals
- Editing documentation of quality for the public
- Keep up with youth public policies and giving support to its elaboration

The association also has two european labels called Europe Direct and Eurodesk which make it highly engaged in european values and the development of european citizenship. Europe Direct network's goal is to inform and raise citizens' awareness about Europe in its whole (how european institutions work, the european policies and programmes, what does the E.U do for its citizens, the different cultures in Europe etc.) The other label of the YIC is more specialized on european mobility. It informs the public about mobility opportunities across Europe and gives individual support and advice to young people who have a mobility project.

To achieve its european missions it leads several actions:

- Be a first point of contact for people seeking information about Europe by welcoming them in the structure on a daily basis and offer them individual meetings if needed
- Providing and editing documentation about Europe
- Inform and raise awareness on european opportunities and realities through conferences, workshops, debates, cultural events etc.

The YIC currently employs six people and has been working with volunteers for many years (4 volunteers for 2018). The team is used to work in cohesion and give importance to work in a good atmosphere. The 3 other volunteers will be in charge of a cultural mission / a digital mission / and a students' life mission.

Project description: Promoting mobility and citizenship in Europe

The project will take place from September 2021 to May 2022 (including time off)

The main missions will be:

- To participate in the local activities of the association: workshops with young people or at school, fairs, meetings, cultural events...
- To help promoting mobility and develop the mobility centre within the association
- To propose activities like Polyglot coffees, debates, workshops in schools...
- To be a part of the International Welcome Desk which providing a better welcome for international students, facilitating their administrative formalities, providing support for their arrival and access to the opportunities offered by the campus
- To participate in projects with the volunteers (French or international) of the association
- To help the project manager in the preparation of the activities (communication, flyers' creation, management of the Facebook page)
- The volunteer will participate in a regional project with other European volunteers (once a week)
- The volunteer can also create and lead his/her own proper project

Our monthly "Café des langues" (polyglot coffee)



Volunteer's environment and facilities

The association is located in the urban area of Cergy-Pontoise, more precisely in the city of Cergy, in the suburbs of Paris (approximately 45 minutes away from the capital city by train). The volunteer will be accommodated in a student residence near the YIC and will be provided a transportation card to move across the city.

Cergy-Pontoise has a good transportation network (train, bus, bike paths) which will allow the volunteer to move easily across the region.

The urban area of Cergy-Pontoise is welcoming and lively as it offers many activities (theatres, movie theatres, swimming pools, skating rink, sports and cultural associations, leisure centre, shopping centre, libraries).

Concerning food, he/she will have the choice between a variety of university restaurants and cafeterias or the association's kitchen. He/she will have the possibility to have lunch with the team especially with other volunteers to get integrated and create relationships more easily.

Moreover, the volunteer will live in a multicultural environment as the city hosts the University of Cergy-Pontoise which is one of the major higher education poles of Ile de France (Paris region). The campus counts 27 000 students and many international students. It is frequently a place where cultural events take place and it hosts various student associations which bring life to the campus.

Living in Cergy-Pontoise would be a good way for the volunteer to discover and explore France because he/she could enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Val d'Oise and have easy access to the capital to visit and go sightseeing at the same time.

To be taken in charge:

Costs of living, social security, insurances, fees for the trip, pocket money according to ESC Programme.

To know more about the urban area: <http://www.cergypontoise.fr/>

Training and mentorship

- Linguistic support on line + French courses in a community center
- Mentoring for using the Youthpass

Volunteer profile

- Age : 18/30 years old
- To be eger, curious, attentive, open-minded
- Work volume : 35 hours/week

How to apply

Show us your motivation with the support that suits you better (video, drawing, CV...) before August.

More questions?

Contact us at cied@cij95.asso.fr

But first, to know more about our association:

- visit our website : <http://cij.valdoise.fr>



- follow our facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/cijvaldoise/>
(you can see our events, pictures of our volunteers...)



- take a glance at our Eurodesk profile :
<https://map.eurodesk.eu/?keyword=Khelladi&country=FR&function=4&personId=4874&officeId=9473>