

# ICYE France (Jeunesse et Reconstruction)

## Work profile 2018-2019

Program	ICYE long term program
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### The Montessori Schools

Theme/ Type of project	Children, Education
Aims of the project	<p>The Montessori schools, which have the status of non-profit organizations, apply the child-centered pedagogy developed by Maria Montessori, an Italian physician and educator from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The Montessori educational methods are based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trust and respectful human relationships</li> <li>▪ Two learning atmospheres which favors the learning process (one environment for the 2 to 6 years old children and one for the 6 to 12 years old children)</li> <li>▪ Clear and structured educational methods</li> <li>▪ Individual work in a collective setting</li> <li>▪ Experiences and discoveries by the child himself. The child works with his own rhythm.</li> <li>▪ Learn with concrete experience before taking an abstraction</li> <li>▪ A self-corrective material which allows the child to self-evaluate.</li> </ul>
Project's activities	The work of the educators is to guide the children in their learning process in daily life. The school ambition is to help the

	<p>child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To meet different people</li> <li>▪ To be curious, to be happy and willing to learn</li> <li>▪ To be autonomous</li> <li>▪ To grow up and become responsible</li> <li>▪ To develop his/her own being and open his/her mind to the spiritual dimension</li> <li>▪ To reveal to the child all the skills he has in him/herself, without judgment and thus develop his/her self-confidence</li> <li>▪ To develop his listening capacities, tolerance and respect</li> <li>▪ To become a responsible adult who takes initiatives and has a critical mind.</li> </ul>
Volunteer requirements	<p>The volunteer must be prepared to teach with different methods and tools. He/she has to make an effort to understand and respect these educational methods chosen by the school he /she is volunteering in. He/she has to show concern in his/her work with the children, has to be patient and flexible. The volunteer must take initiatives and speak English. Besides, the volunteer has to be ready to involve himself/herself and create a real intercultural exchange.</p>
Volunteer tasks	<p>The volunteer will support the educators. He or she must enjoy working with young children.</p> <p>The volunteer will also participate in the school's life and he or she will be dynamic, kind, pragmatic, creative and curious. He/she will also have the task to create different activities (cultural activities, songs, stories) and help to cook for lunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taking care of the children</li> <li>▪ Preparing tools for activities</li> <li>▪ Helping the children dress and undress</li> <li>▪ Preparing breakfast and lunch</li> <li>▪ Helping kitchen staff</li> <li>▪ Cleaning the classroom</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i> As the school year ends in June, the volunteer has to take into account that he/she may participate during July and August in workcamp in France</p>
Hosting situation	<p>The volunteer will be in a host family or in the structure.</p>
Montessori projects hosting volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>(FRA-25), Ecole pour la Vie, Hoerdt</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The Ecole pour la Vie is located in Hoerdt, a little city of the Bas-Rhin department in the Alsace region, in the East of France. The town is really near to Strasbourg (about 15 minutes by transportation). The town offers a lot of cultural, traditional</p>

and sport animations.  
During the summer, temperatures are between 20°C and 30°C.  
But winter can be cold, -8°C and 10°C.  
This Montessori school is bilingual (French-German).

**Special requirement:** speak German

- (FRA-26), Ecol'o Bambins, Mios

**Location:** Mios is near to Bordeaux, Gironde department (South West of France). Mios is located in the heart of the forest Landes de Gascogne, in the Natural Regional Park of Landes de Gascogne.

The city of Mios is about 8700 inhabitants and offers great leisure time.

**Website:** <http://www.ecolobambins.fr/>

- (FRA-27), EMMI 91, Evry

**Location:** Evry is the administrative center of the Essonne department, about 1 hour far away from Paris in transportation. Evry is a green city where you can have a walk enjoying the banks of the Seine, different parks and gardens, and also the patrimony.

Besides, Evry is really dynamic and you can do sports or enjoy cultural exhibitions

**Website:** <http://emmi91.fr/en/about/>

- (FRA-29), Menthe Abricot Cerise School, Roissard

**Location:** Roissard is a really isolated beautiful little village located in the Isère department, in the Rhône-Alpes region, a rural area with mid-high altitude mountains. The town has 294 inhabitants (in 2014). The nearest city is Grenoble, 40kms far away. Roissard is a 740 meters altitude village. If summers are warm, winters can be really cold (under 0°C Celsius, snow).

**Website:** <https://www.mentheabricotcerise.fr/>

- (FRA-30) Récrées Montessori School, Grambois

**Location:** Grambois is located in the Vaucluse department in the South East of France in the Provence area. The town is really

	<p>charming and a lot of films of Yves Robert (cineaste) were produced in the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u><a href="#">(FRA-31), Salvert School, Migné-Auxances</a></u></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> Migné-Auxances is a suburb of Poitiers, the administrative center of the Vienne department. Poitiers, founded by the Celtic tribe of Pictones before Roman influence has been, through the centuries, the scene of great military battles. Moreover, the city has a very old tradition as a university centre, starting in the Middle Ages. Today Poitiers is one of the biggest university towns in France and is thus very vivid and dynamic.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <u><a href="http://salvert.wixsite.com/ecolemontessori">http://salvert.wixsite.com/ecolemontessori</a></u></p>
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Number of volunteers per project

1



## The “Arches”

Theme/ Type of project	Disabled people
Aims of the project	The Arche community is now an international federation of communities in which people with a developmental disability and assistants live, work, pray and share their lives together. In this shared daily life, assistants discover that people living with a mental disability often possess qualities of welcome, carrying, spontaneity and directness. And also that they are able to touch hearts and to call others to unity through their simplicity and vulnerability. There are over a hundred of communities around the world. They are bound together by a charter which defines their common values and goals.
Project's activities	The Arche communities want to be places of growth, where each person is encouraged to grow in love, self giving and wholeness, as well as independence, competence and the ability to make choices. One of the key principles is respect for everybody and a strong will to recognize and valorize the potential in every human being and to maximize each person's competences and gifts. Arche communities also try to work for a better integration of people with a handicap in society.
Volunteer requirements	Male and Female. Age 18-30. Sense of adaptation, psychological balance, autonomy, to be pedagogical, good social skills. Experiences in association(s) would be well appreciated. Most of the work is based upon the relationship with the handicapped people so volunteers must be mature, responsible, patient and aware of the difficulties this kind of work involves. The Arche is looking for open-minded people, taking initiatives and eager to acquire a human and spiritual experience. They will have to share the life of the community (celebrations, meetings') and therefore to show a respect and an interest to the people living there.
Volunteer tasks	The main activity in the communities is to share the daily life of the community (house cleaning, meal support, celebrations, and meetings). The volunteer has the same duties as the other assistants: taking care of the people with a handicap and helping them in their daily life (getting ready in the morning, going to work, etc...); taking part in the management of the house (preparation of the meals, maintenance of the house, doing the shopping); supervising the activities at the occupational workshops, organizing and taking part in leisure activities in the evenings and on the week-ends. The volunteer is expected to come up with ideas for organizing activities that will give the chance to the community to learn about his/her country and culture.

Hosting situation	The volunteer gets a room of his/her own in one of the houses of the community. Facilities are shared with the other people living in the house.
Arches communities hosting volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>(FRA-1), L'Arche Les 3 Fontaines, Ambleteuse</u>  <b>Location:</b> L'Arche Les 3 Fontaines is located in Ambleteuse in Northern France, on the seaside, in a beautiful natural environment. This little town is pleasant and friendly. The community is very well integrated in the town.  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.arche-3fontaines.org/">http://www.arche-3fontaines.org/</a> </li>   <li>▪ <u>(FRA-2), L'Arche L'Espérance, Pierrefonds</u>  <b>Location:</b> L'Arche L'Espérance is located in a very picturesque town called Pierrefonds in the Oise region, to the North of Paris (about 70 km, 45 minutes by train). This town is known for its beautiful castle, impressive mansions and landscape. It used to be a thermal town and it still attracts a lot of tourists. Pierrefonds is a dynamic town where lots of cultural activities are offered. The community is very well integrated in the town.  <b>Website :</b> <a href="http://www.arche-pierrefonds.org/">http://www.arche-pierrefonds.org/</a> </li> </ul>
Number of volunteers	1 or 2



## Emmaüs communities

Theme/ Type of project	Social, Community
Aims of the project	Initiated in 1954, the aim of the Emmaüs movement is to work towards the revalorization of people who suffer from social marginalization and to help them recover their rights and dignity. Emmaüs communities are places where everybody is welcomed regardless of his/her past and where solidarity is a principle of life. People are provided with a place where they can live and work. In the community, the “companions” (people living in Emmaüs communities) find the support and social bearings needed for their reinsertion into the society. For others, living in an Emmaüs community is an alternative way of life. In the late years, the public of people welcomed has broadened. Indeed the communities host more and more immigrants for whom the hosting infrastructures are lacking.
Project's activities	While it occupies a central place in the communities, the work does not have the same meaning as in a market economy and it is lived differently. In a community, each “companion” is committed to work according to their capabilities and possibilities. The work will involve collecting donated items, sort them, repair and recycle them, and sell them. It allows each “companion” to food, to be accommodated, to go on holidays, to participate in social and cultural life but also to benefit from many services, such as the right to health, social security, validation of quarter's retirement. It also gives the opportunity to help people, associations or projects of its immediate environment and initiate actions of solidarity.
Volunteer requirements	<b>Male and Female.</b> Age 18-30. Sense of Adaptation, psychological balance, autonomy, to be pedagogical, good social skills. Most of the people who come to live in an Emmaüs Community have had very tough lives and harsh experiences. For Emmaüs community, welcoming volunteers is a way of opening the community to other horizons. There are French and foreign people who work as volunteers in most Emmaüs communities. Their help is seen as an act of solidarity. It is precious and valued by the communities. The presence of volunteers is an opportunity for exchanges between volunteers and “companions”: volunteers learn about the social difficulties in France and “companions” get a chance to discover their culture and country of origin.
Volunteer tasks	First of all, the volunteer is invited to discover the various activities of the community and then depending on his/her skills, the volunteer will find his/her place and role inside the organization. The volunteer is associated to the tasks carried out

	by the companions and is involved in the community life through the meal preparations and the maintenance of the houses. Everybody is on the same level, volunteer and companion and does his/her part of the tasks (selling donations in the shops, sorting donations, loading trucks). The volunteer is also expected to come up with ideas for organizing activities that will give the chance to the community to learn about his country and culture.
Hosting situation	The volunteer gets a room of his/her own in one of the house. Facilities are shared with the other people living in the house.
Emmaüs communities hosting volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>(FRA-3), Communauté Emmaüs d'Étoile sur Rhône</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The community is located 1 km away from a village (Étoile sur Rhône) which itself is 10 km away from Valence (64 000 inhabitants) in the South-East of France. It takes 15 minutes by bus to go to Valence. The weather over there is quite warm from spring to autumn but the volunteer has to bear in mind that the winter can be very cold. “Companions” can get clothes from Emmaüs shop for free, so volunteers don't have to bring a lot of clothes.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.emmaus-association-drome.fr/">http://www.emmaus-association-drome.fr/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>(FRA-11), Communauté Emmaüs Neuilly Avenir, Neuilly Plaisance</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The community takes place in a town called Neuilly Plaisance, located 15 km north from Paris. By bus and metro, it takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to get to Paris.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.neuillyemmausavenir.fr/">http://www.neuillyemmausavenir.fr/</a></p>
Number of volunteers	1 or 2



## Youth hostels / Young workers residences

Theme/ Type of project	Youth
Aims of the project	The youth hostels and young workers residences are non-profit organizations housing youth. They provide young people with access to housing but also to sport and cultural activities. Thus, the organizations want to favor the youths' autonomy and social integration. Making people from different backgrounds meet and live together for a while in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect is also a main aim of such organizations.
Project's activities	The youth hostels and young workers residences host youths as individuals or in groups for short and long term stay and provide them with catering services in some cases and leisure activities. Firstly dedicated to youth, the youth hostels also welcome different kind of groups all around the year for short time stays: families holidaying in France, students, groups of children participating in a school trip with their class, sport groups, retired people.
Volunteer requirements	The volunteer should be adaptable, dynamic and sociable and have a sense of initiative. Open-mindedness, willingness to help and communication skills are also a must. It is fundamental that the volunteer like contact with the public and has a sense of quality service for visitors. He/She should also do his/her best to find his/her place among the staff member and ensure good integration in the team.
Volunteer tasks	<p>The volunteer will help the staff of the residences in their daily work which include various tasks such as being at the hostel reception, welcoming groups and visitors, providing the guests quality service and assistance and doing some administrative work. The volunteer also helps with logistic work (setting tables, doing the dishes, cleaning rooms). He/ she can also be associated to the organization of leisure activities. <b>He/she is expected to come up with ideas for organizing activities that will give the chance to the community to learn about his/her country and culture.</b></p> <p>Working days: 5 days a week. 2 days-off a week, consecutive or not. Working hours can change regarding the activity and reservations.</p> <p>Holidays: To define with the volunteer regarding the activity of the youth hostel / young workers residence center and the volunteer's wishes.</p>
Hosting situation	The volunteer will get a room on his/her own. Meals will be taken with the staff or the volunteer could also have the

	possibility to cook (depends on the project and on the days within a same project).
Youth hostel and young workers residences hosting volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>(FRA-32), CIS Morlaix, Morlaix</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The CIS Morlaix center is a youth hostel located in the small charming city of Morlaix. The youth hostel is 5 minutes walk away from the city center. The nearest beach is 10km from the hostel. By train you can reach bigger cities: Brest (35 mins train), Rennes (2 hours) and Paris (6 hours).</p> <p><b>Particular required skills:</b> Some French knowledge is required (basics). Some IT knowledge as well as being a handyman or handywoman for inside and outside maintenance would be an asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>(FRA-24), CLAJ Nice, Nice</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The CLAJ Nice is a youth hostel located in Nice. The city is situated in the South-East of France in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. It is not far away from the Italian borders (30km). The sunny weather and the ideal location of the city (between the Mediterranean sea and the mountains) attract many tourists.</p> <p>Since the CLAJ includes 3 sites, the volunteer has to be ready to move from one to another one during the year.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.clajsud.com/index.html">http://www.clajsud.com/index.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>(FRA-28), Escale et Habitat, Blois</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> The center is located in the suburban area of Blois, in the department called Loire et Cher in the center of the country. City of art and history, it is in an area famous for the Castles of the Loire Valley (Blois, Chambord, Cheverny). The climate is moderate, cold during the winter and hot during the summer. The organization has one youth hostel which is part of the Ethic Etap network, a label assessing the sustainable development approach of the organization, and one young worker residence which hosts young workers, trainees and unemployed for long term stays.</p> <p><b>Special requirement:</b> The volunteer must be a male, 22-26 years old. The volunteer must have some knowledge of French.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.escalehabitat-blois.fr/">http://www.escalehabitat-blois.fr/</a></p>
Number of volunteers in each project	1

