Association des Compagnons Bâtisseurs asbl

**Volunteering project, Belgium 01/10/2018-30/09/2019 (12 months)**

Hosting organization andproject

The **“Association des CompagnonsBâtisseurs”**, aka CBB, is a non-profit, non-political **Youth Organisation** recognised by the Wallonia-Brussels Federationof Belgium. The organisation proposes different kinds of activities, mainly based on ***volunteering* and *non-formal education***: **local and international work-camps**, **youth exchanges**, **medium and long term voluntary services**, **leisure time activities for and with disabled people**. We have participated in the EVS Program both as sending and hosting organisation since 1997. We were accredited as coordinating organisation in 2007. We believe that the EVS program perfectly fits with our goals and methods: non-formal education, citizen awareness, volunteering, and multiculturalism are keywords in our daily action. We also particularly appreciate the learning opportunities that the EVS offers to all young people, regardless to their origins, background and economical means. CBB is also member of the **ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service** Organisations.

CompagnonsBâtisseurs asbl presents the specificity to develop of lot of international exchanges and to be located in a **small town of the south-French-speaking part of Belgium. From our office, based in the main square of Marche-en-Famenne**, a 17 000 inhabitants town of the province of Luxembourg, we organise projects all over the Wallonia-Brussels Federationof Belgium and we maintain close partnerships with non-profit organisations from all over the world. This unique situation will allow the volunteer to share the semi-rural life style of the area, but also to meet young people from different places of the country as well as to be in contact with people from the other side of the earth.

During his/her EVS, the volunteer will live in Marche-en-Famenne. The town offers all modern facilities (shops, supermarkets, sport centre, cinema….).

**!!!IMPORTANT!!!**: Our town is located in a semi-rural area. For the urban life-style-lovers it is important to know that even if it is not far away from the biggest Belgian cities (60 km from Liège, 100 km from Brussels, 50 km from Namur) and well connected by train, Marche-en-Famenne can sometimes look very quiet.

In Marche-en-Famenne the volunteer will live at “CBB Volunteers’ house”, a comfortable house near to the town centre.

S/he will have his/her own room and will share the common spaces with **other 5 EVS volunteers** involved in other EVS projects in Marche-en-Famenne.

Volunteer role

**CBB is looking for 1 volunteer available from 01/10/18 to 30/09/2019 (12 months)** to help support their activities, from the preparation to the evaluation, and her/his role will mainly be to **facilitate,** together with CBB leaders and other CBB volunteers, **the participation of people with fewer opportunities or disabilities**.

The volunteer will be particularly involved in three CBB actions:

1. The programme “*Volunteering, leisure time and disability*”;
2. Organization and animation of projects as work camps and youth exchanges whose aim is the integration of youngsters with less opportunities;
3. CBB training for young leaders of summer camps.

1-The programme **“*Volunteering, leisure time and disability*** developed by CBB organisation aims to develop among young people a better awareness about disability as well as to favour the participation of people in situation of mental disability in CBB projects.

Together with the staff members, the EVS volunteer will be in charge of the preparation, animation and evaluation of residential week-ends, summer camps and evening activities for groups of people with mental disability. The tasks will be varied and can be organised according to the skills, interests and abilities of the young volunteer.

Here below is an example of tasks regarding the organization of a week-end of activity:

Before the week-end: to search for an accommodation, to organise the logistics, to plan the menus, to plan cultural and sports activities as well as touristic visits…

During the week-end: to welcome the group of participants, to provide an individual support to the people with disability (this may include sanitary support to the persons), to facilitate the group dynamic, to lead a cultural visit, a group game…

After the week-end : to evaluate the activity with the others leaders, to write articles and to post news on the organisation’s Facebook public page about the week-end, to prepare a small report addressed to the parents of the participants with disability…

Each year, CBB organises around 20 residential week-ends of such type. We also organise 2 camps of 10 days in Belgium and 2 camps abroad. Around 20 persons participate in each of these projects; more than half of them are in situation of mental disability (mostly learning difficulties and Down syndrome).

Every two months Friday evening cine-club and monthly table games evenings are also usual activities developed within the programme “Volunteering, leisure time and disability”.

2- Our EVS volunteer will also take part in other projects as **work camps and youth exchanges whose aim is the integration of youngsters with less opportunities**.

3- S/he will be part of CBB animators’ team who will organize a **training cycle for summer camps leaders**.

With CBB staff members the volunteer will be in charge of the good implementation of the training and s/he will have the opportunity of taking initiatives, organizing workshops and bringing new ideas. Being involved in this training will enable our volunteer to be sensitized to the topic of group management, techniques of animation, organization of activities.

4-In this EVS project, we really wish the volunteer to develop a personal initiative so any idea and proposal of new activity is welcome!

ARE YOU…

- able to communicate in **French** at a reasonable level as s/he will share a lot of time with people with mental disability who do not know any other language;

-highly motivated to work for a better **social participation and inclusion** of people with disability and fewer opportunities;

-ready to enjoy **group life** and ready to participate in several residential week-ends and camps in company of lots of people;

-not discouraged by **office and computer work**, as several tasks in this project also concern the preparation and the evaluation of the activities which are done at the office…

…then, the project is for you!

WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

-Living in a **multicultural environment**, meeting new people and experiencing **group life**;
-Becoming part of a **friendly and dedicated team**;

-Improving your **communicational and organizational skills and skills in animation**;

-Increasing your knowledge of the functioning of **Youth Organizations**;

-Increasing your **self-confidence**, **autonomy** and **flexibility;**

-A **comprehensive learning of the French language** thanks to the local immersion and French courses;

-A **monthly allowances** provided by the European Commission to cover **food expenses and pocket money** as well as a refund for the transport to reach the project (go and back).

**APPLICATION PROCESS: PLEASE FILL IN THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS BELOW**

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| EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN BELGIUM |

**Questionnaire for the candidate volunteers**

To be filled in electronically and sent by email

to mladi.obrenovac@gmail.com

**BEFORE August 6th at 12h00 pm!!!**

**After this date, we will contact the selected candidates for a Skype interview!**

***Personal data :***

***By filling the information below, you provide us with personal information. You are aware of the fact and agree that the pieces of information will be used in the frame of the call for candidates for the Erasmus+ volunteering project. Your personal data will be used by the persons in charge of the selection of volunteers in the sending and coordinating/hosting organizations. Each part mentioned takes the responsibility to erase the documents containing your personal data once the selection procedure is over.***

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| ***Name and surname*** |  |
| ***Birthdate*** |  |
| ***Current address*** |  |
| ***Phone number***  |  |
| ***Email address*** |  |
| ***Availability period for the project****(preference will be given to the volunteers able to join the project from 1st October 2018 for 12 months)*  |  |
| ***Have you ever taken part in a volunteering project under ERASMUS+?*** |  |
| ***Sending organization*** *(Name,* ***Accreditation or PIC number****, post address, phone number, contact person name and email address)* | **Municipality of Obrenovac – Youth office Obrenovac – PIC number: 946109871**Address: VukaKaradzica 74, 11500 Obrenovac - Serbia |
| ***What are your (long term) travel experiences?*** |  |
| ***If you don’t speak French, are you available to start right now to learn our language?*** ***(OUR DISABLED FRIENDS DON’T SPEAK ANY ENGLISH SO IT’S VERY IMPORTANT THAT ON ARRIVAL THE VOLUNTEER IS ALREADY ABLE TO COMMUNICATE AT LEAST IN BASIC FRENCH)*** |  |

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What are your current activities? (Voluntary work; job; free time activities ;…)
2. What languages do you speak and how well?
3. What are your motivations for participating in European Voluntary Service? What do you expect from it? Do you think you will encounter any special difficulties?
4. What are your main weaknesses and qualities?
5. Are you afraid of living in a semi-rural town? What activities would you like to do outside the project?

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

1. Why are you interested in this particular project?
2. According to you which is the role of a youth service as “Association des CompagnonsBâtisseurs”? What is social inclusion for you?
3. How do you see your role, as volunteer, within our project? What kind of personal touch can you add to the project?
4. Do you have any experience with disabled people?Do you have some special skills in animation/groups leading? Which ones?
5. Are you aware of the fact that among your tasks there will also be administrative work (as preparation and evaluation of trips/trainings, meetings with trainers, social networks management…)?
6. How would you feel in case you should manage a crisis? (Between volunteers, between disabled people…)
7. What are your qualities to work in team?
8. What would you like to know about our organization and activities? Do you have any questions for us?

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR FILLING IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO READING YOUR ANSWERS**