

ESC PROJECT "LET'S LIVE EUROPE IN SARTHE"

IS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS – 6 OPPORTUNITIES LEFT!



LE MANS, SARTHE, FRANCE // EDUCATION & YOUTH

11 MONTHS (ARRIVAL DAY: 23RD OF AUGUST 23 – END JULY 24)

“Let's live Europe in Sarthe” is a collective ESC project in the region of Le Mans, in France, that involves 14 volunteers in different places of volunteering, with a common goal: to educate on Europe, cultural diversity, mobility, and help people to get more easily in touch with Europe in making it more concrete by exchanging with people from different European countries. We strongly believe that meeting others can help strengthening open-mindedness, equality, diversity, and citizenship, and our team of volunteers is taking on this challenge all year long!”

The House of Europe (“Maison de l'Europe” in French) manages several European mobility projects, in particular European volunteering projects (European Solidarity Corps).

This guide provides information about the 3 volunteer opportunities that are still available.

- Volunteering at the House of Europe (volunteer found)
- Volunteering at the social center of Le Grand-Lucé (volunteer found)
- **Volunteering at the rural boarding schools MFR (6 volunteer opportunities, 5 already found; except for MFR of Fye)**
- Volunteering at Joseph Roussel high school (volunteer found)
- Volunteering at the “Les Horizons” high school (volunteer found)
- **Volunteering at the municipality of the town of Le Mans (2 volunteer opportunities, 1 still available)**
- Volunteering at the municipality of the town of Rouillon (1 volunteer opportunity) (already filled)
- **Volunteering at the municipality of Saint-Georges du Bois (still available)**

The role of the House of Europe

The House of Europe has a coordination role and provides the financial and administrative management of the project. Administrative work, management of accommodation and transport for the volunteers, payment of allowances, are as well organized by the House of Europe. Questions about daily life at the volunteering place, the missions and the activities are managed by the host institution and the tutor. The House of Europe has a supporting and mediating role. For every project, the volunteers have a tutor in each place where they daily volunteer.

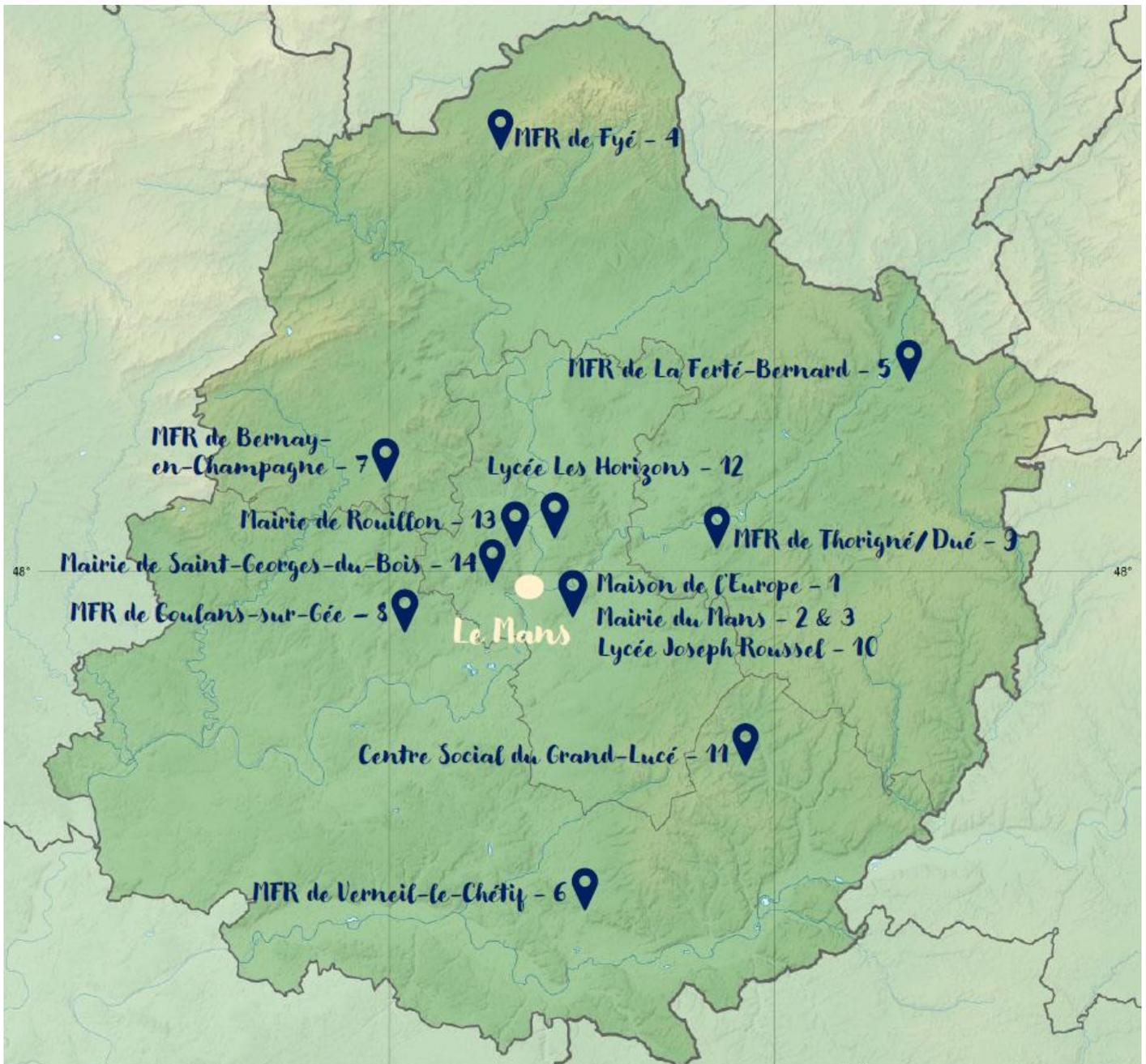
Aims of the projects

The goals of the different projects are very similar: the idea is to make people in our region Sarthe aware of the European Union, to encourage interculturalism and openness to others, and to make the (young) people you work with aware that European mobility is also possible for them. By welcoming European volunteers all year, the public of the different places will be able to deconstruct their prejudices and be less afraid of differences, while learning to interact with someone from another culture. All the volunteers are linked to develop common projects and enhance the presence of European volunteers in the region of Sarthe.



« Département de la Sarthe » and locations of the 14 missions:

(All volunteers are living in the city of **Le Mans** and use transports to reach the mission everyday)



More information here: <https://europe-en-sarthe.eu/the-projet-lets-live-europe-en-sarthe-is-looking-for-new-volunteers/>

PRACTICAL information

Your food, accommodation, insurance, pocket money and your travel costs will be covered by the European Solidarity Corps program.

Travel: You will be reimbursed on a base of a budget depending on your means of transportation and the country you are traveling from (from 180€ to 410€ for roundtrip.)

Accommodation: You will have your own room in a shared house near the center of Le Mans, with easy access to local transportation for your daily commutes. Common spaces are shared with other volunteers.

Monthly expenses: You will get each month money for your food, and pocket money, transferred in your bank account at the end of the month you have just done. Pocket money is 210€/month, and food money is either 210€/month + lunch offered at the school canteen on workdays or 240€/month if no lunches are covered.

Language: You will have access to the EU Academy platform for online French classes, and you will have the possibility to take part in French classes at the university of Le Mans.

Dates: 11 months mission from the 23rd of August (arrival day in France: 22nd of August) to the end of July.

Planning: You will volunteer for about 30 hours per week smoothed over the year. You will not volunteer on weekends -excepts maybe 3-4 times during the year-. For every volunteering month you have 2 days off, so 22 days for the whole mission.

Training: The French ESC Agency organizes 2 seminars (one on arrival and one mid-term for about a week, with other ESC volunteers in France). All expenses are fully covered.

Common project: You will take part in common project in between volunteers and common meetings throughout the year.

Insurance: You will be covered by Henner insurance scheme from the European Commission.

Local transportation: You will be provided a card to use tramways and buses of Le Mans and surroundings unlimited + the mean of transportation for your daily commute + a bike + a discount card for French railways.

Application process: After reading our infopack, you want to be part of this adventure?

You can go on our website to download the application form : <https://europe-en-sarthe.eu/the-projet-lets-live-europe-en-sarthe-is-looking-for-new-volunteers/>

Application is complete with the application form, your cv, and a little video. Once complete, you can send it to evs@europe-en-sarthe.eu

Zoom calls will be organized to meet and check if the project is right for you 😊

LET'S LIVE EUROPE IN RURAL AREAS IN FRANCE!

This project involves 6 volunteers from different European Union countries. Each one of them will volunteer in one of the 6 boarding schools who are local training centers for teenagers from the surroundings of Le Mans, in the department of Sarthe in France. The local training centers are called: the “Maisons Familiales Rurales” or MFR (literary translated as the “rural family houses”).

MFR hosts young pupils having difficulties with the French traditional school system and who are looking for a new way of learning. The MFRs are in our region Sarthe and each MFR is in a different village. The 6 volunteers will be accommodated together in a house in Le Mans, the biggest town of the department, but each of them will have to go by car or by public transportation to its MFR. Some MFRs provide a car to the volunteer to go to the MFR (1-hour round trip per day). Other volunteers need to take the train (2-hour round trip per day).

One of the challenges of this project is to bring Europe in rural areas toward pupils who have no knowledge at all about Europe and its countries. Therefore, the transports issue is important, and all applicants must have a driving license. You can choose to apply for the 6 vacancies or choose specific training centers regarding the topics of the diplomas prepared by the pupils (healthcare, forest...) for example.

Volunteers will be regarded as full members of their team and will be included in the daily work of each center. They will have the opportunity to use and improve their own abilities: volunteers will develop their sense of initiative, gain new skills and knowledge through the organisation of different activities for the MFR (workshops, courses, individual support, sports, games, presentations, lectures). The volunteer must therefore be willing to work with teenagers and to use non formal learning's methods. During the project, the volunteer will mainly be in touch with the young people that are hosted in the MFR, but not only. They will be encouraged to submit and implement their own projects, with possibilities of partnership with other local organizations. The volunteer will act as an ambassador of his/her country, and thus will try to promote values such as diversity and interculturality. The purpose of the French MFR is to develop a global approach of education, by using strictly formal, non-formal and informal learnings. Their practices are based on a work-linked training: all students spend one week in the MFR and the following week in the company where they got a traineeship.

In the MFR, young people and adults find a pleasant environment especially adapted to develop their abilities. The school ensures the pupils full boarding and organizes lots of collective activities so that everyone works with one another. It also tries to open pupil's minds to cultural life thanks to activities led during the day or the evening and prepares youngsters and adults to a successful integration into society in which they can find a place and take responsibilities. The volunteer will be asked to organize and lead some of these collective activities.

The volunteers will follow and help the “moniteurs” (teachers) in their daily tasks. The “moniteurs” stay all day long at the MFR. They have various functions: they facilitate good relations in the group, they teach, they take an active part in the education aim while supporting each youngster's project. They are qualified to implement the alternance training system and they know very well the “Maison Familiale Rurale's” environment, youngsters, their families and the training managers.

Get to know more the 6 MFRs...

For all the missions, driving license is mandatory as you will probably at some points use a car to make transportation easier for you. All missions are different, and you can apply to several missions, but take care to read information carefully and apply those you feel motivated for. The part “this mission is for you if” is only there to help guide your choices, but even if you don’t meet some of the criteria but you’re interested anyway, don’t hesitate to apply still! In the MFR’s you will sleep once or twice a week at school, after leading activities in the evening. Also, you will have lunch (and dinner and breakfasts) at the MFR canteen.

Missions for you :

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- You will develop your sense of initiative, gain new skills and knowledge through the organization of different activities for the MFR (workshops, courses, individual support, sports, games, presentations, lectures)
- You will work with teenagers by using non-formal learning’s methods.
- During the project, you will mainly be in touch with the young people that are hosted in the MFR, and you will be as well encouraged to submit and implement your own projects, with possibilities of partnership with other local organizations.
- You will act as an ambassador of your country, and thus you will promote values such as diversity and interculturality.
- You will organize and lead some of the collective activities.

MFRs are all based on the same system, 50% of the time in school, and 50% internships. They propose several degrees:

- Orientation classes, to get a first diploma and discover a working environment, for 14- and 15-years old pupils.
- Professional baccalaureate in different fields.
- Higher education program (not in all MFRs).

Watch the full movie about the project: <https://bit.ly/2OnQx8q> or take 7 minutes to watch the sum up: https://youtu.be/1JkSD_derOQ

FYE

The MFR of Fyé welcomes young people from aged 14 to 20 (80% of them are girls). This is a rather small MFR (80 students) with a very friendly and familial atmosphere. Main focuses: Healthcare and services / Social / Agriculture.

- Orientation classes.
- Professional baccalaureate degree called SAPAT to prepare young people for several care-based jobs, such as working with children, caring for the elderly and the disabled people, activities related to tourism, community center activities...

➔ 37 minutes commute with the train from Le Mans to La Hutte Coulombiers (3km from the MFR).

➔ <https://www.mfr-fye.fr/>

This mission is for you if: You are willing to spend your time with teenagers and get to know them / You are creative and autonomous / You don’t mind long days with transportation / You are willing to share about your culture, your country. / You value non formal education / You are open-minded, and outgoing / You are willing to learn and use French daily.

BE PART, TAKE PART TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF "LE MANS"!

With more than 140,000 inhabitants, the city of Le Mans is the biggest city in the department! Famous for its sport competitions, Le Mans also conceals heritage treasures and offers major cultural events. The city, which has preserved its natural side, is perfectly accessible by different types of transport. The city of Le Mans applies for the inclusion of the medieval defense wall as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In this lovely city we are offering two different ESC projects within municipal services: one in the child and youth service, and the other one in the event and external relations service.

Main mission in the service : Participation in the construction, organisation and animation of the event « petite enfance » taking place the 16th until the 23rd of March 2024.

The event "la semaine de la petite enfance" is dedicated to young children from the age 0 to 6, to all the parents as well as professionals working in this domain. Multiple early-learning workshops, shows for young audiences, early childhood conferences and various different kinds of events will be proposed in multiple departments of the city.

Mission in more detail:

- planning of a specific animation project for "la semaine de la petite enfance"
- assistance of the event coordinator
- manage the inscriptions for different activities via mail or phone
- participation in various events of the city (ForeverYoung, la Fête de l'Europe, Faites Lire, les 24h du Mans)
- proposing activities to children each Wednesday in the leisure centre
- proposing activities related to the culture of your home country, your mother tongue and of the European Union to pupils of an elementary school for 1 hour, 4 times a week

The town of SAINT-GEORGES-DU-BOIS

Saint-Georges-du-Bois is a French commune located in the Sarthe department, in the Pays de la Loire region. Located 8 kilometers from Le Mans, this peri-urban commune has about 2,200 inhabitants and hosts many services: bakery, restaurant, bar-tobacco shop, supermarket, medical and paramedical office, pharmacy, dentist, nursery school, etc. It is part of the urban community of Le Mans Métropole.



MISSION

In a general and transversal way, the volunteer will be accompanied by his referents to acquire skills for the following missions

- ✓ Setting up individual or group activities.
- ✓ Designing educational projects with the other animators present in the structure.
- ✓ Organization of an activity program.
- ✓ Setting up activities and games with the material provided.
- ✓ Sensitization and mobilization of the public and partners on the different projects.
- ✓ Accompaniment of the different persons.
- ✓ Interaction and exchange with the different actors of a project and with the colleagues of the team.