

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Sustainable Dreams Grow Stronger

7 DAYS (+ 2 DAYS OF TRAVEL) FROM 15 TO 23 JUNE 2023

SUPER BESSE, REGION OF AUVERGNE, FRANCE



ENGLISH

24 PARTICIPANTS IN TOTAL ( 4 PARTICIPANTS + 1 LEADER PER COUNTRY)

# ABOUT CONCORDIA

Concordia is non-profit and non-govermental French association created in 1950. Our aim is to encourage an active citizenship through various volunteering projects : Workcamps, Youth Exchanges, Service Civique, European Solidarity Corps, ...

Implemented with local and international partners, those activities involve a large number of participants with different backgrounds, coming all around the world, which act together for the common interest of communities, in France or abroad, in a large wide of thematics.

Concordia Auvergne is based in Clermont-Ferrand and works throughout the region to promote international mobility. Many of Concordia Auvergne's actions are designed for local young people with fewer opportunities in order to facilitate their participation in citizen projects. For more information please visit our website : <u>www.concordia.fr</u>

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### WHAT IS A YOUTH EXCHANGE ?

Youth Exchange is a short term project that offers to a group of youngsters from different countries an opportunity to meet, live together and raise their awareness on important social. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment.

During these meetings youngsters participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities and more. Participants' learning experience is recognized through a Youthpass certificate.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The 17 SDGs are integrated—they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

We believe that any big change begins with small but systematic actions, even in daily habits. And, the only way to achieve sustainable improvements is to open people's minds. Therefore, this project aims at raising awareness among young people like you on sustainability.

Most of all, we wish you to think about how you could improve the situation in your countries in order to inspire you to active citizens. After learning about the different SDGs, you will have the opportunity to develop your own concrete awareness-raising tools that you can reuse to disseminate these ideas to your surroundings.

It will enable you to lead other actions in your origin communities, encouraging people to improve the situation and finally to contribute to a great social impact.





## AIMS OF THE PROJECT

To raise awareness about the importance of everyone's

involvement for sustainability

• To promote the values of equality, respect for the environment and human rights and tolerance

- To create space for a fruitful exchange between representatives of different countries
- To enable participants to understand the concept of non-formal education and its tools

METHODOLOGY

To encourage participants to organise public workshops





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discussions, to visit local

associations active in the

domain of gender

equality, leisure

activities and visits in the region of Auvergne

The program of the Youth Exchange will be based on nonformal learning, characterized by focus on the needs of learners, horizontal relationships in a group, learning by doing. We believe that non-formal education is the best way to enable active involvement of each participant and to provide space for self-expression. Therefore, this method will help you to discover your potentials and get new competences, which will contribute to your personal and social development.



### **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

We are searching for motivated people aged from 18 to 30, interested in the topic of sustainability and SDGs. Experience of working in this sphere (activism, research work etc.) is appreciated but not required!

The most important thing for us is personal motivation.

However, keep in mind that the basic level of English is required for this Youth Exchange to facilitate the discussion between participants.



)To make friends from other countries and spend one week discovering their cultures

To enhance your knowledge about gender equality To develop new ideas and tools to act in your country To discover a beautiful volcanic region in France (Auvergne)



Travel expenses, accommodation, food and local visits are fully covered for every participants by Erasmus+ grant

Participants will be hosted in a cottage with rooms for 1, 2 or 3 persons, two activity rooms and a dining room. Reimbursement of travel expenses will be based on real costs of tickets and will be subjected to certain limits (according to Erasmus+ rules)



SELECTED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AN INFO-SHEET WITH FURTHER DETAIL

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