

CIVIC SERVICE CONDITIONS

VOLUNTEER WITH CBF

Under the FRENCH CIVIC SERVICE

Conditions :

- to read the project and be interested in CBF network and its action
- to be between 18 and 25 years old
- to be citizen of European Union (or to be part of a country partner with France)
- to have your Driving licence (strongly required)
- to be available one year (usually from september to september)

We provide :

- an insurance covering health, injury, work accident, maternity, family
- an allowance of 472€ per month covering food expenses and pocket money
- an accomodation to share with other volunteers
- some part of your local trip costs
- some possibilities to get to know different organizations that belong to CBF network
- some possibilities to participate in trainings

We cannot provide :

- your travel costs to come to France
- french language courses

But depending on the local organisation and context it might be possible in some cases to find some solutions.

Description :

With an intervention in the **field of building** (renovation and construction works) the volunteers and the organization bring concrete help to **families** or people in need, often excluded from society, sometime facing addictions and also to organizations dedicated to collective interest projects.

The teams intervene with and for the families for the **improvement of their living conditions**, so they can maybe reinvest their home. The volunteers are working in one of the 11 local Compagnons Bâtitisseurs organizations in France, and sometimes they can also live in a **sharing flat** with other volunteers. Each regional organization is hosting between 2 and 10 volunteers.

Role of a CBF volunteer :

The volunteer projects are open to girls and boys over 18 from different nationalities, with or without preliminary knowledge in construction and renovation. They have different status: European Voluntary Service volunteer and French Civic Service volunteers. International and local volunteers can be part of the team. Some local organizations are also hosting young people with fewer opportunities, and are working closely with local actors from the youth field.

The volunteers must be prepared to commit themselves for 1 year in the fulfilment of the objectives of the organization and develop their awareness of:

- Working closely with families in need and with organizations involved in community projects

- Participating in the associative and local life
- Working as a volunteer and as a team in a particular context of a non lucrative organization
- Sharing a daily and collective life with other volunteers
- Sharing a different experience of life.

This commitment is demanding but also offers unquestionable experience and awareness of responsibility. On the project, volunteers also will find many ways to learn new acquaintances and live cultural exchanges.

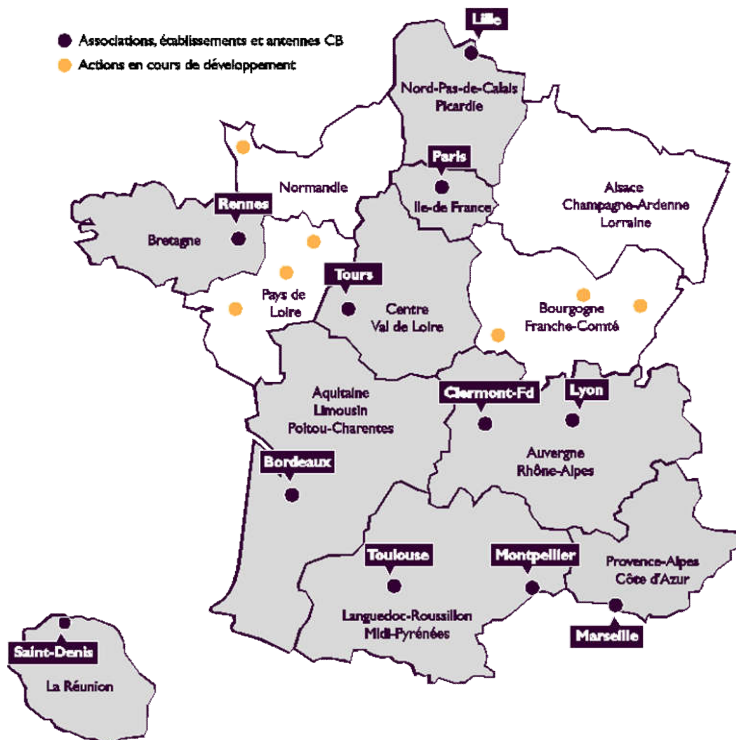
Work description :

Working with the staff (administrative and technical mentors) and sometimes with the social worker in charge of the family, the volunteers participate in the **technical works**. The main objective is to try to make the **families involved** in the improvement of their living conditions by **working together** in their homes, that means that in order to make the project successful, the **social and human aspects** are very important. Regarding volunteers' interest, the local team can also involve the volunteer in **other aspects of the project** (first meeting with the family, financial arrangement, technical preparation, social evaluation, etc.).

Furthermore, most of the time the volunteers **share the lunch** with the family which provides a valuable time to get to **know each other** and may create strong links based on **trust and sharing**.

Volunteers are also fully involved in the **organization life**, especially through their possible participation in the national and local executive boards, the general assemblies and through the Long Term Volunteers' group, which regroups all the volunteers of CBF network. And mainly during the summer, the volunteers can work as group leaders or co-leaders on international workcamps organized by CBF.

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