



OPEN CALL FOR EU VOLUNTEERS

**VIVRE ENSEMBLE ICI ET AILLEURS
(LIVING TOGETHER HERE AND ELSEWHERE)**

Join Parcours le Monde Grand Ouest and help promote internationality, interculturality and the Sustainable Development Goals in France!



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ABOUT PARCOURS LE MONDE GRAND OUEST

The association Parcours le Monde Grand Ouest is a non-profit organization whose goal is to diffuse and develop, through both formal and non-formal education, topics related to **intercultural dialogue** and **citizenship** by **enabling young people to engage in European and international mobilities**. Our actions as a mobility-enabling association include the promotion of **youth empowerment**, the establishment of **social links**, and the **professional insertion** of youth aged 18 to 25. Our target public also includes groups with less social or economic opportunities.

Parcours le Monde is partnered with local organizations located throughout the entire Pays de la Loire region of France and offers 7 to 9 month missions for young, motivated individuals who would like to take part in our program.



QUICK SUMMARY

Parcours le Monde is looking for motivated **European volunteers** between the ages of **18** and **25** to take part in a **9-month** volunteering experience starting **September or October 2021**. We are based in **Nantes and Angers**, in the West of France, but work with various partners in the region of Pays de la Loire, so we have several positions in different cities.

All volunteers will work together to promote the values of internationality, interculturality, solidarity and citizenship among young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities.



VEIA: PROGRAM DETAILS

VEIA stands for ***Vivre Ensemble Ici et Ailleurs***, or "Living Together Here and Elsewhere". It is a project created by Parcours le Monde thanks to various local funders and aims to promote **intercultural dialogue, diversity, and sustainable development** across the Pays de la Loire region of France. Volunteers are located throughout the entire region, based in **high schools, community centers, and small NGOs** that work closely with young people. This is just one more reason to volunteer with us, as your impact will be **twofold**: you will participate in the activities carried out by your high school or social center and work with your fellow volunteers to create common projects.

Examples of activities you will carry out during your volunteering experience include :

- Co-facilitate education workshops on citizenship and international solidarity
- Organize awareness and information sessions on international mobility for young people (by participating in forums, seminars, summer job fairs, etc.)
- Organize thematic debates in connection with the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)
- Conduct foreign press review
- Organize and present workshops for groups of young people on their departure or return from an experience of international mobility
- Participate in the promotion/valuing of the experiences of young people who have traveled abroad (through radio programs, written and video testimonies, etc.)
- Contribute to linguistic and cultural preparation workshops organized by the association

Gatherings and training:

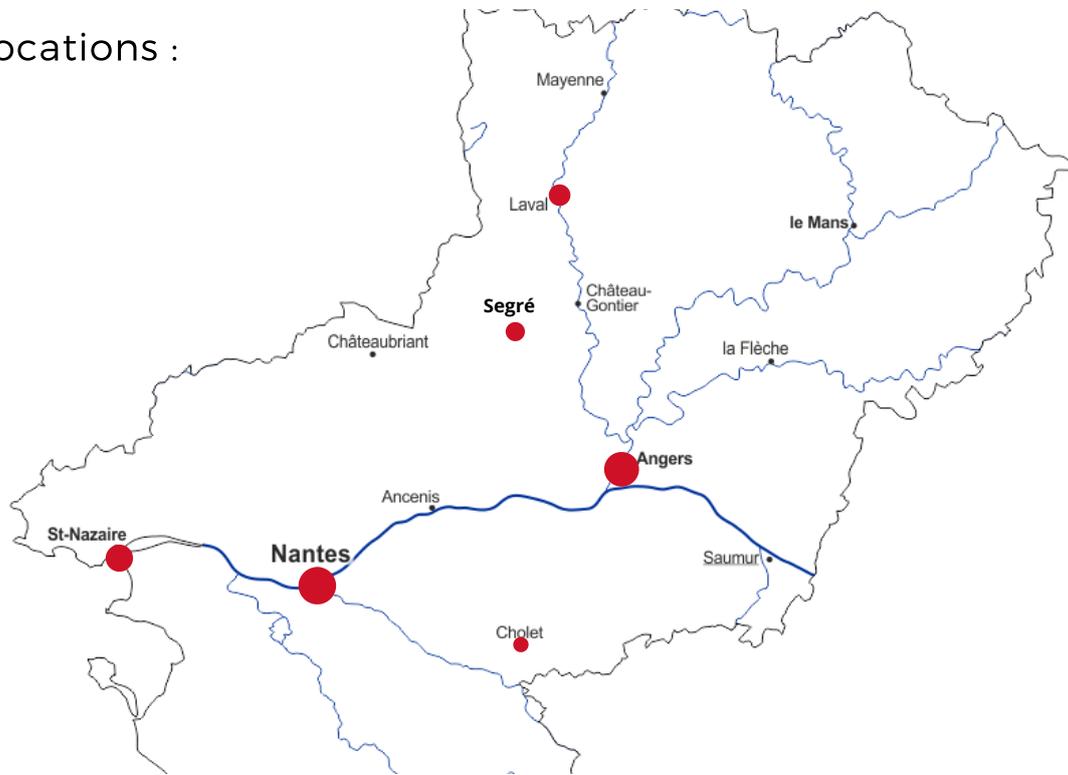
The volunteers will participate in several regional gatherings to do the following:

- Receive thematic training to learn the basic tools of popular education
- Allow the team of volunteers to meet each other! This will also be an opportunity to meet professionals involved in the volunteering sector
- Receive two days of Civic and Citizenship training
- Receive PSC1 first aid training



ADDITIONAL INFO

Our locations :



The Pays de la Loire region



Located in the Western part of France, and just two hours by train from Paris, Pays de la Loire has it all! This region is lively, interesting, bike-friendly, and close to the coast! What more could you want?

The cities we have partnerships with range from full-size to small town and from coastal to riverside, so no matter what your preferences are there is a city in Pays de la Loire for you.



VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

"Grâce à cette mission, j'ai appris le français, j'ai acquis des expériences de vie et j'ai découvert la culture française. J'ai pu travailler dans les écoles et associations, développer mes compétences en présentation, et travailler avec la jeunesse."

"Through this mission, I learned French, gained life experiences, and discovered French culture. I was able to work in schools and associations, develop my presentation skills, and work with youth."

Nazarena, 24, England



"Cette mission me permet d'être en contact direct avec les jeunes, de connaître leurs projets et motivations. Grâce à ce volontariat j'ai plus confiance en moi même."

"This mission allows me to be in direct contact with young people, to know their projects and motivations. Thanks to this volunteering I have more confidence in myself."

Rossella, 25, Italy

"J'ai pu rencontrer mes collègues, développer des compétences, préparer mon projet pour après mon volontariat, découvrir la France, devenir plus autonome... je suis vraiment contente de tout ce que cette mission m'a permis de faire."

"I was able to meet my colleagues, develop skills, prepare my project for after my volunteering, discover France, become more autonomous... I am really happy with everything this mission has allowed me to do."

Celia, 24, Spain



PRACTICALITIES

As this project takes place in several different locations, it is difficult to provide exact details on the type of lodging and expenses because it will depend on which city you choose. However, there are a few things that remain the same for everyone:

- This is a French "Service Civique" volunteering program, not a European Solidarity Corps. The idea is basically the same, but it is supporting by the French Gouvernement.
- Service Civique does **not** cover transportation costs from your home country to France. The monthly allowance is around **580€/month**, regardless of which city in France you choose.
- 1. There are some advantages though! As a Service Civique volunteer you will have access to French National Health Insurance (called *caisse primaire d'assurance maladie*) and French **financial support** to help cover rent costs (called *Caisse d'allocation familiale*) around 200€/month.
- We will have found you affordable housing before your arrival. Usually, volunteers stay in **single studios** or in **2-person apartments** in apartment buildings that are for young people that are working. We will provide you more details once we decide in which city you will stay.
- We will also help you with all the administrative processes (insurance, bank account, etc.) once you are here!
- Speaking French is **not** a requirement to take part in the VEIA project. It will be considered as an advantage, but no worries if you cannot speak it yet! You will surely learn once you arrive.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates are requested to send a motivation letter to the email address accueil.VEIA@parcourslemonde.org

Your letter should provide a **short introduction of yourself** as well as your **motivations to participate in the project**. Please specify if you have a preference in where you will be based. After receiving your letter, the project coordinators will have a short Skype interview with you! We will be happy to answer any questions at this time.



We hope this document has been informative, inspirational and that we've made you want to know more! Do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information at all.

*Thank you and **see you soon!***

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