

Mission description

Long term EVS: 11 months (September 2016 - July 2017)

Application deadline : 04 January 2016

Context

Located in Avignon (France), the association Epicurium is a place wholly dedicated to fruits and vegetables bound for a wide public. The objective is to foster a greater understanding of the wealth and benefits of fruit and vegetables, and the way of cultivating them in a sustainable agricultural approach. Epicurium therefore offers an exhibition about fruit and vegetables from seed to plate, a patch through the gardens (orchard, vegetable garden, greenhouse, hive), not forgetting a year-round program of cooking and gardening workshops. All this adds up to a unique venue for the sensory, scientific and cultural discovery of fruits and vegetables, which promotes important values such as health, education, biodiversity, environmental preservation, sustainable agriculture, food quality...

Epicurium welcomes individual visitors and groups of all ages, particularly the school public from the nursery school to the high school.

Place

Epicurium is located in Avignon (France – South-East)

Object of the mission

2 Volunteers will participate in the life of Epicurium and help the team in welcoming groups and organizing events/activities. They will participate in the following activities :

- welcoming the children groups, and facilitating pedagogical activities (workshops) for them : about environment, food, art, etc.
- organizing events for the individuals visiting Epicurium (workshops, tastings, festivals) ;
- harvesting fruit and vegetables, and learning how to tend the garden in a natural way.



Epicurium has a small team, and therefore, everybody is involved in every activity and has the opportunity to learn a lot of things in various areas. If we have 2 volunteers at the same time, we will divide the tasks according to the preferences of each volunteer.

The volunteers will also have time to improve the use of the French language, and build their personal project.

Needs for the mission

Volunteers must have interests for agricultural and food issues, biodiversity and environment. A minimum of french language ability is needed, as well as some capacities for communication and pedagogy. We look for volunteers who like the work in team and share values of respect to the other and to the nature.

Practical information

The duration of the mission is 11 months, from the 1st of September to the 31st of July 2017

The volunteers will have 30 hours of work/week. Weekends are free (except for the Autumn's fest at the end of September).

As written before, the volunteer can work on different tasks depending on his/her own interest and capabilities.

How to apply?

Just send an email to sve@pistes-solidaires.fr in order to receive our application form!

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