

CFP Famenne-Ardenne

(waiting for accreditation)

Theme 1: Access for disadvantaged

Theme 2: Environment and climate changing

The hosting Organisation:

The CFP (Centre de formation professionnelle–Professional Training Centre) Famenne Ardenne is a non-profit organisation recognised and financed by the “Walloon agency for the inclusion of disabled people” and supported by the “European Social Fund”.

Our aim is to help disabled people in finding a job and to foster their inclusion in society.

Our target public is not only people with disabilities but also all the people who can't find a job and are in risk of exclusion for different reasons: we work for and with disabled, weak, excluded, sick and poor people and people who have difficulties in looking for a job in nowadays labour market.



The CFP offers its users a professional training, both theoretical and practical, according to each one personality, preferences, interests, abilities and needs. Thanks to a multidisciplinary staff composed by social workers, psychologists and technical trainers, we can offer our beneficiaries professional trainings in these specific fields: professional cleaning, laundry, car wash, gardening and agriculture.

EVS experience

It will be the first time that the CFP will host an EVS volunteer.

Actually we are not alone in this new adventure: we are supported by our coordination organization, the association of Compagnons Bâtisseurs, aka CBB, which has a strong experience in the EVS program.

Furthermore, a permanent worker of CFP already had some experiences with hosting an EVS volunteer.

We really believe that our centre aims, functions and working methods fit very well with the philosophy and values of the Erasmus + program as respect, inclusion, development of youngsters, responsible and active citizenship, the importance of not-formal education.

Location of the project:

Our centre is located in Marloie, in a semi-rural area. The closest town, the one where the volunteer will live, is Marche-en-Famenne, 5 kilometres away from Marloie.

Marche-en-Famenne is a small town situated in the south French speaking part of Belgium. With about 17 000 Inhabitants, the municipality of Marche counts with numerous villages: Hollogne, Waha, Verdenne, Champlon-Famenne, Grimbiémont, Lignièrès, Roy, On.

The volunteer will be in contact with other EVS volunteers being hosted in other projects in the municipality. If all of them are not living together, they'll live not far from each other and they will be daily in contact with each other as well as with the local youth.

Even if Marche offers all the modern facilities, it is however **IMPORTANT** to know that the town it's very quiet and that it's not the best place to stay for the urban life-style lovers. The nightlife here is less vivid than in bigger towns.

Nevertheless, Liège, Namur or Brussels are not far from Marche which has good train connection.

The project:

We mainly propose the EVS volunteer to accompany, support and help our technical trainers in organizing and holding the trainings of agriculture and gardening. Taking part in this project, the volunteer will learn about the techniques of preparation of soils, seeding and plantations but s/he will also acquire skills in working with disabled and disadvantaged people.

The volunteer will be completely integrated in our team; s/he will mainly support us in the organisation of the trainings but also in the implementation and promotion of playful activities as journeys, games, outdoor activities and cultural events for the users of our center.

The volunteer will take part in our educational meeting; s/he will help us in the evaluation of our trainees' development. The aim of his/her presence in our center is to offer our people the possibility to open themselves to another culture, another dimension.



He/she is expected to help us in improving the group cohesion, bringing new ideas and working actively for a stronger inclusion of disabled people. To reach this goal he/she will be warmly encouraged to collaborate with the other young people who volunteer in CBB' projects focused on the topic of disabled people inclusion as well.

During the project the volunteer will receive all the support needed: he/she will have a mentor who will help him/her in opening a bank account, finding a French course, enroll him/herself to the city hall and he/she will have of course also a technical support during the work.



Profile of the volunteer:

Our project is open to anybody motivated by volunteering and who wishes to be involved in our organisation, regardless to their nationality, religion, beliefs, diploma, professional experience. Because our public doesn't speak any other language than French, we require that the volunteer has some basic skills in communicating in French.

We expect the volunteer to be open to the difference and ready to build an atmosphere of confidence and security with the beneficiaries; be ready to involve him/herself in the several tasks we do with them; be able to work together with the staff; be interested in the topic of disabled people inclusion; agree with our philosophy of equality and openness to the difference; willing to listen, communicate and care about the young adults with disabilities.

CAUTION: the volunteer will have to provide a certificate of good conduct (CGC) related with the work with disabled people.

Number of EVS volunteers hosted:

One on this project but s/he will have regular contacts with the other EVS volunteers hosted in Marche-en-Famenne (around 4).

Risks prevention, protection and safety:

Safety at work: The EVS volunteer will always work under the responsibility of the CFP.

S/He will have the autonomy s/he'll need to develop his/her own initiatives and personal projects, but s/he won't be responsible of an activity on its own. S/he will always get the advice and support of a youth worker. The activities s/he will take part in will always be prepared with the whole staff. Preparation meetings will allow the staff to inform the EVS volunteer about the rules to respect, about all in risks prevention and safety.

At the centre we make sure that all the safety rules are always respected: we provide our trainees appropriate working equipment; fire extinguishers are present in all rooms; all vehicles are provided with a first-aid kit. Their content is regularly verified.

An evacuation exercise is held on every year.

Furthermore the CFP is affiliated to the "Service of prevention et protection at work" and all the trainees and trainers are subjected to an examination once per year.

Safety at home: The volunteer will be hosted in an accommodation with all the modern comforts and respecting the safety rules. When arrived, the volunteer will receive a list of phone numbers to call in case of emergency. S/he will also receive the phone numbers of his/her mentor and task-related supervisor.

Risks and crisis prevention: Risks prevention is firstly linked to a good preparation. We will provide the volunteer with complete and true information before s/he decides to join our project. The sending organisation will be in charge to follow the volunteer during the pre-departure process, to inform him/her about the EVS programme, about the rights and responsibilities of the different actors involved, about the administrative obligations the volunteer has to respect before to leave his/her country, etc.

When arrived in Belgium, the volunteer will participate in the on-arrival seminar and the mid-term evaluation organized by the French speaking National Agency. At the starting of the project, we'll especially take care to welcome the volunteer, to show him/her interesting places of our town and Belgium and to present him/her to other young people. We'll also check that everything is in order with the insurance.

The EVS volunteer will participate in our staff meeting in order to be integrated in the team and to have the chance to talk about the difficulties s/he lives. An evaluation of the EVS experience will be made on regular basis with his/her mentor. If there is a problem, a meeting with the project coordinator will be hold in order to solve it.

In case of crisis/emergency, we'll require the intervention of the specialize services required, according to the situation.

Our coordinating organization and our national agency in charge of the EVS programme are resources that can help in case of any serious casual problems.

Project period:

EVS activity will start on 01/02/2015 for duration of 12 months

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