

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PROJECT



#CONNECTIONS

Ireland

From July 29th to August 5th, 2023



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1- THE MJC OF AMBOISE

THE CONTEXT

The Association "LA MJC D'AMBOISE", affiliated to the Regional Federation of MJC (FRMJC) and to the Federation of Centre Val de Loire social centers, is known at the local scale for its democratization activity. access to leisure, holidays and artistic and cultural practices and more particularly towards young people. However, the action of the Association is much more diversified since the MJC of Amboise is also an International Center for Stays, an accommodation center affiliated with the "UNAT" and "Ethic Etapes" networks and a Social Center.

The Youth sector is therefore set up within the "walls" of the Social Center located in one of the priority districts of Amboise: La Verrerie.

The youth sector offers educational and leisure actions on after school and out of school times for adolescents aged from 10 to 17 years old, in the territory of Amboise and the Community of Municipalities of Val d'Amboise (CCVA).

A structuring of the service has to make possible to be regularly present on the whole territory and to propose accessible by the greatest number projects ensuring consistency with the reality of this territory.

THE MJC AND YOUTH CENTERS

The imbalances caused by urban concentrations, changes in family structure, lifestyles, work, make more than ever essential meeting and leisure places for young people outside school hours.

A component of the daily life of young people, local leisure contributes to the development of the person and citizenship.

In response to the needs of society and the MJC d'AMBOISE values, it offers, through its network, complementary actions to the educational action of the family, school and cultural context such as local leisure or collective holidays projects.

The youth center and any other project of the Mjc take into consideration the diversity of the young people welcomed as being a factor of enrichment of the group. This is organized in such a way as to promote the development of everyone and allow them to take their full place in group life around the values of diversity, citizenship and solidarity.

As places for personalization and socialization, the youth centers for the Mjc are:

The learning of citizenship

Team building

The development of the initiative

Taking responsibility

Openness to intercultural exchanges

Social insertion

Solidarity

Local development in consultation with elected representatives and in partnership with other associative actors

2- THE “#CONNECTIONS” PROJECT



Dates: July 29th to August 5th, 2023 – 5 days + 2 travel days

Public: 5 to 6 Young people aged 15 to 18, a gender and social mix is sought.

Supervision : A project coordinator and a team leader.

Goals :

- Enable emancipation by placing young people as actors in the project
- Discover a new human, cultural and natural environment
- Questioning the practices of young people in their use of social networks
- Raising young people's awareness of the possible abuses of the use of social networks
- Encourage speaking up and free will
- Stimulate the desire to travel internationally
- Enhance their experience by creating a thematic game

Description:

The MJC of AMBOISE accompanies young people in their thirst for discovery on an international scale according to its cultural openness values. Born from the desires of young people, the “#Connexions” project aims to combine tourism and citizenship. Originally, they don't know each other and it was primarily through their taste for travel and through discussions during the first preparatory meeting that a second point in common appeared: they are all users of Smartphones and so social networks.

Before the journey, young people meet once a month from January, supervised by a socio-cultural worker who accompanies them and guides them in all stages of the project. During these meetings, young people learn to become a group, build the itinerary and question their use of instagram, tiktok, facebook, twitter, whatsapp, etc.

Through the creation of a “#Connexions” game, young people will try to debate on this subject. They will be guided to conceptualize and make this game accessible to other young Europeans. They will have to question their own practice which will be necessary and this will lead them to build this game support which will become a lasting tool, usable by all and to evolve in coherence with current events.

In parallel with the construction of the game, they will discuss with Irish youth associations in order to prepare for their future visit. This will make it possible to practice English but also to create links with other young people with a different culture and thus to refine their tool and the program of the stay.

During the stay, young people will be able to discover a new environment, through visits to the Irish cultural heritage. By meeting other young people from local partner associations, they will pursue the questions raised during the preparations and will be able to immerse themselves in the way of life of young people their age through activities that will be defined during the preparations for the stays.

After the journey, the young French people will continue their experience by organizing a promotion of the trip in the form of events, exhibitions, testimonial evenings, videos, or any other form that they define during the preparation meetings.

This “# Connections” project is part of the overall project of the MJC of AMBOISE. This is why they will have the opportunity to participate in other international projects planned by the association, such as the project to rewrite the Elysée Treaty. This regional project in partnership with the CRIJ (Regional Center for Youth Information) aims to bring together 50 young Germans and 50 young French people for a week on October holidays 2023 in order to redefine this document of Franco-German friendship.

Moreover, if they wish, from September they can become a “mentor” within the framework of the “Mentorat Info Jeunes” program, a tailor-made program for young people aged 15 to 30 which is based on an exchange between a young, with experience, who will be able to help another young person by sharing their feedback and the skills acquired.



Place :

Ireland – itinerary to be defined with the group

Accommodation :

According to itinerary

3- THE CHOSEN COUNTRY, IRELAND

Why did you choose Ireland to carry out this project?

The young people chose the destination themselves. First for personal appeal, none of the participants already went there they all agreed on the destination. The language spoken in Ireland being English, even if none of the young people speak English fluently, they all have notions seen during their school career. We can therefore imagine that their second motivation was to reduce the language barrier.

Ireland is a country of the European Union, the country has two official languages which are English and Gaelic so, young people can be introduced to it as soon as they arrive as all street and road signs in the Republic of Ireland are in English and Gaelic.

The currency used is the Euro. Ireland uses a 'chip and pin' system for debit and credit card transactions. Retailers can still accept magnetic cards, but be aware that this is not always guaranteed. It is recommended that participants inform their bank of their travel plans before departure.

Ireland has a mild and temperate climate with cool summers and mild winters, the weather is rather unpredictable. The rain and the clouds will quickly give way to a blue sky, it will be necessary to take this into account in the outfit of the participants in the stay.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

1- PARTICIPANT COMMITMENTS

Each young person participating in the project undertakes to:

- ☒ Required age: between 15 and 18 on the day of departure
- ☒ Be a member of the MJC d'AMBOISE association
- ☒ Carry out administrative procedures (insurance, identity papers, European health insurance card, etc.)
- ☒ Actively participate in all preparation meetings
- ☒ Participate in at least 3 self-financing actions (see calendar of actions)
- ☒ Participate in the promotion of the project after the stay.

2- COMMITMENTS OF THE MJC OF AMBOISE



As part of its youth project support, the MJC d'AMBOISE undertakes to:

- ☒ Transmit all the necessary information to the participants to guarantee the smooth running of the stay
- ☒ Recruit a facilitator or trained professional to accompany the young people during the stay
- ☒ Carry out fundraising procedures in order to respect the budget announced to families
- ☒ Facilitate all preparatory meetings by providing content consistent with the project, the desires and needs of young people
- ☒ Organize the promotion of the project after the stay
- ☒ Accompany young people on other individual and/or collective desires within the framework of its Youth Information label.

3- CALENDAR OF ACTIONS

DATES	SHARES	DESCRIPTION	Predictable
01/21/2023	PREPARATION MEETING	During this first meeting, it will be a question of defining the framework of the project, the destination but also getting to know each other.	Desires, expectations...
04/03/2023	PREPARATION MEETING	This meeting will help to work on group cohesion. The group is complete and work on the restitution tool will be started.	Bring something you want to share with the group (an object, a testimony, photos, a culinary specialty).
03/17/2023	OPEN MIC*	Festive evening organized by the MJC of Amboise, young people will be able to lend a hand in the organization of this evening and enjoy it!	
04/01/2023	PREPARATION MEETING	Language meeting! With the participation of volunteers in European service from the Concordia association. (to confirm)	Provide questions for young volunteers
04/14/2023	MJC QUIZ*	Family and fun evening where young participants will be able to promote their commitment to self-financing.	
05/06/2023	PREPARATION MEETING	The stay is approaching, revisions of language, construction of the game...	
06/03/2023	NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL*	One of the flagship events of the MJC d'Amboise. The opportunity to propose a stand to help finance the stay!	
06/17/2023	DANCE GALA*	Cultural and friendly day where young people can work to finance the project and enjoy a show.	
From 23 to 25/06/2023	FESTIVAL PPD*	A weekend celebrating amateur youth theatre, the Petites Pièces Détachées festival can become, for a weekend, a place where young people will be valued for their involvement in the organization of the festival.	
Dates to be defined	PREPARATION MEETING	To refine, prepare for the big departure!	Presence of parents at the last meeting before stay
From 29/07/ to 05/08/2023	THE STAY		
September – October 2023	VALUATION OF THE STAY	The time of an evening, the time of an event or in the form of an exhibition...	

*2 minimum participations in self- fundraising events.

4- PRICES

MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP

- ☒ 10 euros for an annual individual youth membership
- ☒ 12 euros for an annual family membership

Individual membership and family membership are valid from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

Individual "summer" membership is valid from July 1 to August 31 of the current year.

These rates relate to the year 2022/2023, and are updated each year at the General Assembly.

STAY RATE

TRANCHE 5	TRANCHE 4	TRANCHE 3	TRANCHE 2	TRANCHE 1
QF > 831	751 < QF < 830	661 < QF < 750	451 < QF < 660	QF < 450
300 €	270 €	240 €	210 €	180 €

The costs of the activities for each tranche are calculated and proposed according to the aid that can be requested.

The Family Quotient is checked by the association at the time of registration and during the month of March.

The updating of the QF can also be reviewed during the year at the request of the families, if the family situation has changed.

In the event of a beneficiary number not provided during registration, installment 5 will be retained for invoicing with the possibility of regularizing the situation until payment is recorded.

A deposit of 100€ is requested from the family to validate the registration. It is possible to pay in installments according to a schedule defined during registration.

Payment for the stay must be made at the various reception desks of the association and not with the activity leaders. No refund possible except for medical reasons or force majeure, the stay will be fully refunded on presentation of valid proof (medical certificate, official government announcements.).

COMMITMENT

We certify that we have read the "#Connexions" project presentation document and understand and accept all the terms and commitments.

Done on at

Last name, first name and
signature of the young
person

Last name, first name and
Signature of the legal
representative

Last name, first name
and Signature of the
youth worker.

