

# Service RENFORTS

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### Organisation

The **service RENFORTS** is a part of the non-profit association ANDAGE, created in order to improve the quality of life of disabled people and their families.

RENFORTS works especially on the inclusion of disabled young adults.

The goal of the service RENFORTS is to create local partnerships and social inclusion projects in order to allow young adults with disabilities to be part of local and community life of the town of Marche-en-Famenne and its surroundings. Every day, with the support of youth workers, about 30 young adults with disabilities work in team and help several local associations: help to the maintenance of the municipal kennel, cleaning stalls in a horse riding school, order the clothes in a second-hand shop, help in the school's kitchen and in the restaurant being part of the cultural center,...

### Tasks

We expect the volunteer to take an active part into the staff work. S/he will support and **accompany the young adults with disabilities during their work**. S/he will facilitate their investments in the tasks realization.

For example:

- During the envelope labeling at the youth center, the volunteer will be with the group, check the work done, suggest some improvement if needed, keep the good atmosphere during the work;
- During the meal cooking at the social center, the volunteer will support the youngsters in the different tasks required: check the youngster has all the material needed before starting the work, try to find a task for all of them...

With the support of a youth worker, the volunteer will play a big role in the maintenance of a good relationship with the different partners, the youngsters and the staff of service Renforts.

S/he will:

- Create a social link with the youngsters;
- Share his/her knowledge with the youngsters in order to help them to accomplish their tasks (computer skills, cooking skills...);



- Give the opportunity to the youngsters to open themselves at the world around them;
- Raise awareness about volunteering among youngsters and partners;
- Be a resource of new ideas, new point of view about the way of working...;
- Be a support, somebody who listens at the youngsters.

The volunteer's activities can be adapted according to his/her skills and wills. During the first week, s/he will meet the different partners and will be introduced to the several tasks dealt by the youngsters. Then, according with the agenda of the staff, s/he will have the opportunity to choose what activities and planning fit him/her the best.

## **Project time**

**EVS activity will start on 01/02/2013 for duration of 12 months**

## **Location**

During his/her EVS, the volunteer will live and mostly work in Marche-en-Famenne, a 17 000 inhabitants town of the province of Luxembourg (south - french speaking- part of Belgium). The town offers all modern facilities (shops, supermarkets, sport center, cinema....). For the urban-life-style-lover, it is however important to take into account that our town is located in a semi-rural area. Even if it is not far away from the biggest Belgian cities (57 km from Liège, 106 km from Brussels, 47 km from Namur) and well connected by train, Marche-en-Famenne can sometimes look remote and very quiet.

## **Volunteer's profile**

Our project is open to anybody motivated by volunteering and who wish to be involved in our organisation, regardless to their nationality, religion, believing, diploma, professional experience... Because of our youngsters don't speak any other language than French, having some knowledge of French is an asset.

We expect the volunteer to be open to the difference and ready to build an atmosphere of confidence and security with the youngsters; be ready to involve him/herself in the several tasks to do with the youngsters; be able to work together with the staff; agree with our philosophy of social inclusion 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 children.

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