LUDOThÈQUE CASTRAISE EVS INFOPACK
FRANCE, CASTRES
http://www.ville-castres.fr/
CASTRES is a medium-sized town with 46000 habitants located in the department of Tarn in the South of France, approximately 1 hour from Toulouse.

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

What to expect in Castres?

- Train and bus station
- Free buses in the town
- Some bars and a nice Irish Pub
- Some small shops and boutiques
- Multiple cultural opportunities (theatre cinema)
- Different leisure activities (golf, horse riding)
- Lovely parks
- Savoir-vivre of a cozy town in the South of France
- Airport between Castres and Mazamet
What **NOT to expect in Castres?**

- Huge clubs & city nightlife
- Shopping malls
- A lot of students
- Buses on Sundays

You may have the opportunity to have French lessons with other people who have moved here, and like you, are learning French.

Castres is not far from the student city Toulouse where you can find a lot of bars, clubs and shops.

In the Irish Pub in Castres you can meet a lot of people from other countries.
Ludothèque Castraise is situated near the town center. The Ludothèque is a non-profit association (Law 1901), approved by the Ministry of Sport as an association for youth education. Its zone of intervention is in Castres but also in the south of Tarn. It mainly welcomes children whose parents work nearby the town center. The public is very diverse with participants from different levels of society and different nationalities.

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**the main objective**

Allow children and youngsters to discover and to explore other ways of life. To help them think for themselves. To let them experience other cultures, and to develop meeting spaces based on the principles of tolerance, secularism and acceptance.

- Make a large number of games and toys accessible to everybody
- To stimulate the sense of responsibility and the inter-age and inter-district dialogue, with the help of games or toys
- To educate about games and toys from the past as well as from the present, and to promote games from both France and other countries and regions.
3. BEING A VOLUNTEER IN THE LUDOTHÈQUE

Our association makes animation about games and toys available for everybody during the day, welcoming families and the public to join us.

On Wednesdays and during school holidays we organize a youth center, and during school periods we offer help with homework every evening.

The project scheduled requires the volunteer to be present about 35 h a week, of which 2 hours for French lessons with the association Ensemble are included.

Work is from Monday to Friday, but the schedule will be different in during the year. During school holidays the volunteer will do more than 35h a week and during school period less than 35h.

Long-term EVS project
Duration: 12 months
(from the beginning of September up to the end of August)
4. THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER

“Cité de Jeux” (Games City)
- Reception and animation of groups
- To develop the service game on the spot and loan of maintenance
- To repair and organize games and toys
- To spread information on the web (blog, facebook)
- Help children with their homework
- Meetings with the supervisory staff

“Centre de Loisirs” (Leisure Centre)
- Reception for parents and children
- Taking into account the wishes of the children
- Organization and planning of activities for the kids
- Animation using games and toys from the Ludothèque
- Being with the children during excursions
- Managing groups of children for outside activities
The European volunteer will help the children of the center discover the culture of their country through manual activities, music, songs and games together with the animation team.

We want to develop a consciousness about Europe and promote internationality by the practice of leisure activities; that’s why we think it’s important to host volunteers.

The volunteer will have to animate and put European dynamics into the “Cité du Jeux” (lending of games, and games on the spot) by suggesting new activities, and by informing the public on our internet cites.
No special qualifications are needed to participate in the different activities of our project. However, these are two important requirements for you to get the most out of your volunteering experience:

5. THE CANDIDATE’S PROFILE

The wish to work in a team together with children, and to be motivated to perform the various activities that our structure is proposing to the volunteer.

The volunteers will be sharing a flat, so he or she must respect and be tolerant with the others and be responsible and autonomous for the common duties.

All the candidates are asked to send complete CV and a motivation letter to barns.coordination@gmail.com and to ludotheque@wanadoo.fr.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer in our organization, you have the possibility to contact our current volunteers to have more information.
6. ACCOMMODATION AND LOGISTICS

**Accommodation**

You will be sharing a flat with two other volunteers. The flat is located near the city and the Ludotèque. It’s composed of three single bedrooms, kitchen and a living room, all of which are fully equipped with bed sheets and blankets, towels, washing machine, oven, microwave, etc.

**Food, transport and pocket money**

The volunteers will receive pocket money (115 euros) and money for food. The volunteers are preparing their meals themselves, except for Wednesdays when you will have lunch together with the kids. The public transportation in town (bus) is free and every volunteer will have their own bicycle.
Welcome to LUDOTHÈQUE CASTRAISE

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https://laludoc.wordpress.com/
https://www.facebook.com/laludoc