

<u>Location</u>: Saint Dominique is located in Saint Herblain, a town bordering the city of Nantes which is situated in the North-West of France along the Loire river. Nantes is a growing business, cultural and university town with many higher education institutions. Bus and train service makes exploring the region easy. In an hour or less, you can get to the coast, visit the famous castles of the Loire, or explore neighboring cities such as Angers, Rennes and Vannes. Moreover, Paris is just two hours away by train (TGV).

The school is centrally located. It is situated near bus and tram lines (3 minute walk, regular service), shops are 3 minutes away on foot and downtown Nantes is just 15 minutes by public transport.

Bus and tram service: <a href="https://www.tan.fr/">https://www.tan.fr/</a>

Train service: https://www.sncf.com/fr/gares/nantes/OCE87481002/departs-arrivees/gl/departs

Airport: <a href="https://www.nantes.aeroport.fr/fr">https://www.nantes.aeroport.fr/fr</a>

<u>Accomodation</u>: The assistant will be accommodated in a flat shared with other assistants. A private bedroom with a shared bathroom is provided from day one. The flat is situated in the school and has a private garden. It is in a calm residential area. Access will be granted to the school grounds and its outdoor sports equipment on weekends and evenings after classes.

<u>Meals:</u> Free lunches at the school cafeteria on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Not open during the school holidays.

Period and duration of the mission: from 3 to 10 months, from September to the end of May.

<u>Candidates:</u> We are looking for highly motivated students eager to share culture and language with both pupils and members of the staff. The candidate should like working in teams and with teenagers. He/She should be sociable, out-going, responsible and flexible.

Studies: no particular studies or experiences required

Langage skills: native speaker or proficient user of the language (C1)

## **Activities:**

- 1. Assist language teachers in class:
- propose activities to develop language skills and cultural enrichment
- 2. Assist non-language teachers:
- help with the preparation of activities in the English language for non-language classes
- 3. Animation of conversation clubs or other propositions made by the assistant:
- -with pupils or staff members
- 4. Promotion of his/her home country:
- speak about his/her own country to the pupils of all levels
- help people discover the culture
- help the pupils develop curiosity about the culture and language of their hometown, home country ...

5. Participate in the cultural events organized in the school

Schedule: 4.5 days a week for a maximum of 17 hours / a week. Free during bank holidays and school holidays.

## Free of charge:

Free WIFI connection on arrival.

Bedroom in shared flat.

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Témoignage Annika Hardt – German Volunteer (september 2022 – june 2023)

My name is Annika, I'm nineteen years old and a volunteer from Germany.

The daily work at StDo as a language assistant includes the work in the German classes which means in detail to support the teacher by taking some students aside for reading or preparing some presentations fore the whole class.

I also sometimes write articles for the school's website. What is more, the work is always interesting and reflects your own weaknesses and strengths and challenges you in a positive way.

According to my experience the students are really respectful and open-minded which makes the work more fun and creates pleasant working conditions for everyone.

I live in an apartment, owned by the school, which I share with another language assistant. By having both our own room, we get some privacy but living together allows to exchange our experiences and to create a friendship abroad. Furthermore it can also be said that Nantes, being close to Saint-Herblain, is a really beautiful city and the public transport can be taken all over the day, sometimes even at night time.

Moreover, there are always many foreign Erasmus student's in Nantes and you can always join plenty of activities, so it becomes easy to find some friends.