



## **RENCONTRES** **EUROPÉENNES 2013**

**THURSDAY 1st – FRIDAY 16  
AUGUST 2013**

Since 1966, the beautiful town of Annecy lying between lake and mountains, has organised a get together for young Europeans from Annecy's twin towns bringing together youngsters from Germany, Italy, England, Slovakia and France.

These 'Rencontres' comprise linguistic and creative workshops in the morning and sporting and fun activities in the afternoons.

The aim is to develop the linguistic skills of the pupils and for them to become better acquainted with the language, the country and the people by mixing and communicating with other young people through language, the arts, sports, cultural and informal social activities.

This scheme is, above all, a holiday for those who wish to improve and practice a foreign language (French). Approximately 80 students participate bringing together youngsters from Annecy, Bayreuth, Vicenza, Liptovsky Mikulas and Cheltenham via their twinning link with Annecy.

The dates for the event are 1 - 16 August 2013.  
It is open to young people aged 14 to 17, who have studied French for at least one year.

This is a **MUST** for enterprising young people wishing to take part in a **FUN** European Experience.

Cheltenham Borough Council is pleased to help Cheltenham youngsters take advantage of this exciting holiday opportunity offered by Annecy.

The Borough Council will assist participants with organising their travel arrangements.

### **ORGANISATION**

**The town of Annecy is responsible** for all the participants and organize the event which complies to the regulations set up by the French "Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports" (Ministry for Youth and Sports) concerning young people. All teachers and instructors are highly qualified in their particular field of expertise. The youngsters are supervised throughout and every effort is made by the Municipality of Annecy to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.

**Accommodation** is in a school that has boarding facilities. The school, the Lycée Sommeiller, is situated in the centre of the town, a 10 minute walk away from the lake. The school is well equipped and has recently been refurbished. Accommodation for boys and girls is segregated and supervisors will be at the school at all times.

**The morning workshops** are aimed at improving language proficiency using the language learning materials and ideas of 'Ludolangue'. This involves learning through role play, sketches, games with words, songs, poetry and film. All teachers are fully qualified.

**Objective 1** : To increase linguistic proficiency and to use what is learnt in the morning as the basis for afternoon and evening activities, facilitating communication between the young people and reducing the language barrier. The idea is to encourage the participation of the young people in the preparation of the activities as much as possible.

**Objective 2** : To work with the different nationality groups to produce an 'end of stay' production based on the language workshops.

**Objective 3** : To create a caring international community among young Europeans keen to learn the language, culture, values and opinions of others.

In the afternoons youngsters will discover Annecy and its beautiful surrounding area through activities such as rollerblading, climbing, sailing, swimming, team sports and other fun activities, depending on the size of the group and availability, **ALL activities are supervised by professional instructors highly qualified in their particular field of activity.**

With parental permission, free time is available between the end of the afternoon activity and the evening meal at 7 p.m. Evening activities then follow, prepared by the teacher / supervisors and the young people, with the language workshop projects as the theme.

Leisure and cultural activities will include:- a visit to the lake Festival, excursions to local places of interest, visits to museums and exhibitions, video and dance evenings, and evenings of folklore and music.

A more detailed information sheet, including a list of things to take, will be given out at a meeting to be held at the Municipal Offices in early June.

## PRICE

The cost is **714 Euros** per person. This equates to £610 as per the exchange rate on 30.01 2013. A £5 admin charge will be added to this making a total of £615. This amount will be adjusted, if necessary, according to the exchange rate on 31st May. The price includes everything in Annecy (food, accommodation, workshops, afternoon and evening activities). Just some pocket money as extra. In addition to this, there are transport costs to and from Annecy.

An initial deposit of £50 per person should be made payable to Cheltenham Borough Council, to secure a place. The outstanding amount must be paid by the end of June. Annecy Town Hall will send an invoice to Cheltenham Borough Council in Euros which will be paid by bank transfer.

## ENROLMENT

Application forms can be obtained from Annette Wight. Tel : 01242 264311  
Email : [annette.wight@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:annette.wight@cheltenham.gov.uk)

Please complete a form and send, together with a deposit of £50 directly to:

Mrs Annette WIGHT,  
Twinning Officer, Cheltenham Borough Council,  
Municipal Offices, The Promenade,  
CHELTENHAM, GL50 1PP

There is a maximum of 20 places available.

**The deadline date is 30 May.**

## TRANSPORT

Transport Cheltenham/Annecy/Cheltenham will be facilitated by Annette WIGHT, Twinning Officer, Cheltenham Borough Council.

The cost of transport will depend on the size of the group and whether parents would prefer the travel to be by coach, by scheduled flight, or cheaper flights with, for example, Easyjet. The group would travel together though and this will be coordinated and organised by the Twinning Officer. A meeting to discuss travel and other aspects of the trip will be held in June.

Parental consent forms will be handed out at this meeting.

## INSURANCE

Each family must have comprehensive insurance covering the whole stay, including transport and the various sporting activities.

**For further information contact Annette Wight – contact details as above.**