

Engaging in the community

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82% of Unis-Cité's partner organizations are satisfied or very satisfied with the project carried out by Unis-Cité

Unis-Cité engages young people in improving their community, through projects developed in partnership with local solidarity associations, homes for the elderly, municipal services, schools, and leading citizen groups. Projects aim to fight social exclusions or to promote the environment, and benefit a range of people including children in need, unemployed youth and adults, immigrants, refugees, elderly and disabled people. Below are just some examples from the spectrum of projects undertaken by Unis-Cité teams.

Help children and teenagers

Tutoring, activities for children of families in transitional housing, citizenship awareness workshops in high school.

A team of corps members partnered with Les Petits Débrouillards to create an educational bus promoting science education among disadvantaged children. The team created science education kits on various scientific themes, advertized the bus's arrival times, designed the interior of the bus and decorated the exterior. After the Unis-Cité team's successful pilot, the partner organisation decided to maintain this as a permanent initiative. The corps members helped identify volunteers to run the bus throughout the year.

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Fight hunger and homelessness

Creation of cultural workshops in a day shelter, food drives, organization of a fundraising yard sale, organization of a Christmas Eve celebration for the homeless.

Promote Health

Activities to promote healthy eating habits, creation of a sports area in a disadvantaged neighborhood.

In a neighborhood under reconstruction, a team of corps members is organising events around physical and mental "well-being". This neighborhood will be completely rebuilt in the next few years to enhance the living conditions and the image of the area ; while this is positive in the long run, it also creates a lot of anxiety for the inhabitants. Hence the request for a project focusing on "well-being".

The corps members organize "healthy breakfasts" in entrance halls of the building for the inhabitants to discover healthy and balanced breakfast as well as products of organic agriculture. They also run workshops and outings including bicycle rides to discover nearby neighborhoods, blood drives, hikes in the area to pick up trash. The team also mobilizes storekeepers to participate in the recreation of a market, to animate the area and to generate good eating habits.

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Encourage social cohesion

Creation of a botanical garden in public housing projects, organization of neighborhood clean-up events, organization of civic forums, improvement of public green-spaces and community equipment, support for festivals and demonstrations in the neighborhood, renovation of buildings.

Create intergenerational bonds

Organization of outings for isolated senior citizens in retirement homes, theatrical productions, establishment of exchanges between a retirement home and a day care, mural painting workshop, organization of events in retirement homes.

Promote volunteer and associative involvement

Organization of forums, festivals; carrying out of surveys on volunteerism, initiation of middle and high school students to the concept of "active citizenship".

Promote intercultural exchange, combat discriminations and racism

Organization of open-house events in immigrant and migrant worker residences, literacy workshops, organization of a welcome party for recently relocated foreign families in their new neighborhood, physical renovation of the facilities of different organizations.

To fight racism and promote intercultural exchanges, a team of corps members is coordinating an event to enable children and teenagers to discover the cultural and religious heritage in Strasbourg. The various religious institutions will welcome the children, teenagers and their parents for visits to learn about the religion through games and testimonials, to create links and discover common points between different religions.

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