

# Support Unis-Cité

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Since 1994, more than 40 major businesses have joined forces with Unis-Cité to develop youth civilian service for solidarity in France, through their community engagement programs, business foundations, or human resource departments. Together, we are creating links between business, communities and young corps members. For many of our corps members, Unis-Cité's corporate partnerships offer a unique opportunity to discover the world of business. Please join us!

## Unis-Cité corporate partnerships are:

**Tailored.** We adapt the content and nature of the partnership to account for each business's culture and needs.

**More than a check.** Employees have the opportunity to create personal relationships with corps members and engage in projects in the community.

Geared towards innovation and long-term change. Unis-Cité is working towards the creation of a national civilian youth service corps in France, a civic 'rite of passage' for young people of all backgrounds with potential to shape entire generations of French youth.

**National partners** support Unis-

Cité's teams in multiple sites in France and contribute to promoting youth civilian service at the national level

**Team partners** support a team of 6 - 8 corps members throughout their service

**Project sponsors** support a project on a theme and in a location of their choice (mentoring of a corps member, supporting a project to fight exclusion, launch of an Unis-Cité program in a new location)

## Partnering with Unis-Cité is a means to:

**Contribute** in concrete ways to creating opportunities for young people, increasing understanding among diverse cultural and socio-economic groups, and strengthening quality of life and opportunities in underserved communities.

**Stimulate** employees' team-work and adaptation skills, while giving them a means to express values through their work.

**Identify** new talent through acquainting corps members-recruited for their motivation, commitment and aptitude for team-work- with a given business and with its job opportunities

*"Our partnership supports several Unis-Cité branches, and is an excellent means to engage employees in a concrete and tangible project for solidarity. The projects carried out in the field with the corps members, as well as the mentoring of individual corps members, allows for a direct connection with local realities and with participating in their improvement."*

Sophie Bonnaure,  
director of the Vinci Foundation for  
the City.

*"I am convinced that volunteer service is an irreplaceable experience for evolving in life: learning team-work, broadening one's horizons, respecting rules, all of the elements of social cohesion from the former military service are there, without the hierarchy and with the addition of a social purpose. These are fundamental bases of life in society, and, in a world where consumption dominates, the corps members will be able to transmit their values of generosity, accepting differences, and responsibility."*

Michel Krecke,  
director of the Foundation of Parisian  
Airports

*"A great chance to get employees out of their boxes."*

Soraya,  
Timberland employee

*"Volunteer service is not only about gaining knowledge and know-how, but also about self-knowledge, which can't be learned on a school bench."*

Gilles Vermot Desroches,  
director of sustainable development  
at Schneider Electric

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Employees mobilize in different ways to support corps members as they develop their plans for "life after Unis-Cité":

- Mentoring individual corps members
- Presenting the company and its organization to teams of corps members, leading site visits
- Conducting job search techniques workshops (CV, mock interviews)