

#### The Young Ambassadors of the Rights

The JADE are 102 young people in voluntary service for the Défenseur des droits



Two awareness programs: JADE "The Rights of the child" (since 2007) and JADE "Equality" (since 2014)





#### What is French "Civic Service"?

- A voluntary work of general interest
- In a non-profit, or an official organization
- Open to 16 25, with or without degree (until 30 in case of disability)
- Contract period of 6 to 12 months
- At least 24h per week
- Compensation of 573 euros per month







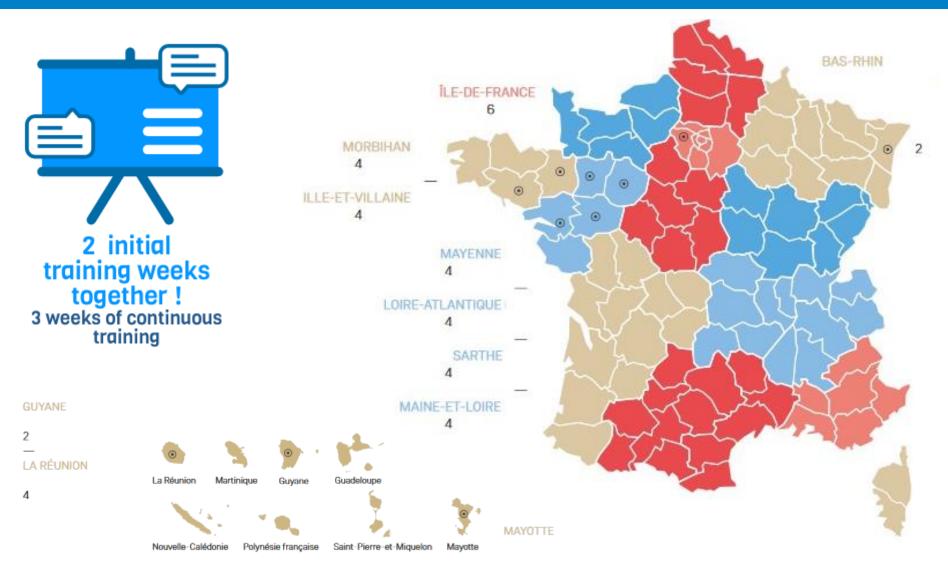
## Who does supervise the ambassadors?

- 3 national coordinators
   from the Défenseur des droits
- A territorial delegate
   from the Défenseur des droits
  - A tutor of civic service
     from a partner association





#### 40 JADE "Equality" in 2017-2018







## The objectives of the JADE program

The 3 main purposes of the JADE program are:

- To develop the spirit of citizenship of young people, debating issues concerning the process of discrimination;
  - To promote the right of equal treatment and to make them known the law;
- To inform them about the role and the authority
   of the Défenseur des droits concerning the fight against discrimination.





## The everyday work of ambassadors

- Prospecting and conducting preparatory meetings with teaching staffs
- Holding information sessions during class time (1h)
  - the process of discrimination (categorisation, stereotypes, prejudices)
  - the **legal definition** of discrimination (situations of disadvantage, grounds of discrimination, public domains and legal sentences)
  - the remedies and powers of the Défenseur des droits
- Organizing second sessions (1h)
  in order to explore one of the areas of discrimination chosen by
  students (work, education, housing or leisure & sport) through playing:
  role-playing, board game, quiz...
- Reporting (quarterly reports, statistics...)





# The area of Loire-Atlantique (French department)







1463 students and apprentices & 91 young volunteers concerned

A lot of side events (sharing practices, training-action workshops...)





#### Students' feedback

"I enjoyed being able to fully participate, to react..."

"It motivates me to be aware of my rights and to learn."

"It was very interesting. I learned about the existence of the Défenseur des droits."

"I liked acting, it was instructive to put myself in the shoes of a victim of discrimination, or of the offender."

"This allowed me to realize some things, and now I'll be more careful if I see this happen."

"It's really nice to inform students about so many types of discrimination!"





#### Being a Young Ambassador of the Rights

For the young ambassadors, the JADE program is also:

- A rewarding human experience awareness, field experience, accountability...
  - A collective experience
     group work, team spirit, meetings...
- A professional opportunity
   courses, project management, community network...

