Service Learning.
Programme “Tandem”.

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You will meet with French students for two one-hour sessions each week.
You will be speaking in French for 30 minutes and then in your language for 30 minutes.
You help them… They help you!
Improve your language skills and speak in a relaxed environment.

Programmes for different needs

INTENSIVE PROGRAMME
Open to English-speaking students (Spanish-speaking students may also apply)
You take part in 20 hours of conversation throughout the semester.
You will need to submit a 400-word essay at the end of the semester.
Successful completion of the programme equates to 3 credits (ECTS).

OPEN PROGRAMME
Open to Italian, Spanish and German – speaking students.
Open to English-speaking students who prefer not to do the intensive programme.
You may stop taking part in the programme at any time.
No credits (ETS) are offered.

* Currently, there is not enough demand for other languages. However please feel free to leave your contact details at the CRL and we will be in touch if we receive requests for your language.
Service learning. How it works.

You sign up for 2 one hour time-slots.

Meet your language partner at the CRL. Remember to sign the register.

Improve your language skills during an hour.

Your language partner signed up to meet you.
Your language partner is at the CRL for a language lesson.

You decide where you go (You may stay at the CRL)
You stay and speak at the CRL.
Service learning. Signing up.

Come to the information meeting.

Fill in the sign-up form with at least four different time slots, then hand it in to the CRL Tanneurs within a week.

No emails please!

You will be given two weekly time-slots.

If you're interested in the intensive programme and getting the credits:

--> First, make sure your home University accepts this course as part of your learning agreement.

--> Then make sure this course is included in your learning agreement form. (see with your correspondent)

If you want to take part in the Programme at another CRL in Tours, then download it and send it to the person in charge.


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⇒ Don’t forget to turn up for your language sessions. If no-one has signed up to speak with you, we will find you a partner on the spot!

⇒ Please be on time!

⇒ If you need to cancel a session, please send us an email at least 48 hours before. If you have to reschedule, please contact the CRL, - not the Tandem student!

⇒ The Tandem sessions stop the week before the exam period.

⇒ Please don’t hand in your time-slots until you are sure of your schedule. We are not able to deal with frequent time-table changes.

⇒ Drinks are prohibited in the CRL. Sorry!

⇒ We also ask you to leave your coat and bag at the entrance.

At the end of the semester, intensive-programme students are asked to…

1/ come to the Tandem meeting.

2/ Submit a 400 word account of their experience.
A few tips...

- You will probably have a different Tandem partner every week. This is because there are many French students who want to improve their English. Avoid having the same conversation over and over again. Try and think ahead and prepare your conversations.

- Be prepared to meet students with different levels and degrees of motivation. You might even meet teachers preparing a conference.

- Please be on time!

Any questions...

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