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Living in a « Foyer »

CLJT residence /foyer :

CLJT (centre de logement des jeunes travailleurs) is an « association » (non-profit organization) providing accommodation for young people from age 18 to 25. Residents are commonly French people - but also a few foreigners - coming from various régions of France or from the far suburbs. They are typically studying, doing an internship or starting their professional career. They cannot stay more than two years.

Housing in Paris for young people is a big issue : renting an apartment is expensive and sharing rent with other students is not as common as in other European cities like Barcelona or Berlin. Typically, universities and graduate schools do not provide accommodation. There are 8 CLJT in Central Paris and two in Grand Paris. Most of them have a cafeteria and provide breakfast and dinner (10 tickets typically per month for dinners, only during weekdays).

NC in Paris has established a partnership with 3 of them.
Our students are accommodated at :

- Didot (14ème)
- Charonne (11ème)
- Les Amandiers (20ème)



Common features :

- Individual rooms with a private bathroom (shower, sink and toilet)
- Safety : the front door and desk are supervised 24/7. You need a pass to enter the building. Several video cameras record the common areas 24/7.
- Shared spaces : the lobby, shared kitchen to cook simple meals, a cafeteria, a lounge (sofas, television, sometimes foosball or video projector), basic fitness room at Didot.
- There is a laundry room (washing machines and dryers) that can be used with coins. Students need to buy detergent.
- Students can have a guest for a maximum of 10 nights a month, for around 10 euros each night. They need to inform the staff at the welcome desk and the guest has to leave an ID for every night of stay. (Nothing is lended for guests and no additional bed is provided).
- There is no WIFI in the CLJT. However, students may use their data plan - provided by the program - and create a WIFI connection through their cell phone.
- Policies regarding bed-linen is different from one CLJT to another. Some may provide everything (Charonne), others will charge 30 euros for a duvet, a pillow and sheets.
- CLJT do not provide bath towels.

Website of CLJT for photos and more description (in French only) : <http://www.cljt.com>

Description of the neighborhood

Didot:

Located in the 14th arrondissement, Didot is right below the 6th arrondissement and also right next to the 5th arrondissement where the Foyer International des Étudiantes (the NC in Paris headquarters) is situated. From Didot, you can get to both schools (FIE or CCFS) in **20 minutes** by subway or bus and **40 minutes** on foot. Didot is in the residential area of the 14th, making it a calm neighborhood, but it is also right next to the Place d'Alésia, which is much more animated with little cafés, restaurants, and shops. It is also next to Place Denfert-Rochereau with the Catacombs of Paris as well as the exquisite Cartier foundation where trendy exhibitions are held. On the whole, Didot is located in a neighborhood of central Paris with a "left bank" character. Please note that the actual foyer is located in the more working-class area of the neighborhood.

Charonne:

Located in the 11th arrondissement, Charonne is in a neighborhood formerly inhabited by artisans and now by the "Bourgeois bohèmes" or "bobo" because of the area's multicultural and authentically Parisian character. Charonne is situated on a calm and quiet street between the very animated and cultural center of la Bastille (where you can find the Opera Bastille and la rue de la Roquette with its numerous bars, cafés, restaurants) and the area of Père-Lachaise with its historic cemetery and the pleasant avenue Ménilmontant, with its long row of trees and lots of restaurants, cafés, and bookstores. This is on the right bank ("rive droite") with good prices in general (for food, going out, and other activities) and has a dynamic and open character. To get to the Foyer International des Etudiantes (the program headquarters), expect it to take **40 minutes by subway**. Please note that the actual foyer is located in the more working-class area of the neighborhood.

Les Amandiers:

Located in the 20th arrondissement, Les Amandiers is in the area of Belleville and Ménilmontant, former working-class neighborhoods that have recently become trendy. The population here is multicultural, most notably with important Asian and Arab communities with their numerous markets and second-hand street sellers. The foyer is right next to a very animated, alternative bookstore/café "la librairie du Monte-en-l'air," which regularly brings in comic book and image-based book authors for readings, debates, and autographs. There is also the gardens of Belleville closeby, which are on top of a hill that gives a panoramic view of the city. Nearby to the foyer, there is the beautiful Buttes-Chaumont park where you can take advantage of the green spaces for picnics. There are also several other culturally alternative and interdisciplinary places to visit, including La Bellevilloise, Les Métallos, and La Maroquinerie. Further down, there is the Rue Oberkampf, the meet-up spot for many students for its trendy cafés and bars. To get to the Foyer International des Etudiantes (the NC program headquarters), expect it to take **40 minutes by subway**. Please note that the actual foyer is located in the more working-class area of the neighborhood.