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Info pack Voedselwinning Jeugdhulp vzw

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ESC volunteering

Food Surplus Manager

Our organisation

Voedselwinning Jeugdhulp (VWJH) is a non-profit association that unites social organisations in youth care around the theme of food waste. The main activities of VWJH are:

- Developing a vision and mission for local actions against food waste.
- Balancing supply and demand of food surpluses on the local level.
- Consulting our partners on food waste and how to avoid it.
- Logistical, organisational and financial support of the local actors
- Contacting local and regional authorities on the subject (city of Leuven, Province of Vlaams-Brabant, Flanders region) and negotiating with them on the subject.
- Communication with the donors of food surpluses.
- Picking up, storage and distribution of food surpluses.
- Administration, internal meetings, fund raising, writing project files to obtain grants.
- Attending conferences and meetings on food waste

The members of VWJH are main youth care organisations in Leuven that already have or will obtain an ESC QL. They have residences in the city and the surroundings. Currently we have 4 partners, but in the near future we will expand to 8 or more. Later in this document will be a presentation of the current partners.

Hier nog wat informele uitleg, foto's van VWJH.

The volunteer(s)

We welcome warm and caring personalities, with a strong sense of responsibility and a distinct interest in matters of food waste. Cooking skills, knowledge about logistics and conservation of food, a drivers license, a healthy life style and be able to create a smooth connection with youngsters. And of course we'd also like the volunteer to be creative, social, taking initiative, funny, ... but don't be scared not to possess all of these qualities. Most important is doing your best and be willing to learn and improve.

We are looking for candidates that can stay for one year. The first months the focus will be on learning and language acquisition. The more experience you will gain, the more responsibility will be transferred.

We will give you time and opportunities to develop your skills on other domains of your interest: sports, culture, games, music, ... We have good relations with many other organisations of all kind and will help you on the way. The schedule of your weekly duties is flexible so it can be adapted to build in personal preferences.

The ESC project

tasks & attitude

The mayor tasks the volunteer will fulfill are:

at VWJH (+/- 40-60%):

- ❖ Helping with the logistics of food surpluses:
 - collecting at the donors
 - distribution to the partners residences/food hubs
 - inspection of conservation
- ❖ Communication and deliberation with local volunteers
- ❖ processing the food surplus for consumption or conservation
- ❖ Administration

at the partners (the other 40-60%):

- ❖ transferring the good practices on food consumption/conservation to the partner organisations
- ❖ helping partners with the application of the food donations
- ❖ being a bridging figure between VWJH and the partners
- ❖ Helping the partner organisations in their task to create a warm nest for the clients, your focus is on matters concerning food:
 - cooking
 - general community support
 - activities for the youngsters living in group

coaching

The organisation will coach and support the volunteer.

The following persons will take care about this:

- the manager for the project
- the coordinator of the project

- a job coach for task specific support
- a mentor for non-task specific support
- a contact for confidential issues
- a contact for physical and health issues

accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in one of four options: a host family, the residence of one of our partner organisations, the housing service of the KULeuven or an international or cultural housing project of the city of Leuven. At this point in time we are investigating the different options and deliberate with the city of Leuven and with partner organisations. Once we have more concrete information about the outcome we will communicate the details.



living together

We are looking for two (and later more) volunteers in this project. We will submit other projects with ECS volunteers and cooperate with partner organisations that have ESC projects. We will set up a network so volunteers can meet each other and do activities together. The volunteer will be part of a diverse crew of people: youngsters, social workers, local and international volunteers, ... Meeting people, learn to work and live with them is part of the project.

Leuven & surroundings



Leuven has a lot of assets: its ancient heritage, the old and famous university, Gothic architecture, Stella Artois brewery, the lively and innovative atmosphere and of course a lot of young people. You will find much more information on the internet. Another asset for people who like walking or biking in nature: Leuven is located at the edge of the largest forest of Flanders, other natural reserves are nearby. All over the year, Leuven is the scene for festivals and cultural events.



Youth Care

VWJH has a partnership and conducts a number of projects with the following Youth Care organisations:

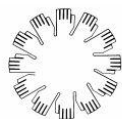
De Wissel

De Wissel aligns a number of initiatives, both within and outside the Youth Care. They have a long standing experience with EVS/ESC, every year they host +/- 4 international volunteers. Centrum Molenmoes is one of their initiatives: a day care centre at the country side with lots of different activities.



ter Wende - Espero

Ter Wende - Espero offers creative care, tailor-made for young people and families with severe psychosocial and relational difficulties. The support is given on two campuses, with a variety of methods.



ter Wende
observatie- en behandelingscentrum



Sporen

Sporen vzw is a non-profit organization for Youth Care, which operates mainly in the regions of Leuven and Halle Vilvoorde. They offer tailored solutions to the young person with a request for - or emergency - assistance, via different methods.



LeuvenFietst

LeuvenFietst is a non-profit organisation engaged in many different aspects of biking. We run a MTB club with +/- 250 members. We give recreational bike training to youngsters twice a week. We organise bike ateliers at partner organisations. We also have bike initiations for schools, youth clubs, refugees and other focus groups on offer. We do bike camps, weekends and events at different locations. Five times a year we have our "Bike Repair Café" where volunteers come together to repair (old) bikes, eat and drink something and talking about bikes and bike projects.



Timing

Our project is approved and can start between 01/09/2020 and 31/01/2021, when all administration will be finalized and international travelling will be allowed. It will last for one year for two volunteers. We can be flexible about the start and duration, depending on the experience of the candidates.

Social

Our organisation is in contact with partners who have their own ESC projects. We will certainly bring you in contact with other international volunteers and organise activities open for all of them. Many local volunteers help us to obtain our goals and are willing to support you and introduce you in sport- and cultural activities in our region. If you are interested in (mountain) biking, you can attend the weekly recreational bike trips of LeuvenFietst.

Miscellaneous

Weather / clothing

Be prepared for all kind of weather. Bring outdoor clothes since we do activities outdoors (warm clothes, rain jacket, warm shoes). Good walking shoes and bike clothes. If you don't have all of this or it's too much to carry, no problem, we can provide most of it (second hand).

Games

Bring some board or card games specific for your country (or tell us in advance if the game is too spacious to bring, maybe we can find it also in Belgium). We like to learn new and original games.

Addresses – Important contacts

A list will be provided on arrival.



Finally ...

This is the first time we submit a project with our organisation. Although we have experience in collaborating with EVS projects from our partners, managing a project ourselves is new. So we ask for your understanding if not everything is clear and sorted out yet. Feel free to ask more information, but be realistic about our possibilities to respond. We will only reply to motivated candidates that match with the described profile.