



DESCRIPTION OF DESTELHEIDE- HANENBOS:

Destelheide is a center for young people, art and creativity. It is based in a small village with +/- 5000 inhabitants, Dworp, which is +/- 25 kilometers from Brussels.

Belgium is a small country. All interesting places (Gent, Antwerp, Bruges) are reachable from Brussels by public transport.

Destelheide is situated in a green area and has a very big infrastructure specialized in art education, which is used by different groups of young people (youth work, education, socio-cultural organizations, etc) who organize their own artistic workshops and trainings in our youth center. In the center we have 26 large rooms (plenaries) for youth work trainings, dance training, performances, 1 auditorium for 200 people, and an open air theatre place, a restaurant, a bar and a place for partying. In our 'garden', we have also an open air tennis field, a basketball field, volleyball field and a football field. Our organization can host 240 youngsters, youth workers, artists, etc.

Hanenbos is a joint youth center, 5 kilometers from Destelheide. Both centers work together, have the same manager, the same vision and the same team. This youth center is more focused on children and on nature and environmental education. Hanenbos has different working studios for youth organizations, provides 110 sleeping places, a restaurant, a bar and a wonderful forest surrounding the building.

Both centers have an educational service. **The art educational service of Destelheide** creates an artistic atmosphere in the green environment of Destelheide. There are exhibitions, artist in residence, artistic formations, masterclasses, art educative projects, international youth exchanges, etc. **The nature educational service of Hanenbos** organizes environmental activities for young people, they also provide a climbing wall, a ropes course and extra activities in the nearby Provincial domain Huizingen.

In 2016 Destelheide received a Quality label for Youth Centres of the Council of Europe. Within this label Destelheide organizes international projects and works with the different values of the Human Rights. This will be an important approach during projects and events which the volunteers will organize.

CONDITIONS:

Working time: 10:00-16:00

(During events, the working time will differ from normal hours, this will be discussed beforehand)

Volunteer tasks will be planned in team after the necessary dialogue. The volunteer will be coordinated and supported by the staff of the educational service. We will take time to evaluate and discuss the learning process and the personal project.

We will apply the rules of European Solidarity Corps like described in the program guide of Erasmus Plus.

The volunteers will receive: a separate room in a "villa", pocket money, extra food and transport money, Dutch language course, insurance, reimbursement of the international travel costs (two ways,) pedagogical, organizational and personal support.

Destelheide will be coordinating and hosting organization.

Interested volunteers need to make a registration on the website of European Solidarity Corps (link to https://europa.eu-/youth/solidarity en). They also need to contact a sending organization in their own country. Together with the sending organization and the volunteers, Destelheide will make a partnership agreement, and a learning agreement. The project is coordinated by Lies Jacob who will facilitate reaching the learning objectives of the volunteers.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Please send to lies.jacob@destelheide.be

CV + photo A motivational letter the application form (see www.destelheide.be)



VOLUNTEER PROJECT:





CATERING SERVICE VOLUNTEER

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEERS (in general):

- getting to know the different aspects, partners and activities of artistic youth work in Belgium
- gaining experience in working for an international youth centre
- gaining experience in working in a team- gaining experience in your specific field of expertise
- getting to know himself/herself and increasing selfconfidence
- expanding your network with connections all over Europe
- getting more respect for (inter)cultural diversity

ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER IN CATERING SERVICE

The catering service in Destelheide-Hanenbos is a big team of people. They prepare breakfast, lunch, dinner for often more than 250 people staying in the youth centers. Teamwork is very important in the catering service. You will get a lot of learning opportunities, but you need to take responsibility for your tasks as well. Destelheide- Hanenbos is the first youth center honored by a Quality Label SMILEY. This gives you the opportunity to learn more about all the hygienic rules and necessities for a kitchen in a youth center.

Your tasks include:

- Getting to know and contributing to the catering process and service, helping to prepare a variety of dishes
- Learn how to follow up the food stock and advice new orders
- Help in the bar during the coffee breaks and meet all the youngsters staying in the youth center
- Learn about all the HCCP rules in a catering service
- Getting insight in the Smiley award for catering services and what you need to do for it
- Organize informal intercultural meeting opportunities for and with the staff and the visitors
- Help with serving the meals and practice all the Dutch culinary terms

PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a youngster between 18 and 30 years old who

- is prepared to learn Dutch
- has good communication skills
- has a sense of responsibility
- has an out-going and social personality
- shares an interest in coocking and catering
- has a flexible attitude
- likes working with youth groups
- is capable of working independently but also as a team-member





Coordinating organization:

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