

WIDER HORIZON infoletter

Short term ESC volunteering
activity in Olde Vechte Foundation

17 July - 14 September
Ommen, The Netherlands



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Would you like to live for two months a joyful and unique volunteering experience, thanks to which you can create new opportunities in your personal and professional life once back home?

Wider Horizon is a short-term volunteering project of Olde Vechte Foundation, that takes place in Ommen, The Netherlands. By participating you have the opportunity to experience new aspects of life and of yourself: you will live together with other people from different countries, hosted by Olde Vechte Foundation; you will volunteer in a practical work place; you will take care of your bungalow and organize your own free time.

In this information letter, you will find all the information you need in order to know what the project is about, and how to apply for it. Reading it carefully, you will get an idea of how it will be once you are here in The Netherlands.



The dates for the **Wider Horizon** short-term volunteering are 16 July (arrival) – 15 September (departure) 2019 (2 months) and we can host 6 volunteers.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PROJECT

The working week is from Monday until Friday, in total 36 hours. You will reach your working place by bicycle, which is provided by Olde Vechte. You will have the chance to work in a work place where you will do practical jobs. It will be defined in advance where you go. It could be horse farms, camping sites, group accommodations, farms, etc.



GUIDANCE

During your stay as a volunteer, there will be a mentor who will help you with practical aspects, such as, to get around in Ommen and to show you where are groceries shops, pharmacy, medical institutions, etc. This person will also be there to guide you and support you for any issue you might have.



FREE TIME

You can spend your free time in many different ways: visiting cities, hanging out with new international friends, biking, joining karaoke evenings, singing songs around a camp fire, organizing movie nights, dancing, playing sports, going to the swimming pool, etc.



ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

During the two months you will be hosted in bungalows of 4-6 people at a holiday park in Ommen. The place is located approx. 10 minutes by bike from Olde Vechte and 15 minutes by bike from the centre of Ommen.

In all bungalows there is a kitchen, shower and toilet. You will share a room with someone. You can see an example for a house [here](#). Your house may differ from the one in photos, but it will be very similar. There will be washing machine available as well as wi-fi connection at the resort.

As for the food: you have a kitchen in your house. Along with your pocket money, you get money for food, and you can arrange your own meals as you wish.

POCKET MONEY AND TRAVELING COSTS

As a volunteer of this project you will receive pocket money in the amount of **€ 305 for two months**, divided in weekly parts, given in cash every week. You will also get money for food in cash.

Your traveling costs will be covered according to Erasmus+ regulations: **up to 275 Euros**.



YOUTHPASS

By the end of the project you fill in the YouthPass, which can be a very useful tool for your resume or if you want to apply for a university. For more information visit [Youthpass website](#).

Youthpass

ABOUT OMMEN AND THE NETHERLANDS

Currency: Euro

Capital: Amsterdam

Population: 16.500.000

National Language: Dutch

If you want to find out more about Dutch culture check this page:



In the summer period the weather is usually very good, sunny, warm but yet it can rain as well, which is keeping the country green and nice. It is a lovely period to be in Netherlands when everything is green and nature is at its finest.

Ommen is a quiet, green, lovable, farmers' town with lots of tourists during the Dutch "summer". It has many of the country's most beautiful bike routes. You can read more about Ommen here:



WHAT TO BRING WITH

These are some of the items you might find useful during your stay in the Netherlands:

- Clothes for indoor and outdoor activities, shoes suitable for sports activities;
- Working clothes and shoes, comfortable for a work day and that you aren't afraid to get dirty;
- Raincoat;
- Warm clothes: jacket, long pants, sweater, etc.;
- Towels and personal care products: shampoo, toothpaste, etc.;
- Your own medicine, if needed;
- Your European Health Insurance Card
- Passport or other form of ID.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are from a EU country and you're interested in the project and want to be a volunteer, you can:

- contact your sending organization and fill in your application form as soon as possible, or
- if you don't have a contact yet, write us at info.oldevechte@gmail.com and we will put you in contact with a supporting organization.

For more information, you can have a look at our website: <http://www.oldevechte.com/>

If you have any further question about the project and the criteria to participate, do not hesitate to contact your supporting organization or us.

