

WIDER HORIZON

*Short term ESC volunteering
activity in Olde Vechte
Foundation*

**19th September- 18th November 2021
Ommen, The Netherlands**



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OLDE VECHTE FOUNDATION

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE A JOYFUL AND UNIQUE VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE FOR TWO MONTHS, 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:** live together with people from different countries, hosted by Olde Vechte Foundation; volunteer in a practical work places; take care of your living space 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 what you can expect from this volunteering project here in the Netherlands. With the current measures took for avoiding COVID-19, this volunteering opportunity in the countryside of the Netherlands is still possible by sticking to the arrangements that help us stay safe in this cultural exchange.

THE DATES FOR THE WIDER HORIZON SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERING ARE 19 SEPTEMBER (ARRIVAL) - 18 NOVEMBER (DEPARTURE) 2021 (2 MONTHS) AND WE CAN HOST 8 VOLUNTEERS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PROJECT

As a volunteer at Olde Vechte, you will have practical tasks set up from Monday until Friday, in total 36 hours per week. The voluntary activities are practical tasks at various workplaces in and around Ommen. The program is shaped in such a way that for four days per week you are volunteering at one organization for two months. Each Wednesday, we have an activity day to enhance your volunteering experience.

You will receive a bicycle to commute to the workplaces and use it to travel around in your free time. You can also use it to visit places which are closer to your accommodation and to use it to travel around for shopping and your free time.



FREE TIME

You can spend your free time in many different ways: hanging out with new international friends, biking, dancing, playing sports and organize it in a way that fits you.



GUIDANCE

During your stay as a volunteer, a mentor is available for your support. This person will help you with practical aspects, such as, getting to know how things work at Olde Vechte and showing you where to go for groceries, shopping and medical institutions in Ommen.

Your mentor will guide you for the whole two-month period around the volunteering activities and you can reach out to your mentor for support with any issues you might come across.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD



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.

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During your stay as a volunteer you will be hosted in group accommodation house Zeesse at the estate of Olde Vechte Foundation. The accommodation is in the center of Ommen nearby shops and other facilities. As a group you will live in Zesse for two months in which you are accountable of keeping it clean and livable. In the accommodation there are 9 bedrooms, one spacious kitchen, a cozy area and a dining area. There is a washing machine available as well as wi-fi connection. You can see photos of the accommodation here:<https://www.oldevechte.nl/zeesse-groupsaccommodatie/>

As for the food: you have a kitchen including all cooking utensils and a dishwasher. 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

TAS A VOLUNTEER OF THIS PROJECT YOU WILL RECEIVE POCKET MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF € 5,- PER DAY, DIVIDED IN WEEKLY PAYMENTS, GIVEN IN CASH. YOU WILL ALSO GET ONCE PER WEEK MONEY FOR FOOD IN CASH (€ 5,- PER DAY) YOUR TRAVELING COSTS WILL BE COVERED ACCORDING TO ESC REGULATIONS: UP TO 275 EUROS.



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 supporting 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.

