

Nature's Legacy

PV: online June 2025
YE: 15-26th of July 2025
Ommen, The Netherlands





What is it about?

What if we started getting to know Nature as a character, instead of perceiving it as an object? Would we call Nature a friend, a caretaker, maybe the Mother Nature? What role does it play in our lives?



Nature's Legacy is a youth exchange about encountering Nature from a very close perspective. We will allow ourselves to get embraced by Nature and create a heart-felt connection with natural environment. Through spending time outdoors, we will build new forms of dialogue with life that surrounds us.

We are a part of a bigger thing!



Growing skills for greener future

In Nature's Legacy, we will address the need to look after the environment close to us - to understand better the environmental changes happening all around, such as rising temperatures, floods, or wildfires, and to learn how to take simple actions on a local level in order to counter-balance them. We will break this big topic into smaller, handleable pieces, explore the near to Ommen Natura2000 area and gain hands-on experience from local sustainable projects.

During Nature's Legacy we will exchange our perspectives, organise workshops for each other and co-create our learning experience!



What to expect?

During the 12 dynamic days, we will:

- Gain hands-on experience and learn concrete tools to take care of the environment;
- Become researchers and work closely with individuals involved in Natura 2000 areas around Ommen - farmers, gardeners, and environmental educators;
- Spend time in Nature and with Nature, connecting, playing and learning outdoors in different settings;
- Create a common living space;
- Co-create and co-organise workshops, activities, and games;
- **Go on a 6 days hiking/camping adventure in the Netherlands;**
- Share learnings within an intercultural group;
- Create a heary-felt connection with Nature!

Note: Nature's Legacy is a project with dynamic and packed days in which we will have a chance to create and guide our learning process. To keep up with the rhythm, we strictly stick to a 'no alcohol and drugs' policy.



42 youngsters
7 countries

Who are we looking for?

During the exchange, each national team will count 1 Group Leader and 5 Participants.

As a Participant you are:

- 16 – 21 years old
- interested in Nature and connecting with the natural environment around you
- preferably without previous experience with Erasmus+ projects
- excited about an outdoor learning experience
- active and creative
- excited to work in an international, non-formal and informal learning environment

As a Group Leader, you are:

- 18–25 years old
- passionate about Nature and environmental sustainability
- ready to step in the leader's role and develop your leadership skills
- enthusiastic, supportive, willing to take initiative and encourage others
- ready to create and deliver workshops for the group
- able to work in simple English



Timeline - what, when and where?

Online PV Call

June 2025

Planting first seeds of connections and starting to get to know each other!

Youth Exchange ✨

15-26th of July 2025 (excluding travel days)

Ommen, the Netherlands

Pre-Learning preparation

Before the exchange

Warm-up online tasks shared in a Facebook/Telegram group.

Follow-up

August - September 2025

An event organised back home together with your national team



Travel Reimbursement

As travel options, you can either use the green travel or non-green travel way. Depending on the travel mode you choose, after the event you will receive the full travel reimbursement amount (minus participation fee for non-green travel).



	green* travel	non-green travel
travel reimbursement	Spain, Czechia 417 euro Romania, Italy, Portugal, Latvia 309 euro Netherlands 56 euro	Romania, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Czechia, Latvia 309 euro
participation fee	No participation fee	Participation fee of 75 euro
ways of travel	Environmentally friendly way of travelling: bus, train or carpooling.	Faster way of travelling: plane.

In case you choose the non-green travel option, there is a X euro participation fee. It will be deducted from your travel reimbursement amount that you will receive after the exchange. This way, you will not be asked to pay the fee in cash.

For example - if your travel cost is 200 euro, you will receive 234 euro reimbursement (309 euro reimbursement minus 75 euro fee).



You are welcome to join!

For any further questions regarding the project, feel free to contact either our partner organization from your country (see the next slide) or us directly through info.oldevechte@gmail.com.

If you are selected, we will send you a confirmation letter with further information regarding your participation. Only then you can start booking your tickets.



Apply here!



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About Olde Vechte

Olde Vechte is a non-profit organization based in Ommen, the Netherlands, close to one of Natura 2000 areas. It has been functioning since 1966 as a project organization and a training center for non-formal education, personal and professional development, coaching, and social and cultural work. Its mission is to create a learning environment out of love, care and cooperation for everyone, especially for people whose needs cannot be met by the methods of formal education. Out of this approach, the foundation is focused on the method of learning by experience. The shape of the organisation comes from the involvement of the Volunteers, Mentors, Youth Workers, Trainers and Facilitators, each contributing to the place their uniqueness and talent, growing as individuals and professionals altogether with Olde Vechte.

About the Facilitators



Julka Wardakowska

Julka (she/her) is passionate about using embodiment and playfulness to spark connections between people. She loves observing how cross-cultural interactions can enrich individuals' experiences and broaden their horizons. She enjoys bringing mindfulness to the space and invites others to connect with their bodies. In this exchange, she will support us in creating our own meaningful learning experiences.



Annemijn Vlaming

Annemijn (she/her) is educated and experienced in environmental architecture. Passionate about natural sustainability, she enjoys bringing broader perspective to human activity in natural areas. She also loves active lifestyle and she brings people together to connect and learn through movement of body, mind and soul. She will support us to enjoy the learning process. Her smile and enthusiasm are contagious!



Accommodation

The project will take place in and around the main accommodation, in the small city of Ommen, **surrounded by Nature**. The house will serve as a home and working space during these days, which means that we will take care of it and refresh it by ourselves. Catering will be provided by the foundation.

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