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**HOSTING PROJECT –
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LEUVEN
BELGIUM FLANDERS
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I General info on projects in BFL

Age limits: 18-30 years.

Number of volunteers: Most of the projects only host one volunteer.

Application deadline:

30 May 2022

Hosting: All participants will be hosted in a host family or at the work place, depending on the project.

Only volunteers who are truly motivated to live in a Belgian host family should apply for this project! Please do know that our host families are not necessarily living near the project. Be aware that you might have the travel time from your home to your project might take a while. Especially, when your project is situated in a large city (like Brussels, Antwerp or Ghent), it's very likely that you will be hosted in the suburbs and not in the city centre.

Language: The will to learn the Dutch language is a very important aspect. We expect people to be dedicated to learn Dutch. In most projects the motivation to learn Dutch fast is a requirement. We will offer online Dutch language courses, but motivation remains the most important factor to communicate at ease. A good communicative knowledge of English is desirable and sometimes required. All communication with AFS BFL is done in English. Depending on the volunteer work you want to do, in most projects it is necessary to have a very good level of communication skills in English.

Travel: please make sure to arrive at Brussels national airport – (airport code = BRU)!

Guarantee:

Once you are accepted as an ESC-volunteer in a project, we will ask you to provide us with:

- A guarantee of 75 euro (which will be refunded right after your arrival in Belgium, together with the pocket money for the first month)
- A health form signed and stamped by your doctor (we will give you a form)

II Project – International School of Leuven (ISL)

Native City: Leuven

Period of the project: September 2022 – June 2023

Activities and mission of the organization:

Activities and mission of the organization: ISL was set up in 2013 as a private non-profit organization by the City of Leuven, the University of Leuven (KU Leuven), IMEC (Nano-technology research center) and the Flanders Biotechnology Institute (VIB). ISL offers pre-primary and primary education in English for children of the wider Leuven region expatriate community. ISL uses the UK National Curriculum and International Primary Curriculum, a combination of academic, personal and international learning. ISL is a well-respected member of the ECIS (Educational Collaborative for International Schools). ISL educates about 60 children between the ages of 2.5 and 12 years old and is growing fast.

Sector of the organization: **education-children**

Location of the project:

ISL is housed on the campus of the University College Leuven – Limburg (UCLL) in Heverlee in the outskirts of Leuven. ISL campus is situated next to the E40 Highway Liege-Brussels at exit Haasrode, about 5 km from the historic city center of university town of Leuven (pop. 100.000) and about 25km from the capital city of Brussels. ISL campus is easily accessed by public transportation (regular bus lines from Leuven center and train station), bicycle and car.

Please be informed ISL plans to move locations in dec 2022/jan 2023. Their new location is however located near their current location.

Office environment:

ISL employs about a dozen fully qualified teachers (full/part-time) with various international backgrounds. Teaching assistants/interns are used on a regular basis to help out in a class setting or for teaching art/music/PE. Many parent-volunteers are likewise part of the school scene. The Head of School is a very experienced education professional with an extensive teaching and education track record in the International school system.

Benefit from the volunteer:

Volunteer with interest and talent for Early childhood/Primary education and English language skills will be a valuable asset as a teaching assistant for the professional staff in the different class groups. The very international environment also requires input from different cultures in the broader framework provided by the professional and volunteer staff, benefiting the children's education in general.

Tasks of the volunteer:

- Teaching assistance
- Classroom and recess supervision
- Logistic support for classroom teachers
- Arts and crafts, music, PE
- Homework assistance
- Administration

*Volunteers will have the support of a staff member at all times

Specific skills volunteer should have:

We are looking for a highly motivated and dynamic personality, with a love for children and a passion for education.

- Interest / background in primary education required.
- Sociable personality is a must
- Some experience or formal training in primary education is a major plus.
- Skills in arts, crafts, music, sports ... are most welcome.

Level of language skills: Proficiency in English at least level B-2, preferably higher.

Volunteer's benefit:

Integration in a professional (pre-) primary teaching setting using the UK National Curriculum and International Primary Curriculum. Young dynamic school with lots of room for personal learning and growth. Variety of teaching staff with international backgrounds, used to work with interns and volunteers.