

ESC volunteer house across borders

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House Across Borders Lommel is a facility within the youth work of the German War Grave Commission and is in the direct vicinity of the German military cemetery of Lommel. 39.111 victims of the First and Second World War have a last resting place here. On one hand, the House is an educational centre. On the other it's a group accommodation which offers guests 67 beds, a kitchen with dining room and a conference room and free time area. All this is situated in the woody surroundings of Kattenbos. You can find more information about the accommodation or the educational offer on this website: www.huisovergrenzen.eu Please visit our Facebook or Instagram page for more images!

What do we do?

Organizing projects and activities for both youths and adults concerning peace- and remembrance education.

Offering the accommodation to either project groups and to groups who don't take part in a specific project about peace- and remembrance education (sport groups, youth associations, etc.).

Organizing national or international exchange- or meeting projects (for instance theme weeks or summer camps) for school- or youth groups.

Helping relatives in their search for deceased family members from both World Wars.

To inform or advise relatives or researchers regarding fallen German soldiers, buried at Lommel.

Host Organisation: Belgium

TASKS, COMPETENCES

We are looking for culturally and historically interested people who can work and live independently. They also should be flexible in their tasks and working hours. In addition, they should be linguistically interested or to learn at least a new language. English is a prerequisite for a place at the House Across Borders. They also should like to work with groups (mostly youngsters from the age of 14 to 18 but also younger and adult groups) and to speak in front of them. There will be already two German volunteer's present send by [ijgd \(https://www.ijgd.de\)](https://www.ijgd.de)

Tasks:

- do educational tasks like giving guiding tours, help with the workshops, organize you own project and be the host for the guests.(working with groups in general)
- learn a new language, you will learn Dutch at a language school in Lommel and get to know a new culture
- do administrative tasks like bookkeeping, planning and management of groups (making orders, statistics and so on)
- do historical tasks mostly doing archive work
- do kitchen and cleaning work

Key competences:

- Being social and have a team spirit
- Learn a new language. It would be worthwhile if you learn a little Dutch before the beginning of the year using the online language course of Erasmus Plus.
- Be able to organise
- Be independent, work independent
- Be ready to do the tasks you colleges will give you
- Be interested in history in culture
- Be flexible (work at the weekend)

THE VENUE



Lommel is a municipality and a city in the Belgian province of Limburg. The Kempen city has about 33,000 inhabitants and is part of the electoral district and the judicial district Lommel Neerpelt.

Lommel is the third shopping city in Belgian Limburg with a commercial and shopping centre De Singel.

Besides residential town of Lommel also has a number of nature reserves, such as the nature reserve De Watering, the Lommel Sahara, and numerous forests and heathlands.

Importantly, the silver sand that is mined here for the benefit of the glass industry. Some sand mining quarries are transformed into nature reserves and recreational areas, including Lommel Sahara.

COUNTRY



Belgium, a country in Western Europe, is known for medieval towns, Renaissance architecture and as headquarters of the European Union and NATO.



The country has distinctive regions including Dutch speaking Flanders to the north, French speaking Wallonia to the south and a German-speaking community to the east. The bilingual capital, Brussels, has ornate guildhalls at Grand-Place and elegant art-nouveau buildings.



ACOMMODATION



4 single rooms; 1 double room; 2 rooms with 3 beds; 3 rooms with 4 beds; 3 rooms with 5 beds; 1 room with 6 beds; 2 rooms with 7 beds; 1 room with 8 beds.
13 rooms with shared bathroom and toilets.
3 single rooms with bathroom and toilet.
1 double room with bathroom and toilet.

All rooms are equipped with a washbasin.

Sheets are included, towels are not.
On request you'll receive a towel pack or bed sheet-pack that you can use to make your own bed.
Blankets and pillows are in the rooms.

Non-smoking accommodation.
Animals/ pets are not allowed.

ACCOMMODATION

The volunteers will live in the House across borders in Lommel.
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3920 Lommel
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POCKET MONEY

Overall the volunteers will receive 180€ pocket money per month
The volunteers will get 150 € per month for food, but also can eat left overs from the groups that stay at the house.



TRAVELLING

Belgium

Brussels Airport Zaventem (BRU)

Others can come by train to Lommel. We will pick you up at the train station.

<http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>

The Netherlands

Eindhoven Airport (EIN) – just when there is no possibility to arrive in Belgium. We can pick you up at the airport.

During the year

The volunteers also will get a train ticket for ten rides payed from us.

A driver's license is not required but it is very helpful for the volunteer and us.



REIMBURSEMENT OF BUDGET COSTS (forward and back)

For travel distances between :

- 10 and 99KM: 20 EUR per participant
- 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
- 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
- 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant
- 3000 and 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant
- 4000 and 7999 KM: 820 EUR per participant
- 8000 KM or more:1500 EUR per participant



http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

Note: Please make the copies of your pass board, tickets, invoices and passport before you come to the event.

In order for us to reimburse you must provide us with:

1. The original invoice of the flying ticket with clear mark of how much you have paid (If it is an electronic ticket, print the booking confirmation e-mail or print the electronic ticket from the Web site of the flying company or the travel agent), original train/bus or any other tickets (You must take your return train/bus ticket before the exchange starts;
2. If you travel by plane, ALL the Boarding Passes - VERY IMPORTANT.

PRACTICAL MATTERS

Insurance

As mention earlier we wish that your sending organizes the insurance of the volunteers.

There is an insurance from Erasmus+ specialized on volunteers in Europe

<https://www.europeansolidaritycorps.nl/sites/default/files/files/Cigna/EACEA%20-%20FAQ%20document%20administrators%20-%202019%20-%20v2.pdf>

Diplomas

The volunteers can receive various diplomas during the year:

- The Youthpass certificate
- Diplomas at the language school in Lommel 2 levels
- Diploma from a hygiene course for professional kitchens
- Juleica certificate (a certificate for group organisation and accompaniment) (<https://www.juleica.de/>)

