

ESC 2023: member of the HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE of youth centre Destelheide Hanenbos from February to December 2023



Youth Centre Destelheide was founded in 1971, originally as a service for animation and expression. Since 2018, Youth Residence Hanenbos has been included in the centre's activity. The two centres are located in the Flemish part of Belgium, about 10 km from Brussels. Destelheide focuses its services mainly on young people between the ages of 18 and 25. Every year, many schools, youth groups and art organisations, artists, etc. find their way to Destelheide. The centre has 35 multifunctional and well-equipped work rooms for music,

photography, dance and other training courses. It is also possible to use the centre on a daily basis for conferences or team building activities without overnight stay. Hanenbos is aimed at younger groups: this centre in the middle of nature mainly receives groups with kids who go into the forest every day to do adventure activities. Also in this centre, groups can stay for one or more days in full board.



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEERS (in general):

- getting to know the different aspects, partners and activities of youth work in Belgium
- gaining experience in working for an international youth center
- gaining experience in working in a team
- gaining experience in your specific field of expertise
- getting to know yourself and increasing self-confidence
- expanding your network with connections all over Europe
- getting more respect for (inter)cultural diversity



ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER IN THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

The educational team is a very small teams and devolpe their own activities. This means that you'll get a lot of opportunities to gain experience in your field, but that you'll also have a lot of responsibilities towards the activities and the organization.

Your tasks include:

- Developing environmental and educational activities like for example workshops, educational packages, guided tours et cetera for diverse groups on the domain.
- Develop workshops about human rights education- using the nature or art as a tool

- Do productional work for all the different projects (preparing material, inscriptions, keys, ...)
- Documentate the activities on the domain via different media (interviews, film, photo...)
- Welcome artists in residence and be a contact person for them during their stay
- Facilitate after talks for try-outs from the artists in residence
- Being an 'informal' contact person for the groups who stay in Destelheide or Hanenbos (talk with them in the bar, inform them about the library, expo,...)

PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a youngster between 18 and 30 years old who

- is prepared to learn Dutch
- has good communication skills
- is capable of working independently but also as a team-member
- has a flexible attitude: the volunteer has no problem working regularly at the weekend or in the evening.
- likes to take initiative
- has a sense of responsibility
- has an out-going and social personality
- likes working with youth groups and kids
- shares an interest in art, human rights and environmental issues
- is interested in being involved in creative processes and activities
- is being able to use his or her experiences about working with children or young people, when developing activities
- is interested in being involved in different teams of the youth center
- is interested in Human Rights Education



Are you interested in this opportunity?

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