



Europe meets Drogeham!

Stifting Wurkgroep Butengebied Drogeham, The Netherlands

Number of volunteers: 2

Title of project: “Europe meets Drogeham!”

Period of project: 1st of October 2017 – 1st of October 2018 (12 months)

In 2018, Leeuwarden, the capital of the province of Friesland, is going to be the European Capital of Culture. Linking up to the central theme of ‘iepen mienskip’ (open society), the goal of this EVS project is to connect Fryslân with the rest of the Netherlands and Europe. In cooperation with the local Stichting Buitengebied Drogeham the volunteers will cooperate in organising activities that encourage visitors to look beyond Leeuwarden. A variety of themes can be explored in order to find the links with distant parts of Europe, for example how birds or food travels through Europe. The volunteers can also help organising activities during a project week with Spanish school children or a horse show.



This is a great occasion to get to know the situation locally, to meet up with different organisations and to look for international cooperation and exchange of experiences. The volunteers play an organising and connecting role in building a bridge between Drogeham and the rest of Europe.

The volunteers will be stationed at the farm Hamster Mieden which is located in the small village of Drogeham, in the countryside of the province of Friesland (Fryslân), in the very north of the Netherlands. The daily life at the farm is centered around educating children and adults to become more involved in the sustainable management of the natural environment and to develop leisure activities in the region of Drogeham. Both active and educative farm visits and school visits are organised on the organic farm and in the surrounding nature. Apart from developing activities linked to the theme, the volunteers will help out with daily chores on the farm.





Tasks of the volunteer:

- Looking for opportunities to develop activities locally, connected with ‘Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture in 2018’
- Seeking cooperation with local organisations
- Organising meetings
- Guiding groups of visitors around the farm
- Taking care of nature, garden and farm animals
- Activities in the natural surroundings
- Maintenance of the natural landscape
- Giving a hand where needed



Expected characteristics of the volunteer:

- You are curious and dare to think out of the box!
- You take initiative and are able to work independently
- You have preferably proven experience in organising
- You don't mind to roll up your sleeves
- You are interested in nature and sustainability
- You are committed to animal welfare
- You can deal well with adults
- You like to live in the countryside for a longer period

We encourage volunteers to learn a bit of Dutch before the start of the project as children are regular farm visitors. Being able to speak and write in English is highly recommended.

We are looking for motivated people and, as the accommodation on location is shared by the two volunteers, preferably of the same gender.

The description of the organisation is available on the EVS database:

http://europa.eu/youth/vp/organisation/941571241_en

The website of the host organisation is:

<http://www.hamstermieden.nl/>

(the website is in Dutch but you can get an impression looking at the pictures)





Vereniging van
Plaatselijk Belang Drogeham



About Leeuwarden European Capital of Culture in 2018:
<http://www.2018.nl/en>

With the presence of the international volunteers we would like to put the village Drogeham on the map as well as the countries the volunteers are from.

Please, send your CV and motivation letter to evs@siw.nl before the 14th of April 2017!



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