

Belgium

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FEDASIL RIXENSART

04/08/2019 - 24/08/2019, age 18 – 30, SOCI-KIDS-REFU



The Rixensart Refugees Centre accommodates people or families who have asked for asylum in Belgium. Refugees come from Syria, Irak, Iran, Congo etc. Many of them fled from war or from countries that were under a dictatorship or devastated by an ecological disaster. Thus they came to Belgium with dreams of stability, rich-ness and comfort life. It is not, however, that easy to be allowed to settle in Europe, especially for somebody from the South or the East. Before these people may start their new live, their refugee status has to be proven and accepted. While waiting for the document that will enable them to remain legally

in our country, the immigrants are accommodated in this centre in the Brussels vicinity. People living there await the solution concerning their administrative status. They never know what tomorrow may bring to them. Therefore, residents often found themselves overwhelmed by feelings of relief and anguish, hope and disappointment. The life of Rixensart Asylum Seeker Centre reflects these individual dramas and hopefulness of residents. Website (available in English): <https://www.fedasil.be/en/reception-centres>

WORK

PLEASE NOTE: this project is an ESC Volunteering Team project, please refer to the remarks in order to know the conditions. The volunteers will give a hand and a fresh air to the Centres animation team (sportive or social games, billiard, movie clubs, fitness for women, football tournament, craft etc. To a lesser extent and depending of the Weather forecast, volunteers will take part of some activities as painting inside or out-side maintenance of the park. They will be required to get actively in-volved in the daily life of the Centre. Half of the time will be devoted to proposals of activities for children and adults (according to the population currently present in the Centre). The management team of the centre is very well used to work with volunteers as they have been hosting this workcamp for many years.

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

Volunteers will be lodged in a common room (dormitory) in a building next to the central one. Showers are acces-sible in a central building. Self catering. Please, be aware that meals are simple. Vegetarian or any other diet should be announced in advance.

LOCATION & LEISURE ACTIVITY

Rixensart is located in the Brabant Walloon province, 25 km from Brussels and 7 km from Wavre. The zone is highly urbanised and has all the usual conveniences, Rixensart still keeps its coun-tryside charm but one can feel the proximity of Brussels (40 minutes by train, 20 by car). Refugees Centre is located outside the town centre, but in a walking distance from the famous local lake Genval, cinema, shops, supermarkets, train station. Website (in French): <http://www.rixensart.be>

REQUIREMENTS

Alcohol is formally prohibited in the Centre. The volunteers are required to be at least 18 year old and to have basic knowledge of French. Besides, it is necessary to have bases in animation (songs,

music, dance, plays) and to be able to assume responsibility for a small group. Be able to listen to others is very important there. This kind of workcamp is a very rich personal and human experience. It makes people aware of the complexity of certain social conditions related to the great inequalities on our planet. In order to demonstrate this, we ask the candidate volunteers:- to send a short motivation letter in French- to answer our specific questionnaire (if you do not have it yet, please ask it to your sending organization). We will not confirm any placement request before the analysis of these documents.

CBB16ESC FEDASIL SUGNY 1

06/07/2019 - 20/07/2019, age 18 – 30, SOCI MANU REFU

PARTNER

PLEASE NOTE: this project is an ESC Volunteering Team project, please refer to the remarks in order to know the conditions. The Sugny Asylum Seeker Centre hosts people who have asked for asylum in Belgium. Many of them fled from war or persecution. Before these people may start their new lives, their refugee status has to be proven and accepted. While waiting for the documents that will enable them to remain legally in our country, the asylum seekers are accommodated in this centre. People living there await the solution concerning their administrative status. They never know what tomorrow may bring to them. Therefore, residents often found themselves overwhelmed by feelings of relief and anguish, hope and disappointment. The life of Sugny Asylum Seeker Centre reflects these individual dramas and hopefulness of residents.



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ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Accommodation will be provided in the centre. Volunteers will stay in a common room (dormitory) in a building next to the central one. Showers are accessible in the central building. Meals depend from your cooking talent ;) There is a private kitchen where you can prepare your meals at fixed hours and you can eat with residents in the refectory.

LOCATION & LEISURE ACTIVITY

Sugny is a very small and isolated village in the south of Belgium nearby the French border. By choosing this work-camp, you decide to live in the nature. All around, there are fields, woods and small villages. But there are plenty of opportunities for entertainment: football fields and

basketball playgrounds, During the weekend, and according to the group decisions it will be possible to organise cultural visits and to travel to the biggest Belgian cities.

REQUIREMENTS

We warn the volunteers that the consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden inside the centre. This project requests volunteers with a good level of motivation for its theme and who are prepared to integrate the life of a refugee center. We recommend them to have an idea about the policy concerning refugees in their own country. In order to demonstrate this, we ask the candidate volunteers: -to send a short motivation letter-to answer our specific questionnaire (if you do not have it yet, please ask it to your sending organization). We will not confirm any placement request before the analysis of these documents.

This project is a volunteering team, supported by the European Solidarity Corps programme of the European Union. Compared to the usual workcamp participation scheme, some main financial and administrative differences must be underlined: - The participation to the ESC volunteering teams is subject to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission_en - The volunteers do not have to pay any fee (not sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project- The volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 4aO/day, once they arrive on the project in Belgium- The volunteers will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance (up to 275aO)- The volunteers need to register on the European Solidarity Corps Portal: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en- The volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online by the ESC

CBB17ESC FEDASIL SUGNY II

27/07/2019 - 10/08/2019, age 18-30, SOCI MANU REFU

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