



Topic: Refugees

Centre for asylum-seekers (Florennes)

Camp code: BE-SCI 1.1:

Country: Belgium - French speaking
Start Date: 12 Jul 2013
End Date: 27 Jul 2013
Number of volunteers: 9
International age: 20 - 99
National age: 20 - 99
Extra Costs: 0.00 €
Required Language: French

Description: The centre of Florennes is an open centre for asylum-seekers. The residents of the centre benefit from social and material assistance and medical care during the waiting period of their application for asylum (in order to be recognized as a refugee). The centre hosts 400 people from various origins. The aim of the workcamp is to propose new activities to the residents of the centre during school holidays, and to promote intercultural dialogue. www.fedasil.be.

Type of Work: organization of workshops for children and youth. During two days volunteers will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the center life, following members of the staff in their tasks. Then they will propose activities (such as sport, art, games, etc.) for the kids and youth, divided in three age groups (4-6 years, 7-11 years and 12-15 years).

Study Theme: Asylum procedure in Belgium.

Accommodation: Accommodation in group in a big room of the centre.

Requirements: For volunteers aged 20 and more, motivated by organizing activities for kids. Volunteers aware of nature and environment, volunteers who like sport and volunteers with artistic skills are particularly welcome. The workcamp can be psychologically tiring (proximity of 400 persons).

Approximate Location: Florennes is a village located 1 hour from Charleroi, in a rural area.

Creativity in a refugee camp

Camp code: GR-SCI 5.2:

Country: Greece
Start Date: 18 Aug 2013
End Date: 31 Aug 2013
Number of volunteers: 12
International age: 18 - 99
National age: 18 - 99
Extra Costs: 0.00 €
Optional Language: English



Description: The Reception Centre for Asylum Applicants of Lavrio, is one of the centers in Greece, where some 300 asylum seekers are hosted (including family members and children) while waiting for their application to be processed. The Centre is run by the Greek Red Cross and funded by the Greek State.

Type of Work: Activities with the families and especially the children of the refugee centre. Volunteers will work 5 days per week.

Study Theme: History of Refugees, Conflict Resolution

Accommodation: In a hostel in rooms of six outside the refugee centre. the volunteers will have to bring their sleeping bags

Approximate Location: Lavrio is a town situated some 40 km south east of Athens.

Notes: Food will be provided by the refugee centre.

Meihof Lint

Camp code: BE-VIA 1.1:

Country: Belgium - Flemish speaking

Start Date: 14 Jul 2013

End Date: 28 Jul 2013

Number of volunteers: 11

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00 €

Required Language: English

Description: Meihof is a Red Cross centre for asylum seekers. After arrival in Belgium, refugees are sent to a centre where they receive food and shelter. The centre is located in Lint, a little village in the province of Antwerpen. Around 120 refugees stay there, of which 30 are children and (unaccompanied) youngsters. Since a lot of people from different backgrounds live together there and the asylum procedure is not always successful, life in the centre is far from easy.

Type of Work: You are going to organize activities for people staying in the asylum centre. These activities will focus mainly on the children and youngster, but activities for the adults or for the whole Group are not excluded! What we are going to do depends entirely on your motivation and creativity, so your ideas are more than welcome! Keep in mind that people staying in Meihof are passing a very difficult time and that it's in your hands to make their lives a bit brighter. Therefore we expect you to be very motivated. You will work 5 days a week and have free weekends.

Study Theme: Besides the work itself, a study part is foreseen. The director of the centre will tell you how the centre works and provide you with a basic idea concerning Belgian procedures for asylum seekers. We will also discuss advantages and disadvantages of these procedures.

Accommodation: The volunteers will be accommodated in a common room in the centre. All food and hygienic facilities of the centre will be available to the volunteers. Living conditions are basic. Good news is that you do not have to cook. We will eat together with inhabitants of the centre. In case you are a vegetarian, please let us know in advance!

Requirements: We expect openness towards all kinds of cultures and religions, respect for the situation of the residents and the rules of the centre.

Notes: Since food and sleeping place are provided by the project, the only money you will need is some pocket money for activities in the weekend.

No alcohol is allowed in the centre.

We also recommend you to visit a asylum seekers centre in your own country before coming to Meihof in Belgium.

The camp will be during the RAMADAN season.



AZC Almelo

Camp code: NL-VIA 1.2:

Country: Netherlands

Start Date: 02 Aug 2013

End Date: 17 Aug 2013

Number of volunteers: 10

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 18 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00

Optional Language: English

Description: An AZC is an asylum seekers centre, of which several exist in The Netherlands. Most of the centres are situated on the countryside, far away from the Dutch society. There is little interaction between the people in the centre and outside. Over the past few years many new rules have been applied to prevent asylum seekers to come to the Netherlands. Nevertheless refugees are still coming. In the centre there live people who are accepted in the Netherlands, but also people who are not accepted and waiting for their return to their country.

Type of Work: ASC (Asylum Seekers Center) Almelo currently hosts adults, children and teenagers. During the summer holidays these children don't go on holiday and there are no activities for them in the centre. The main objective of the workcamp is to work with these two groups of children in different activities like sports, get-togethers, culture, arts and other creative fields. Together with the children the volunteers will prepare and present a show on the last evening.

Study Theme: There will be a study-theme related to the subject of refugees in Europe.

Accommodation: Volunteers will sleep together in a separate building.

Requirements: The volunteers should be creative and able to work with people with different (some difficult) backgrounds, of various ages and cultures. Note that there will be meetings with the adults in the centre as well. It is stimulated to try to engage the neighbourhood in the project.

Approximate Location: The center is situated in the East of The Netherlands, near the German border. Living conditions are basic. But there are facilities / places for organising activities like sports fields, playgrounds, etc.

Notes: Additional motivation letter is required. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted. Because of the different cultures inside the centre you are asked to pay attention to what you wear.

Asylum seeker centre (Rixensart)

Camp code: BE-SCI 1.4:

Country: Belgium - French speaking

Start Date: 05 Aug 2013

End Date: 25 Aug 2013

Number of volunteers: 8

International age: 20-99

National age: 20-99

Extra Costs: 0.00

Required Language: French

Description: The Centre for asylum seekers in Rixensart is an open centre for asylum-seekers (in opposition with the closed centres where refugees are forbidden to go outside, work or go to school). Its main tasks are to feed, accommodate and provide social and medical aid to asylum-seekers. The asylum seekers stay in the centre



during the whole 1st stage of the procedure (4 months at least). The centre hosts maximum 160 people (mostly families) and is located in the residential area of Rixensart. www.fedasil.be.

Type of Work: Promoting intercultural understanding and proposing new activities to the residents of the centre are the main aims of the workcamp. Organising creative workshops around environment for the asylum seekers of the Centre (mostly with children): theatre, handicraft, artwork, musical evening (drums, guitar), games, sport,...

Study Theme: Belgium as a hosting country: asylum procedure, Belgian federal system, etc.

Accommodation: Volunteers will sleep in a large room of the centre.

Requirements: To enjoy working and playing with children and have done it in the past. Artistic and musical skills are an asset.

Approximate Location: Location of the camp : Rixensart is a charming little town located approximately 20 km from Brussels.

Fót - Art for Development

Camp code: HU-SCI 1.1:

Country: Hungary

Start Date: 23 Aug 2013

End Date: 31 Aug 2013

Number of volunteers: 6

International age: 18 - 99

National age: 16 - 99

Extra Costs: 0.00 €

Required Language: English

Description: The Károlyi István Child-Protection Center is located in Fót, a small town right next (15 km) to Budapest. This center is accepting the unaccompanied minors, forced migrants under 18 who are asking for asylum. The contact with the center and the youngsters living here started in the January of 2013 with a program called Open Doors (www.opendoorsresearch.org), financed by European Commission. During the program of Open Doors we renovated a social area of the center, and created tools which can help the social integration of the migrants living here together with them.

Type of Work: The work requires creativity, and the ability of working together in a group. We are planning to continue the renovation and "decoration" of the social area, and to help social inclusion with the tools of social architecture and visual communication.

Study Theme: According to the closeness of Budapest there will be excursions in the evening and a one-day-trip with the refugees to the capital. The first day of the project will be spend without the refugees in order to prepare the participants for the camp (get closer to the subject: the situation of hungarian asylum, possibilities for their social integration ect.) As the outcome of the multi-cultural nature of the program: participant will get closer not just to the hungarian but the Middle East - muslim culture/food/habits.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be staying in the area of the center of the forced migrants. The food will be provided by ourselves: the volunteers and the refugees.

Requirements: The important purpose of the camp is to show the youngsters the power of creativity and the possibilities for multi-cultural cooperations. According to the target group we need participants who feel responsible for the tasks of organization as well.

Approximate Location: Fót: <https://maps.google.hu/maps?hl=hu&tab=wl>.

Notes: The method of "learning by doing" and the active and creative approach of the inhabitants of the center is a very important part of the project. This year will be the first camp organized by SCI here, and the plan is to continue the creative work with the contribution of international volunteers, local children, and the refugees living in the center.



Theatre of the oppressed

Camp code: BE-SCI 1.5:

Country: Belgium - French speaking
Start Date: 01 Sep 2013
End Date: 14 Sep 2013
Number of volunteers: 8
International age: 18 - 99
National age: 16 - 99
Extra Costs: 0.00
Optional Language: French

Description: Theatre of the oppressed has been created in Brasil by Augusto Boal. It aims at making injustices visible and training people to struggle against it. Like last year SCI Belgium organizes a workcamp around that theatre form, more particularly the forum theatre.

Type of Work: The workcamp will be a 14-day workshop (with weekend free) about ethnocultural diversity, gathering 16 participants. Half of them will be international volunteers and the other half asylum seekers coming from different countries. It will end with two performances of forum theatre; one will be in an asylum seekers centre. The members of the audience will become actors: we will invite them to come on stage, propose some actions and perform these actions in order to test them. This performance will allow us to exchange with a broad audience our views around ethnocultural diversity.

Study Theme: Ethnocultural diversity, representations we have about differences and the influence it can have on our lives.

Accommodation: International Volunteers will be accommodated in a guesthouse near Brussels (to be confirmed).

Requirements: For volunteers motivated by ethnocultural diversity and theatre of the oppressed. We ask you to write a motivation letter in French.

Approximate Location: close to Brussels (to be confirmed).

Transit Centre for Asylum-Seekers (Embrach ZH)

Camp code: CH-SCI 1.4:

Country: Switzerland
Start Date: 06 Oct 2013
End Date: 19 Oct 2013
Number of volunteers: 10
International age: 20 - 99
National age: 20 - 99
Extra Costs: 0.00 €
Required Language: English

Description: Refugees who apply for asylum in Switzerland are accommodated in so called „transit centers“ for about 2-6 months. During this time their everyday life is dominated by waiting and uncertainty of their future. In the transit centre in Embrach live around 140 people, speaking many different languages, among them many families with children of all ages but also many young men and single women. The relationship of the refugees coming from different countries could be enhanced. Therefore you organize activities with and for them and spend an interesting and joyful time with the asylum seekers.



Type of Work: Priority activities are music, sports (jogging, football, volleyball etc), games, artistic and manual work with adults, teenagers and children. The staff will assist you; nevertheless you should try to work independently. In the last years volunteers decided for example to offer music workshops, dance classes for children, excursions and sports for adults. It's up to you to decide what kind of activities you would like to be offering – so think about it before the beginning of the camp! You will work 6-7 hours a day.

Study Theme: There will be a general introduction for you about asylum seekers in Switzerland and the asylum-seeker camp in Embrach at the beginning.

Accommodation: A scout group accommodation near the transit centre. Food is included but volunteers do the shopping and cooking on their own.

Requirements: Write a motivation letter in English (Why? What would you like to do?)

Approximate Location: Embrach is located about 25 km north of Zürich and is perhaps a typical suburban town in the agglomeration of Zürich. The refugee camp is situated at the outskirts right by a forest and near a small river.