



BeBuddy-Newsletter 08/2022

1) Register now for the Workshop on Intercultural Communication – Sept 8-9, 2022

Working in international teams requires intercultural competence, awareness and solution finding in possible conflict situations. During the two days seminar, students are given the opportunity to develop their intercultural competence; a skillset which becomes ever more useful for all professional activities and which is thus looked for by prospective employers. As the seminar is held in English, you will also improve your English language proficiency. Therefore, you should bring a basic knowledge of English so as to be able to participate in discussions and group activities. At the end, you will receive a certificate of participation. Attendance on all two days is required.

The workshop is free of charge and is held by Alexia Petersen. Ms. Petersen is a highly experienced trainer and consultant in intercultural communication, working with various target groups in both universities and research institutions, and international companies.

Date and Time (Sep 8-9, 2022)

1st day: 9am to 6 pm

2nd day: 9am to 6 pm (with a one-hour lunch break)

Registration: The number of the participants is limited. Please send an email to (Ms.) Chiara Weber Chiara.weber@zhv.rwth-aachen.de

Attending this workshop will be recognized as a component of the Certificate International (group 2).

2) Act as a Buddy during the winter term

The new winter term 2022/2023 is about to start. A new exciting phase, especially for all our new international freshmen! Many of them signed up for the BeBuddy program as a mentee, now waiting to be matched with a Buddy. If you are interested in supporting a new international student and you are mostly on site in Aachen, please update your Buddy profile in the database so we can match you with a mentee. You can also write us an email to



bebuddy@rwth-aachen.de with your dates of availability and the amount of mentees you would like to support. Of course, being trained as a buddy is a prerequisite for that.

Also, if you have friends who would also like to become active as a buddy, please spread the word. We are always looking for new buddies. The only thing they have to do is to pass the virtual BeBuddy training. **Being at least in the 2nd semester and German language skills on a B1 level are obligatory.** If they fulfill these prerequisites, they are welcome to register for the BeBuddy training via email to Chiara.weber@zhv.rwth-aachen.de

We look forward to hear from you!

3) Welcome Weeks for new international students winter term 2022/23

RWTH Aachen University is looking forward to welcoming its new international students during the Welcome Weeks organized by the International Office from **19th September to 30th September 2022**. We are very excited to introduce the international Freshmen to the university services and partners, the many different student associations and to each other! We are sure that the students will feel supported and welcome to Aachen and to RWTH.

Thank you for your support in advance! We are very happy to see such an enormous engagement in the BeBuddy program as well as in other voluntary projects like the Welcome Week volunteers.

You can find further information about the tasks and the Welcome Week Program at www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek

4) Important changes from the Immigration Office at Super C

We would like to inform you about some important news from the SuperC Branch Office of the Immigration Office for the StädteRegion Aachen. The new online appointment tool of the Immigration Office allows you to book an appointment yourself and independently. If in urgent cases (e.g. a residence permit has already expired or is about to expire) no appointment is available in the appointment tool, please contact the new information desk of the Immigration Office in SuperC foyer.

Please be aware that if you have changed residence within Germany and were previously registered in a different German city before moving to Aachen, that the main branch of the



Immigration Office next to the central train station is responsible for the first issue/extension of your residence permit in Aachen.

The **new information desk** of the Immigration Office is now open for visitors in SuperC foyer intermittently during office hours. There will soon be a letterbox at the desk, which you can use to submit applications. Please bring your residence permit and additionally your passport to every visit to the Immigration Office besides the usual required applications and documents and apply for an extension about 3 months before expiration. Please always provide the following important information to the Foreigners' Office in case of email inquiries: First name, last name, date of birth, nationality.

The International Office of RWTH Aachen is pleased about this new service and information desk from the Immigration Office and welcomes the new team in SuperC. A visit to the new RWTH FAQ is also worthwhile and will provide you with useful information and answers to general questions. The information websites of the Immigration Office and the International Office at RWTH are regularly updated so that you are well informed in advance.

That is all for August. Enjoy your holidays and good luck for your exams.

Chiara Weber, Buse Karagöz, Luis Jamora and Aladdin Tebib from the BeBuddy Team

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