



## BeBuddy-Newsletter July 2023

### 1) WANTED! Act as a buddy during the upcoming winter term 23/24!

\*\*\*New mentees arriving soon\*\*\*

The new winter term 2023/2024 is about to start. A new exciting phase, especially for all our new international freshmen! Many of them will sign up for the BeBuddy program as a mentee, soon waiting to be matched with a Buddy. If you are interested in supporting a new international student (or more than one) 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](mailto: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.

Next to becoming friends with your mentees, you will also have the opportunity to get to know other buddies during our Kick Off Buddy meeting by the beginning of the winter term and you'll receive a certificate for your buddy activity which also serves as a component for the [Certificate International](#).

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 ☺ (especially faculty 3 and 6 are needed).

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 [Dominika.Dudzik@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:Dominika.Dudzik@zhv.rwth-aachen.de). We look forward to hear from you!

### 2) My home is your castle – Sublet your room to an international student

You are studying at RWTH and are planning to spend some time abroad soon? Sublet your place to an international student! [My Home is your Castle](#) was initiated by the International Office to make the outgoings' return easier for them after their stay abroad while also fostering contact between local and international students at the same time.

**How does it work?** Register your available apartment or room with our International Office Housing Advice Service Team ([housing@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:housing@rwth-aachen.de)). We will pass your offer onto international students seeking for lodging. Ideally, you will find a suitable subtenant who will be studying at RWTH for exactly the period of time you will be gone. If you successfully sublet your place to an international student, you may even have it recognized as a component of [Certificate International!](#)





**Interested?** Submit your offer via the form available at [www.rwth-aachen.de/housing](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/housing) (tips for renting out your property). For more information about the recognition in the Certificate International program, click here: <https://www.rwth-aachen.de/go/id/gbksm/?mobile=1>

### 3) Welcome Week Winter Term 2023/2024: Volunteers wanted!

The Welcome Week for new international students will be taking place this year from 25 September 2023 to 29 September 2023 and we need your assistance!

If you would like to help us with various tasks during our on-site events, experience the international atmosphere of RWTH and meet new fellow students, register as a Welcome Week Volunteer by writing an email to [welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de), latest by 1 August 2023.

Volunteering for at least five hours during the Welcome Week on-site events can get recognized as a component of the [Certificate International](#).

You can find further information at [www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek) and Certificate International. We are looking forward to your registration!

### 4) Become a buddy for visiting students from India

We will soon welcome a group of Indian students from the [KOSPIE](#) program (beginning of September) who will stay at RWTH for the fall semester and would be happy to have a RWTH buddy by their side. This program is additional to the regular BeBuddy program. You might have more responsibilities, but also more activities and, moreover, the program is part of the [Certificate International](#) and is considered as the component „Supervision of Participants in the Summer Schools“.

You would be a buddy for a group of 2-3 students and your tasks would include

- picking up your mentees at the station and accompanying them to the dorm
- In the beginning: support with groceries, city „tour“, how to open a bank account in Germany, etc.
- leisure activities with the mentees

If you are interested in participating, please write a short mail directly to [Antonia.Meister@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:Antonia.Meister@zhv.rwth-aachen.de) by writing **KOSPIE-Buddy** in the e-mail subject, the **deadline is July 31st**.



### 5) BierTemp – The ASTA invites you to their student beer garden

The BierTemp is ASTA`s temporary beer garden on the Templergraben. Every Friday - weather permitting - you will find the beer garden on the Platanenplatz from 6pm on, directly across from the RWTH main building. With a changing assortment, they offer beer, cider and soft drinks at student prices. All the revenue will go back into cultural ASTA's cultural activities. More information on the ASTA and its projects can be found on their website.

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

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