

# BeBuddy-Newsletter 03/2022

# 1) Register for the Workshop on Intercultural Communication – April 11-13 2022 (online)

Working in international teams requires intercultural competence, awareness and solution finding in possible conflict situations. During the three days virtual seminar, students are given the opportunity to develop their intercultural competence; a skill set which becomes ever more useful for all professional activities and which prospective employers thus look for. As the seminar is held in English, you will also improve your English language proficiency. Therefore, you should bring a basic knowledge of English in order to participate in discussions and group activities. At the end, you will receive a certificate of participation. Attendance on all three 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 (April 11-13 2022)** 1<sup>st</sup> day: 9am to 1:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day: 9am to 3:30pm

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

## Attending this workshop will be recognized as a component of the <u>Certificate</u> <u>International</u> (group 2).

Further information can be found on the website: <u>Workshop Interkulturelle Kommunikation -</u> <u>RWTH AACHEN UNIVERSITY - Deutsch (rwth-aachen.de)</u>



## 2) Welcome Weeks for new international students summer term 2022

RWTH Aachen University is looking forward to welcoming its new international students during the Welcome Week organized by the International Office from 29 March to 1 April 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!

Thanks to the numerous volunteers registered this summer term, we are sure that the students will feel supported and welcome to Aachen and to RWTH. To our committed RWTH students: Thank you for your support! 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.

For those who could not register as Welcome Week volunteer for summer term 2022, you are welcome to apply for winter term 2022/23 by 1 August 2022 at welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de. Your commitment can be recognized as a voluntary component for the <u>Certificate International</u>.

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

## 3) Support service for house-hunting at the International Office of RWTH

Looking for accommodation can be quite the challenge for many new students in Aachen. For international newcomers especially, it can become a source of stress and anxiety, as the access to the housing market is hindered amongst others by the language barrier, financial expectations and limitations and administrative hurdles. To counter this situation, the International Office supports its international students and researchers at RWTH Aachen University with house hunting in and around Aachen by providing detailed information, online seminars, virtual and personal consultation and by conveying private offers.

The Housing Advice Service supports international Bachelor and Master students whereas the Welcome Center for international researchers attends to the needs of international PhD students, Postdocs and guest researchers.

The Housing Advice Service also provides <u>tips for renting out your property</u> for housing providers with short-, medium- or long-term accommodation offers in private dorms or at private persons and is happy to provide advice on ways to reach out to prospective international tenants.



Further information available at www.rwth-aachen.de/housing

Contact Housing Advice Service Telephone +49 241 80 90681 E-Mail housing@rwth-aachen.de

Contact Welcome Center for international researchers Telephone +49 241 80 90679 E-Mail <u>welcome@rwth-aachen.de</u>

## 4) Europe meets School (Europa macht Schule)

You are a European international student in Aachen and interested in bringing exchange to life: We're looking for you!

#### What is the project about?

You will become an ambassador of your country and conduct a small project of your choice in a German school class. The project is jointly organized by the German Academic Exchange Service and a local team of RWTH students.

#### Why should you be part of this project?

You improve your language and presentation skills whilst getting to know Germany from a different angle. In the end, you receive an international certificate for your contribution to promoting the European idea among young Europeans! Join us and get to know local students as well as other international students! Make more out of your stay in Germany!

#### What are your next steps?

This year's kick-off meeting will take place on **April 1st 2022**. If you want to join, just contact us at <u>aachen@europamachtschule.de</u> and we will provide you with all the necessary information. For further details on the project check out: <u>www.europamachtschule.de</u>.



**Important:** Non-European students can also participate, the project does not exclusively focus on Europe!

## 5) Meditate with SKY Campus Aachen

SKY Campus Aachen is an RWTH student initiative that aims at building a mindful and resilient student community in the university through the practice of yoga, breath-work and meditation.

Over the past few months, they have been organizing various Open Meditation and Yoga events such as free weekly workshops on managing stress from body and mind, well-being, leadership, and social inclusion. Their workshops comprise wellness techniques like Meditation, Breathwork, Physical Yoga, fun gaming that enhance Awareness, and Community Service.

Check out the events on their website to find out more: Sky Campus Aachen

## Have a nice week in Aachen and enjoy the wonderful weather!

Chiara Weber, Haiyan Saadi and Luis Jamora from the BeBuddy Team

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