

BeBuddy-Newsletter 02/2023

1) My home is your castle

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

2) NRWege - Scholarship for students with a refugee background

The International Office of RWTH Aachen University offers scholarships for a duration of 6 to 9 months for particularly talented students of RWTH with a refugee background in the summer semester 2023 as part of the program "NRWege ins Studium". The application is possible from 20.01.2023 - 28.02.2023.

You will find more information at www.rwth-aachen.de/nrwege

3) Registration for the language courses at the language center

The RWTH Language Center offers various intensive courses during the lecture free period starting at the end of February for different languages.

<u>Please note the different registration dates and deadlines.</u> The two registration periods are from



30.01. – 06.02.2023 (for most of the English courses) 14.02. – 21.02.2023

Information on the intensive courses during the lecture free period can be found on <u>the course</u> <u>offer page</u>.

Registration takes place via your <u>user account</u> on their website, where you can also click on past registrations to see if there are still places available and then register yourself.

4) BeBuddy wrap up 2022: Thank you to everyone involved!

With 2022 over we want to thank everyone who participated in the BeBuddy program for their support! In 2022 we were able to match over 1100 international students from over 80 different nationalities with local students; over 900 were from the same faculty.

Two of these students are Alaeddine and Pablo: Alaeddine is originally from Tunisia and has been living in Aachen for a few years now. He is also a student assistant at the International Office. Pablo is from Spain and came to Aachen as an exchange student last fall. They both study Electrical Engineering, Information Technology and computer Engineering and are even roommates. Last week they got the chance to talk about their experiences as international students for a short WDR (regional TV channel) coverage.

You can watch the video until the 8th of February <u>Lokalzeit aus Aachen | 01.02.2023 - Lokalzeit</u> <u>aus Aachen - Sendungen A-Z - Video - Mediathek - WDR</u> (Video starts from 19:52 minute)

That is all for February. Good luck for your exams. We hope to see you soon!

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