



## BeBuddy-Newsletter July 2024

### 1) Help others improve their German

Are your German skills well-advanced and do you want to support other learners? Do you remember how demanding it can be to communicate in German, but you have learned that practice does the trick? Then you might consider volunteering for a project hosted by Sprachenakademie Aachen, a language school focused on German. Some of the students taking courses with Sprachenakademie use their German quite frequently in their everyday lives. Others do not have the chance to speak much German beyond class. For those who would like to improve their speaking skills and looking for occasions, Sprachenakademie has started a series of free conversation events: students from several courses come together to mingle with native speakers and advanced learners, conversing in a welcoming atmosphere. The volunteers who lead the conversation meetings will of course be trained and supervised by the Sprachenakademie team. If you are willing to spend about 2 hours per week chatting in German and meeting a nice bunch of international people, feel free to get in touch by email: [ehrenamt@sprachen.de](mailto:ehrenamt@sprachen.de).

### 2) Welcome Week Winter Term 2024/2025: Volunteers wanted!

The Welcome Week for new international students will be taking place this year from 23 September 2024 to 27 September 2024 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 Welcome Week Volunteer at [welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de) by 1 August 2024. 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 <http://www.rwth-aachen.de/welcomeweek> and [Certificate International](#)



### 3) Be a Buddy for Incoming KOSPIE Students

Students from various IITs in India are coming to RWTH Aachen to complete their Master's theses. The International Office has organized a well-rounded program, but we need your help! Become a buddy and assist these students with moving in, shopping, exploring the city and campus, and finding their institute. Engage in leisure activities and help them feel at home in Aachen. Join us in giving them a warm welcome and supporting their stay.

Prerequisites: Having participated in the BeBuddy training as a buddy and being listed in the Be-Buddy database.

Interested? Contact [leonie.hafen@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:leonie.hafen@zhv.rwth-aachen.de).

### 4) The International Office is looking for new tutors: Summer School support

The Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS) is planning their upcoming Summer School: "Regenerative Urban Futures – Circular Economies and Societies" from 22.07.2024 – 02.08.2024 at RWTH Aachen University.

This two-week programme brings together students and researchers from India and Germany to build collective awareness of the challenges we face due to growing urban populations and their impact on the environment. The programme includes lectures, panel discussions, group work, excursions and intercultural trainings.

How you can support us:

We are looking for a motivated student to support us during the programme in preparation for coffee- and lunch breaks, set-up of the venue and other support tasks.

Your benefits

- Work in an intercultural setting
- Delicious Indian/International lunch 😊
- Exchange with like-minded students and researchers
- Participate in lectures and panel discussions (if interested)
- Receive a certificate as part of the "Zertifikat Internationales"

If you are interested to support the Summer School program, please reach out to: Lisa van Aalst, [lisa.vanaalst@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:lisa.vanaalst@zhv.rwth-aachen.de)



#### 5) You don't know what to do? Here are some suggestions

**Name:** [Digital Career Day Consulting for Women](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
**What?:** At this face-to-face event, you will get to know companies that are specifically looking for women students and graduates. This event might help you to think about your future plans and possibilities while still studying.

**Name:** [Pub Quiz AV](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11th of July 2024  
**What?:** Team up with your best buddies and test your wits in a friendly competition. Have a little fun in the evening at the Pub Quiz in Humboldt-Haus, enjoying an engaging night filled with challenging questions, good company, and a lively atmosphere.

**Name:** [Stadtglühen](#)  
**Date:** 12.7- 11.08.  
**What?:** Its starting again: Stadtglühen – a summer culture festival in Aachen. The program is full of theater, music and dance performances. The festival offers a nice change of pace on summer evenings at various locations. Check out their events on the webpage.

**Fingers crossed for some sun, finally! We wish you a nice July and good luck with your final lecture days.**

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