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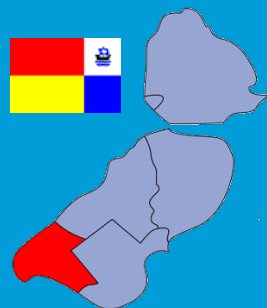
## EVS PLACEMENT IN ALMERE, THE NETHERLANDS



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Coordinating organization



Hosting organisation

## EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING SERVICE

Dear friends and EVS enthusiasts,

With this invitation we would like to inform you about the free EVS places NGO Tripin offers as a coordinating organization in cooperation with hosting organization NGO stichting Kwintes in Almere. We are applying to the youth in action program for two EVS volunteers in two different functions. The project will be applied for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 deadline and will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2010 till the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2011.

What : **European Voluntary Service in Stichting Kwintes / DAC, Almere.**

When : **12 months, 1 September 2010 - 1 September 2011.**

How many : **Three EVS volunteers from any EU member state.**

How to apply : **Send your motivation letter and CV to [evskwintes@tripin.eu](mailto:evskwintes@tripin.eu)**

### ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS EVS PROJECT

#### **Coordinating organization: NGO Stichting Tripin**

Tripin is active now for four years in Almere. Tripin her goal is to help organizations with making their work more international. There could be said that Tripin gives other organizations the opportunity to give a whole different dimension to their work. As from this year on, Tripin functions under the flag of NGO Multiversum wich works with art and music workshops for urban youth in Almere. In the last four years we hosted eight youth exchanges, sent two EVS volunteers, hosted seven EVS volunteers and attended a lot of other projects all around Europe and the world.

#### **Hosting organization: NGO Stichting Kwintes**

Kwintes was created in 2006, from a fusion between RIBW Flevoland and Vindicta RIBW. The fusion partners have closely cooperated before fusion with each other, where they used the same thinking where it concerns the design of care offer within its own care areas. Before this fusion we worked together in the field of the company support.

With fusion one of the largest mentalcare institutions in the Netherlands was created. With branches in the provinces Flevoland, Utrecht. In the fusion plan, and the first policy plan for 2006 the vision on the care attribution has been indicated and the most important organisation objectives. In this coming period we try to establish growth.

Kwintes offer care to people with long-term mental problems which are not able to function independently in the society. Aim is that they can lead their own life with our support to satisfaction of the individual and can stand strongly in the society. Much of them have been designated for longer time on support. It concerns people with a psychiatric diagnosis, serious psychosocial problems, a long damage or double a diagnosis because they have also addiction problems. Kwintes cooperate closely with other healthcare organisations, care and service institutions which are important for clients. Kwintes believes that people with restrictions as a result of long-term mental problems have a right to a life as everyone else. Thereby the personal wishes and possibilities of the client stand central, so that they get a grip on their own life. Kwintes support and assist clients in the field of to live, day spending, work, social contacts, personal care, mentally and physical well-being, finances and administration. The care is coordinated on the question of the client. For means that intensive accompaniment at living, for the other practical aid at the finances and administration.

Clients who live protected can take part in a conversations by means of the clients commission, concerning matter which has to do with living in one of Kwintes mentalcare institutions. If it enters Kwintes for the ins and outs the client participation by means of a regional and central client council. These councils guide the clients during several discussions and recommend the region managers and the board of Kwintes. Moreover Kwintes has a customer faith council and an independent complaint committee.

## SOCIAL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

As EVS volunteer at Kwintes you will be part of a small group of volunteers that work on the day activity centre of Kwintes. The volunteer will be in close contact with the other volunteers, and will probably work on the same location. Kwintes is located on different locations in the Netherlands, but this project only takes place in four activity centres located in Almere. A website with information can be found here: <http://www.kwintes.nl/>. Unfortunately the information is only available in Dutch because it is pointed out for people with less opportunities in the Netherlands. You will live in a house together with others in one of the residential areas of the city. There is a chance you have to share a room together with other volunteers for sleeping, but you will have the whole house for living. This gives you a good opportunity to participate in social activities and learn more about the Dutch culture. Kwintes also organizes different meetings for all the volunteers and friends of the organization once a while.

As coordinating organization Tripin will arrange the necessary things like the obligated training courses for EVS volunteers, language courses, pocket money etc. (if you want to know more about your rights as an EVS volunteer, please download the youth in action program guide) Tripin will also be a social platform to get in touch with EVS volunteers

from other projects and activities held by partner NGO's in Almere and the rest of the country.

## ACTIVITIES

The volunteer is working in a very active and flexible foundation. Despite there is a project description, the volunteer will have a lot of personal freedom. This means that there is enough space to grow in the organisation besides the fixed activities. Of course the foundation will give a structure in which the volunteer can find his challenge.

The volunteer can learn how it is to work in a field with a small power-distance. If there are things that you think can be changed to benefit the organisation in the volunteering work you are doing, you are more than welcome to share your opinion with the teamleaders.

Because Kwintes and Tripin prefer to have volunteers for 1 year. The volunteers will have the opportunity to grow in the organization. Also there are possibilities to see all the aspects of working in Kwintes. There will be fixed patterns and tasks you have to perform on the application form but after some time there will be opportunities to change tasks. This kind of changes will be in cooperation with the sending organisation, coordinating organisation, volunteer and Kwintes (hosting organisation)

## WHAT KIND OF EVS PLACES STICHTING KWINTES AND STICHTING TRIPIN OFFER

### **Day activity centers assistant (3 volunteers):**

- Getting groceries with the clients.
- Assist the clients when they are taking a walk.
- Assist the clients with cooking.
- Assist the clients in leisure time activities like: Bowling, riding a bike, sailing.
- Assist the clients in daytime spending activities like: handcraft, artcraft, socializing (board)games.
- Offer the clients the opportunity to learn a foreign language in a course.
- hostess/lord
- playing different kind of games
- to assist /geven of computer courses
- to assist/give of several creative groups
- to assist/give of making clothes
- to assist /give language courses
- to assist a film course
- help with in the kitchen with the preparation of meals/lunch
- help with the catering
- to help with/give of cooking lessons
- participate with sport activities
- assist of reception activities
- help with at administrative activities

- assist and/or lead workshops
- to participate/organise of trips cooperate with the mobile greenness team
- cooperate on printing (press)
- to cooperate/assist bicycle repairing

## PROFILE OF THE EVS VOLUNTEER

As this project is the maximum amount of time possible in a EVS project the volunteer must realize that Kwintes as hosting organization and Tripin as coordinating organization have some desires due to skills the volunteer must have.

- **Being able to speak English.**

Almost everybody in the Netherlands speaks English. You will develop your English skills further on in communicating with your fellow volunteers at Kwintes. Without the volunteer speaking English we will have a lot of problems to communicate. This is the most important criteria and this will be checked if you are pre-selected to do your EVS at stichting Kwintes. The main problem is that the clients that visit the day activity center do speak less English, not like the other Dutch inhabitants. There is no use for a volunteer who cannot communicate with the clients.

- **Being motivated.**

A project that last for 12 months is in need of motivated volunteers.

Please show us in your motivation letter why you want to join the project mentioned above.

- **Having experience with working in a NGO.**

It would be good if (s)he would have a small experience in being active in an NGO in his/her own country to show that the person really wants to take part in exactly this project.

**Besides these profile desires mentioned above we have some other points which needs to fit your profile:**

- Affinity for people with less opportunities.
- Movement attitude, order and hygiene at the implementation of cleaning activities.
- Attention concerning the security of the clients, its own person and other employees and the swift identification of changes in client behaviour and/or the physical situation of the clients.
- Creativeness, initiative and movement attitude are necessary at the implementation of the social activities.

- Being able to work in a group and get in touch with other cultures (open mind).
- It would be nice to have someone who is socially skilled.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Please send us your CV and motivation letter to [evskwintes@tripin.eu](mailto:evskwintes@tripin.eu) before the 19th of March. Do not forget to add a picture to your CV and also mention what do you expect from this EVS.

#### SOME EVS BLOGS OF EVS PARTICIPANTS IN ALMERE

[http://www.myevs.net/find\\_weblogs.php?qw=almere](http://www.myevs.net/find_weblogs.php?qw=almere)