L'ENFANCE DE L'ART - NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN

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PARTNER:

"L'Enfance de l'Art" is a non profit organisation whose aim is to help parents to become more involved in their children's education. To that purpose, the organisation set up hosting facilities for children or people with reduced autonomy, leisure workshops, nurseries, schools. The organisation uses alternative pedagogies (Steiner & Loczy). Loczy pedagogy respects the whole child and develops its autonomy, which requires observation capacity to meet their real needs at the right time. Steiner pedagogy brings in more contact with nature and creativity, which requires to also work outside every day. Children in Steiner approach begin their learning through imitation, rather than instruction. Thus, great care is put into the adults' gestures, speech and movement in the kindergarten and nursery.

L'Enfance de l'Art hosts about 140 children from 0 to 12 years old. The nursery, the kindergarten and the primary school are recognized by the French-speaking Community of Belgium and the organisation is now established in the former boarding school of « Dames de la Providence ». The kindergarten and the school are located in that building in Templeuve (near Tournai) while the nursery is located in Tournai.

PROJECT:

L'Enfance de l'Art can host up to 4 EVS volunteers:

- One volunteer will work in a nursery (with kids between 0 and 3 years old) in Tournai
- The three others will be in a kindergarten (with kids between 3 and 6 years old) in Templeuve, a small village near Tournai.

With the support of the educators, volunteers will carry out different kind of activities with the children: painting, drawing, fairy tales and nursery rhymes (volunteers can share some in their own language), making cakes and breads, outdoor games, crafts, walks in woods, etc.

PRATICAL ARRANGEMENT:

Volunteers will live in a share house in Tournai. Each of them will have their own bedroom and they will share a common area all together (bathroom, kitchen, living room)). They will receive a monthly allowance in order to buy food and also pocket money (about 310€ in total).

SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

It is important to be sincerely willing to work with children under 7 years, and have related qualities: be smiling, gentle, patient, helpful, attentive, responsible, creative, empathic, loving crafts,...

Volunteers should not be afraid of living a repetitive daily routine and spending time outside in all weathers.