

A YEAR RECAP

JANUARY 2023

FELIS CURAÇÃO 2022



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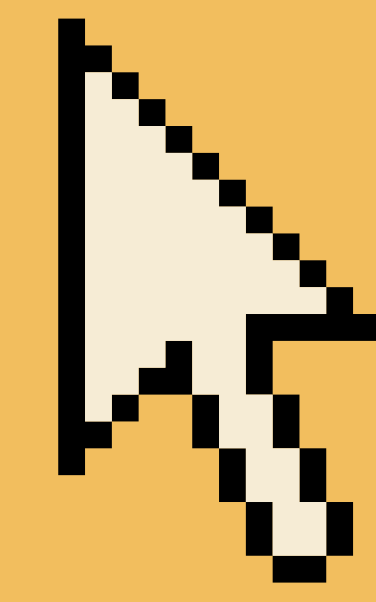


 Erasmus+

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

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F.E.L.I.S CURAÇÃO



10 years later, and we are still prospering! We have grown our FELIS family, planned some really amazing projects, and have a lot in store for this upcoming year. In the year 2022, we are planning to shift our focus more on young adults, both on our island and abroad.

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We started the year with two new volunteers from The Netherlands. What is better than spending winter on a sunny island?

Lila & Meike

They will be volunteering their time at Emmy Berthold School. We are extremely happy for the youngsters who are willing to help build a better world!



IN HONOR OF JOFREY LEITO

"YOU WILL NEVER EVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE INPUT AND SUPPORT IN EVERY SITUATION AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF OUR LIVES. WE WILL GO FORTH, WE WILL RUN THE RACE, AND FINISH WELL! JUST AS YOU LIVED, YOU SHOWED US HOW TO PERSEVERE AND ENDURE NO MATTER WHAT. A DIVINE CALLING, A VISION, FOCUS, AND THE FEAR OF GOD MADE YOU DO IT WITH AN UNDIVIDED HEART AND TREMENDOUS LOVE AND CARE FOR THE PEOPLE. "

-GERDA



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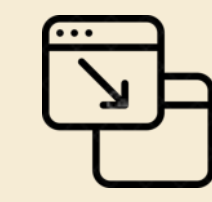
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NEW VOLUNTEERS TO ZUTPHEN

A new adventure starts for four local youngsters. They will be spending four months in the city of Zutphen taking part in the ESC project hosted by FlexFleks. During these months, they will be living together and volunteering in different places such as "de kringloopwinkel" and the woodshop. They will also use this time to work on themselves and get competent.

R-Dian, Shardon, Raymison & Queena

Before going to the Netherlands, they had to do some preparation. These projects will always have ups and downs, and things will not always go as planned. That's why during their team-building day they played a game where a bag was put over their heads and they had to guess and experiment with the object they received in their hands. This idea is based on the popular saying, "Expect the Unexpected."

ONE YEAR AGO

It has been a year since Jona & Arthur left the island after volunteering for 4 months on the island.



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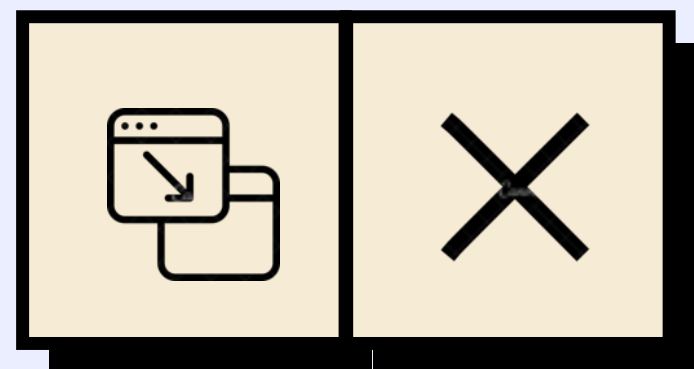


Youth exchanges allow groups of young people from different countries to meet, live together, and work on shared projects for short periods. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment. On a youth exchange, you can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities, and more. Participants' learning experiences are recognised through a Youthpass.



THE POWER BEHIND THE GENDER

15.03.2022





THE POWER BEHIND THE GENDER
ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE



WHO ARE WE?

The power behind the gender is a youth exchange program supported by erasmus+ hosted in Curaçao with 3 different organizations; Felis Curaçao, InoChange (Georgia) & AENIE (Portugal)

Our projects aim is to bring awareness and inform ourselves about gender stereotypes & how we can change or improve this problem.



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WHAT DID WE DO?

During this project we learned how to fight gender stereotypes by recognizing & coming up with solutions for the problem.

When the project ends, we will do everything in our power to keep this movement going and being as open minded as possible.

We had a lot of fun on Curaçao and being able to do the project while also meeting new people & spending time with eachother



Our ex volunteer, now part of the F.E.L.I.S family, is attending the ATOQ training course co-funded by Erasmus+.

The ATOQ training course is aimed at youth workers who want to raise the quality of their youth exchanges. The course focuses on improving the management of the project, the cooperation with partners, the programme of activities and their dissemination.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GERDA

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The European Solidarity Corps is a European Union initiative that enables young people to show solidarity with communities in their respective countries as well as abroad.

OUR FAMILY IS GETTING BIGGER. MEET MARIA, BRAM, MARINDA, LONEKKE, AND AMBER. 5 OF THE 8 YOUNGSTERS WILL JOIN US IN CURAÇAO FOR THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS FROM MAY TILL AUGUST!





"We've encountered several challenges and changes this year. Despite this, we, as the Stichting FELIS, are still thriving for a bright future & better opportunities for youngsters."

- Gerda van Petersen & Edu Risakotta



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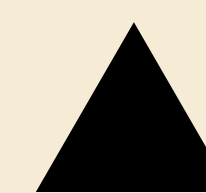
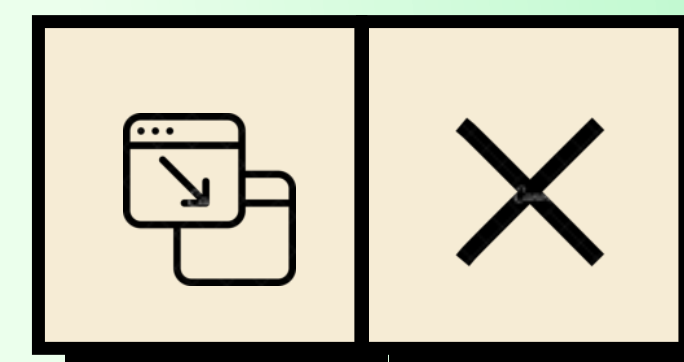
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After a 27-hour trip, our youngsters arrived in Croatia, where they will be exchanging culture and knowledge with participants from Bulgaria, Portugal, Romania, and Croatia while making new friends and connections.



After meeting each other on the first day (Friday), and playing name games, the Curaçao team found their soulmates in the Portugal team.

They were sitting together and talking the whole day to each other and also involving participants from other countries in their conversations.



During the intercultural evening, the group shared our culture and talked about the things that make Curacao and our culture so unique. They start the evening with our national anthem. The other participants got the lyrics so they could sing along. They got a short explanation about the flag. About local food, dance, and music. We talked about places to visit and more. And at the end, we shared some dance moves. and food.

One of the greatest things the group did was go across the river to the zoo. There they played games that were actually very great in our childhood. And after that, we made an awesome group photo!

- Literacy
- Personal, social and learning to learn
- Digital
- Citizenship
- Mathematical, science, technology and engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Multilingual
- Cultural awareness and expression

8 KEY COMPETENCES

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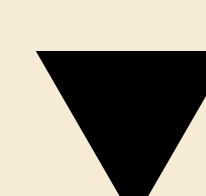
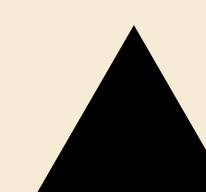
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What is better than starting off the month of May with new volunteers in Curacao? We welcome a fantastic group of young people from Canary Islands, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

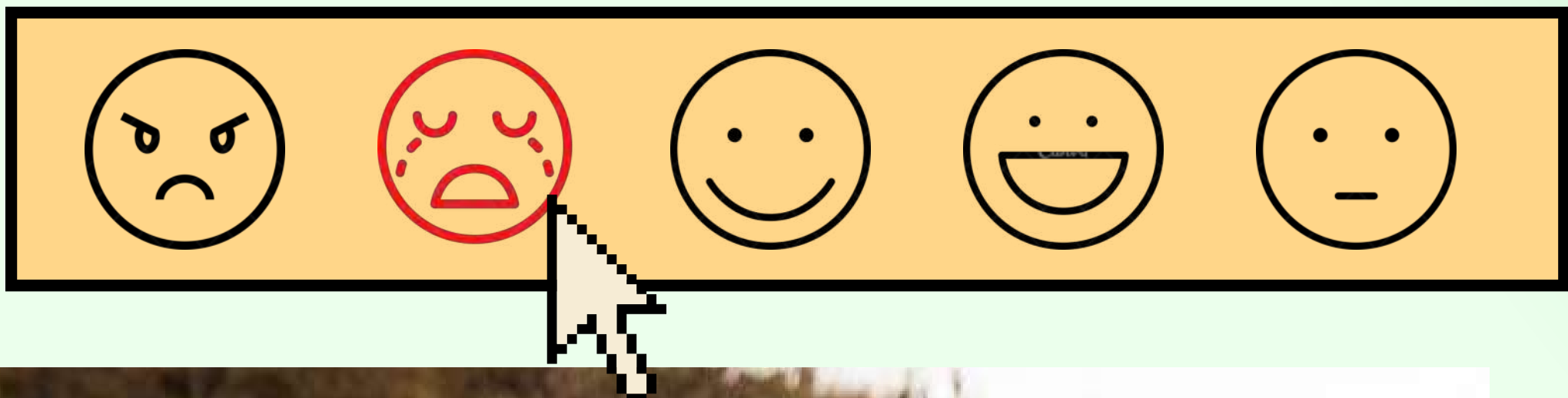
They will be spending their time at Kidz in Motion, Immanuel School, and partnering organization Adventure Kids Curacao, and they will also be producing social media content.



During their first week on the island, they met with their tutors and mentors and also went around to get a taste of the island. Eating in Plaza Bieu is the best way to start this new adventure.



team



GoodBye Girls

Again, a bittersweet moment where we have to say goodbye to five young women: Zoe, Rachel, Meike, Lila, and Tessa. These girls have spent some great months on the island and have volunteered their time in many places. They went up and down the island, experiencing various things.



There is nothing more beautiful than seeing our youngsters take a big step! Leslie is all the way in Palermo, Italy, taking part in the Erasmus+ project Mapping-Solidarity and is being hosted by CESIE.

MAPPING SOLIDARITY is a 2-month European Solidarity Corps project, addressed to young people coming from different countries. The project promotes social inclusion, equal opportunities, and solidarity values by involving young volunteers in the preparation, development, and implementation of non-formal educational activities and ICT skills on different topics.



After spending the first weeks enjoying each other, going around the island and getting to know each other, the working part has begun.

Bram & Maria were having the time of their lives playing with the kids of Adventure Kids Curacao.

The kids immediately took a liking to our volunteers.



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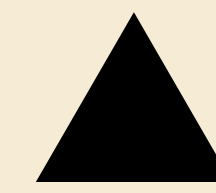
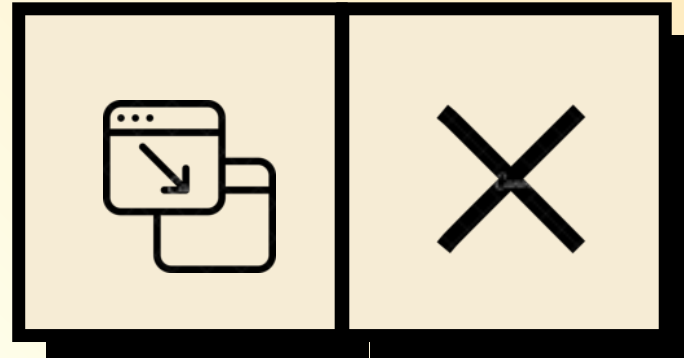
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The "Becoming Active Community Players" Youth Exchange that was held in Estonia brought together youngsters from Estonia, Georgia, Spain, Curacao, and Egypt for 8 days to address such issues as social inclusion; the need for promotion of a healthy lifestyle; creating access to sport and a healthy lifestyle for the unprivileged youngsters; creating opportunities for intergenerational exchange via sports; opening to different cultures; and creating close-knitted communities.

The main lesson that most of the participants learned was that no matter your gender, sexuality, culture, color, or abilities, we can all succeed if we work hard enough. And that people shouldn't be derided by these things, because deep down we are all the same.



During this exchange, the youngsters stayed at Sport's resort' Jõulumäe Tervisespordikeskuse in Pärnu. The area was surrounded by nature and away from the common mundane life in the city.



To raise awareness among disadvantaged youth about the benefits of sports and a healthy lifestyle.

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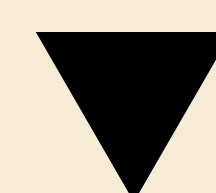
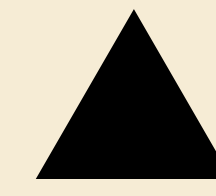
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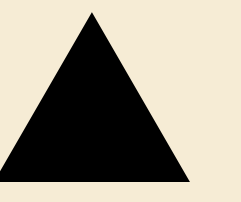
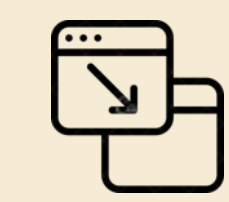
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Welcome,

Saffira & Amber

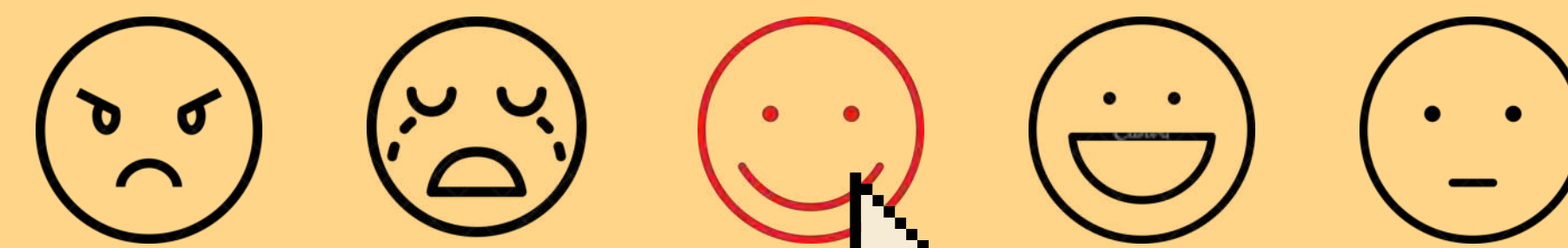
also two girls that will be joining the fun of the ESC in Curaçao. They are both from the Netherlands but only one has experience in the Caribbean. Saffira has been part of the Erasmus+ family and has participated in a Youth Exchange hosted in Saint Martin.



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How time flies.... Our volunteers are back again on their sunny island of Curaçao. They have spent 4 months in the Zutphen taking part in ESC project.



Another group has already finished and another is already on their way. Giannelisa and Runaicha are two girls taking part in a short-term ESC project. During their time in the Netherlands, they not only enjoyed Zutphen but also got a tour of Amsterdam with Gerda herself.



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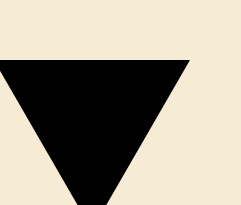
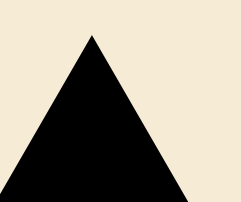
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And just like that, Lisney is back home!



Lisney has learned a lot during her time in Italy!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO
A NEW AND MATURE SIDE OF US!



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Giannelisa & Runaicha have finished their short-term ESC and are ready to return home!

In the blink of an eye, the summer vacations are coming to an end. With the main collaboration of the AKC Foundation, we got to give some kids some unforgettable summer memories. The kids went on hikes, swimming, did home DIY projects and many more...



YOUTH EXCHANGES 2022



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May is gone, August has arrived, and we have to say goodbye to our volunteers.

We have to say goodbye to them after spending so much time on the island! It has been a fun time getting to know such an amazing group of youngsters.

These guys not only explored the island but also left a piece of their hearts behind at FELIS and all the workplaces. Besides some moments of misunderstanding, we all fought to strive for greatness! We are very grateful they took a chance and experienced such a wonderful thing that is ESC.



Taking part in a European Solidarity Corps project will be a significant achievement for any young person. It will be an asset when applying for a job and it will help you when you apply for higher education. The European Solidarity Corps could be a new opportunity for you to engage in a meaningful activity which could prove to be a stepping stone into employment.

After participating in a project you will be entitled to receive a certificate that documents your participation. You could use this when applying for jobs or further learning.

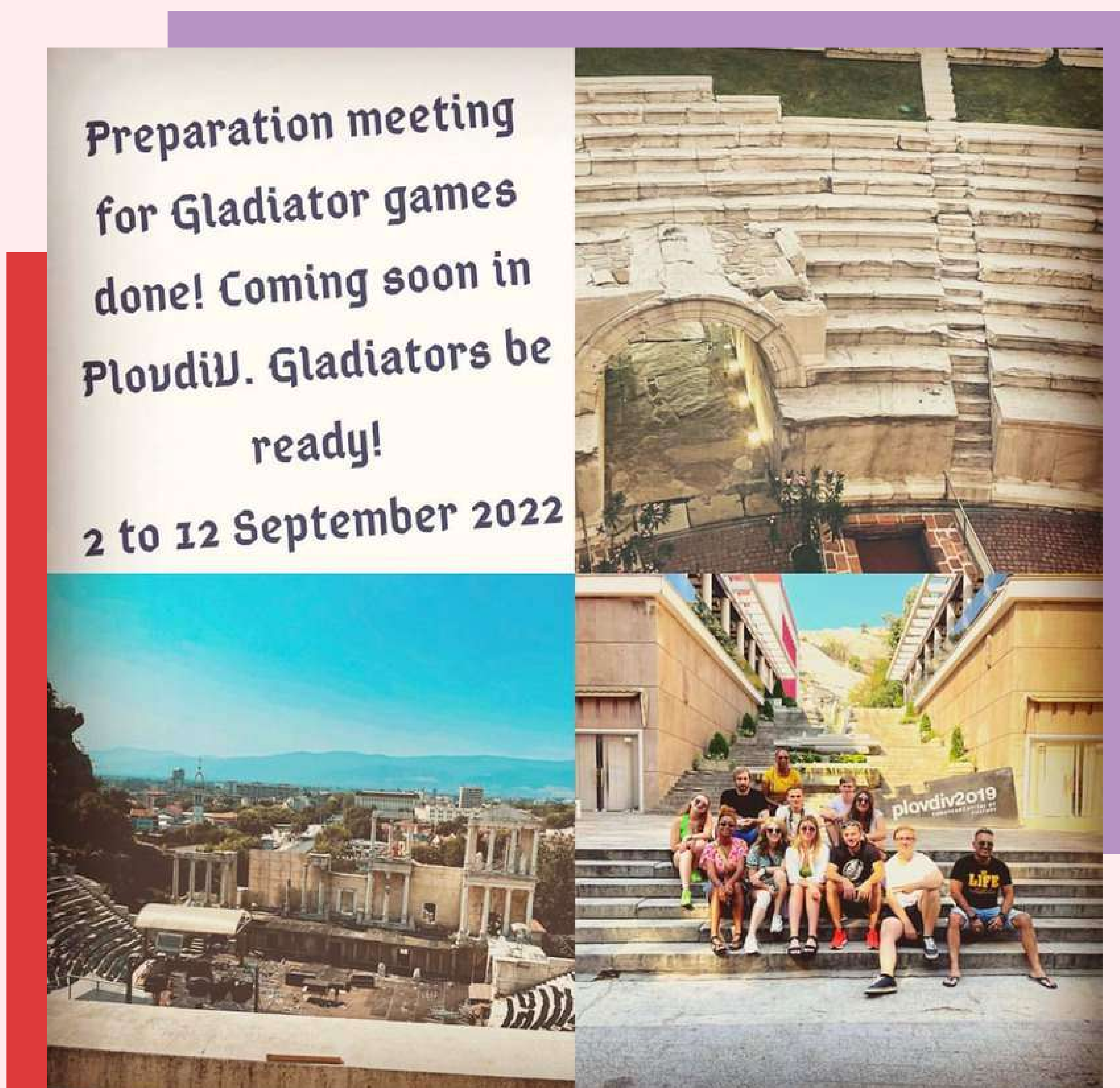




4 months can go by really fast, so you've got to enjoy every moment to the fullest. The new volunteers in Zutphen have been working really hard for the past week, but that's no reason not to enjoy their stay in the Netherlands.

During their free time, they went on the 'Achterhoek van Zutphen' tour, where they got the history of how the city came to be! They have also got the opportunity to register themselves as temporary residents since they will be staying for more than 4 months.

FlexFleks



Taiyanna & Maurina attend the APV for an upcoming YE in September named "Gladiator."

The purpose of the project is to address health issues and promote a healthy lifestyle.

The idea of this Youth Exchange, in which we go back in time and participants practice and prepare healthy sports activities that Romans and Gladiators practiced, Also, we want to discuss a healthy lifestyle.

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My first week in Curazao has been incredible and intense. I felt like I didn't have to adapt because from the first moment I felt like home. I love the girls who volunteer with me, I love the house we are in and I love the people of this beautiful island . I can't wait to learn more about the culture start spending time with the kids, try new food and see all the beaches on the island.

- Irini



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DESTINY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARLA

*Destiny, Mandy, Irini, Carla,
Marta, Paula, Julia & Sannah*

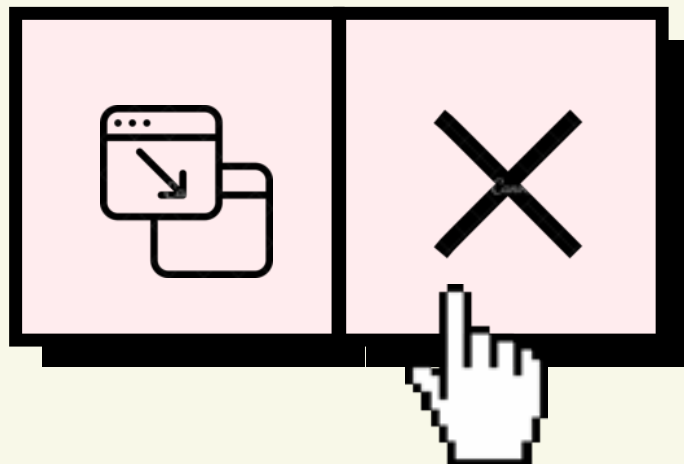


This is one of the most diverse groups we have had from all parts of Spain and the Netherlands. They will be taking part in a long-term project on the island and are very excited about it.

During their first month on the island, they got to enjoy a few beaches, festivals, learned how to dive, made friends with the local people of Otrobanda, and danced every Thursday at the Salsa Night.



FELIS + AKC TEAM TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTEERS



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Day at WalhaLab:

Our locals volunteers in Zutphen:
Jaysa + Shekinah spend unleashing all
their creativity in whichever way they
wanted! You WalhaLab you can work
with amazing teachers on projects that
are nearly never feasible at home or at
school in this super-cool learning
environment.



GLADIATOR GAMES

12.09.2022



The "Gladiator Games" Youth Exchange:

goal of the project is to encourage a
healthy lifestyle and approach health
difficulties. Therefore, our concept is to
execute a Youth Exchange, in which
players engage in and prepare healthy
sports that the Romans and Gladiators
did. We also want to talk about leading
a healthy lifestyle. The participants will
also plan a final sporting event and
performance that will take place in
Plovdiv's historic Roman Arena.

The project will combine aspects of cultural,
physical activity, mental health, and a healthy
lifestyle, which will make it fascinating and
lively for the participants!



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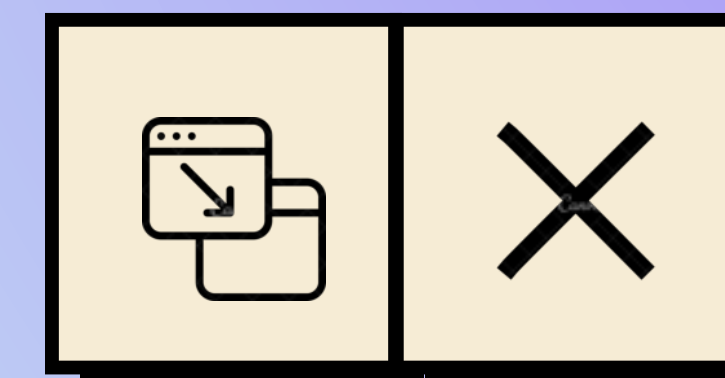


Burendag is een initiatief van Douwe Egberts en het Oranje Fonds en wordt ieder jaar op de 4e zaterdag in september gevierd. Burendag is een dag waarop de buurt gezellig samenkomt en waarbij veel mensen iets goeds doen voor elkaar en de buurt. Want goede burenen doen ertoe.

Our volunteers from Curaçao: Shekinah and Jaysa in action at The Oasis in the Rivierenbuurt neighborhood for the Deventer Burendag



INSIGHT ON OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS



We have now the possibility to discover the island more easily so we have had the opportunity to live wonderfull experiences with my friends/ roomies that i will never forget . In addition, i am growing a lot in the afterschool AKC foundation where there is no day in which i cant learn new things about myself and about this beautifull country and its people.
-Marta

I got the chance to go film and take photos of the mosquito prevention program at GreenKidz, the kids were so cheerful and nice, I really enjoyed there. But also we celebrated Irini's birthday and I went rock climbing for the first time!
-Julia



This week in Curazao we celebrated Irini's birthday with a delicious arepa at La Boheme. We also had the opportunity to swim with turtles in Playa Piskador, which was one of the most amazing experiences we have lived here in the island. We are even more in love that the previous week with the animals, the landscapes and the whole environment!
-Carla

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THE VOLUNTEERS AFTER ENJOYING THEIR DINNER

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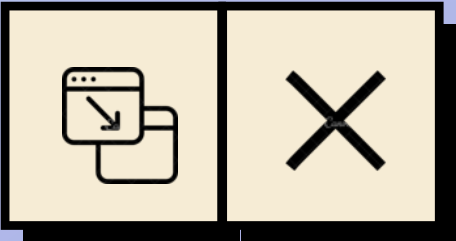


The main objective of the on-arrival training (OAT) is to introduce the volunteers to the hosting country, Curaçao. It helps preparing them for their volunteering activity period and for the European solidarity corps experience.

On-arrival training helps the participants adapt to the new cultural and personal challenges.

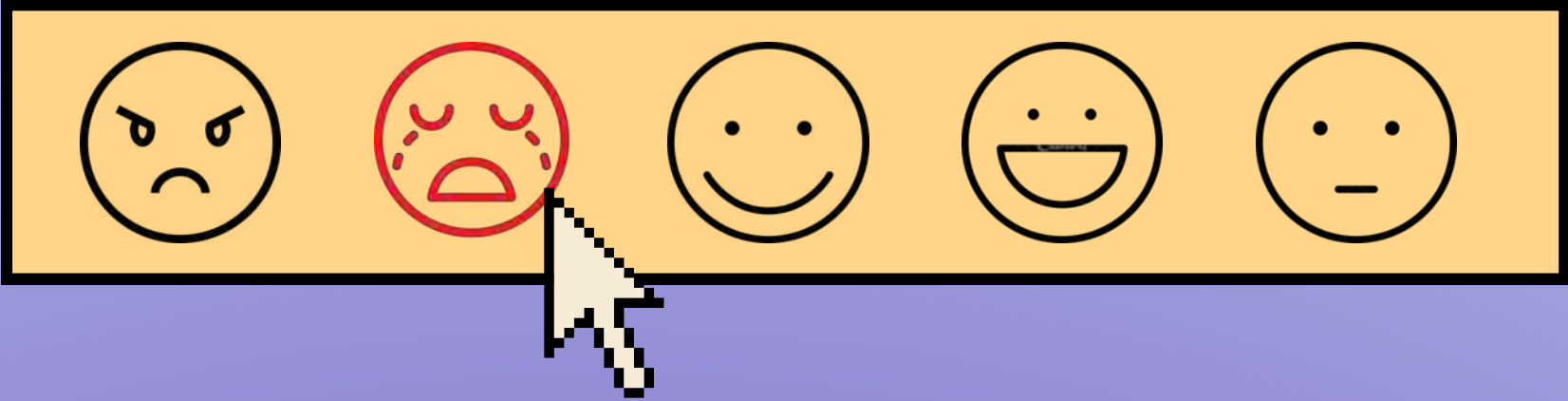


INTRODUCING 2 NEW VOLUNTEERS



GoodBye Girls

On 11th October we said goodbye to two members of our family Destiny & Mandy. It has been really nice having you on this journey with US!



NOTHING IS BETTER THAN HOMEMADE FOOD.
Chris has prepared a classic chickenstew with rice & funchi for the volunteers to enjoy!



OUR TWO NEW AKC VOLUNTEERS

Meet Norah & Janekke, two young girls from The Netherland that are on the island to experience a new culture and work at the AKC after schoolcare..



Norah & Janekke

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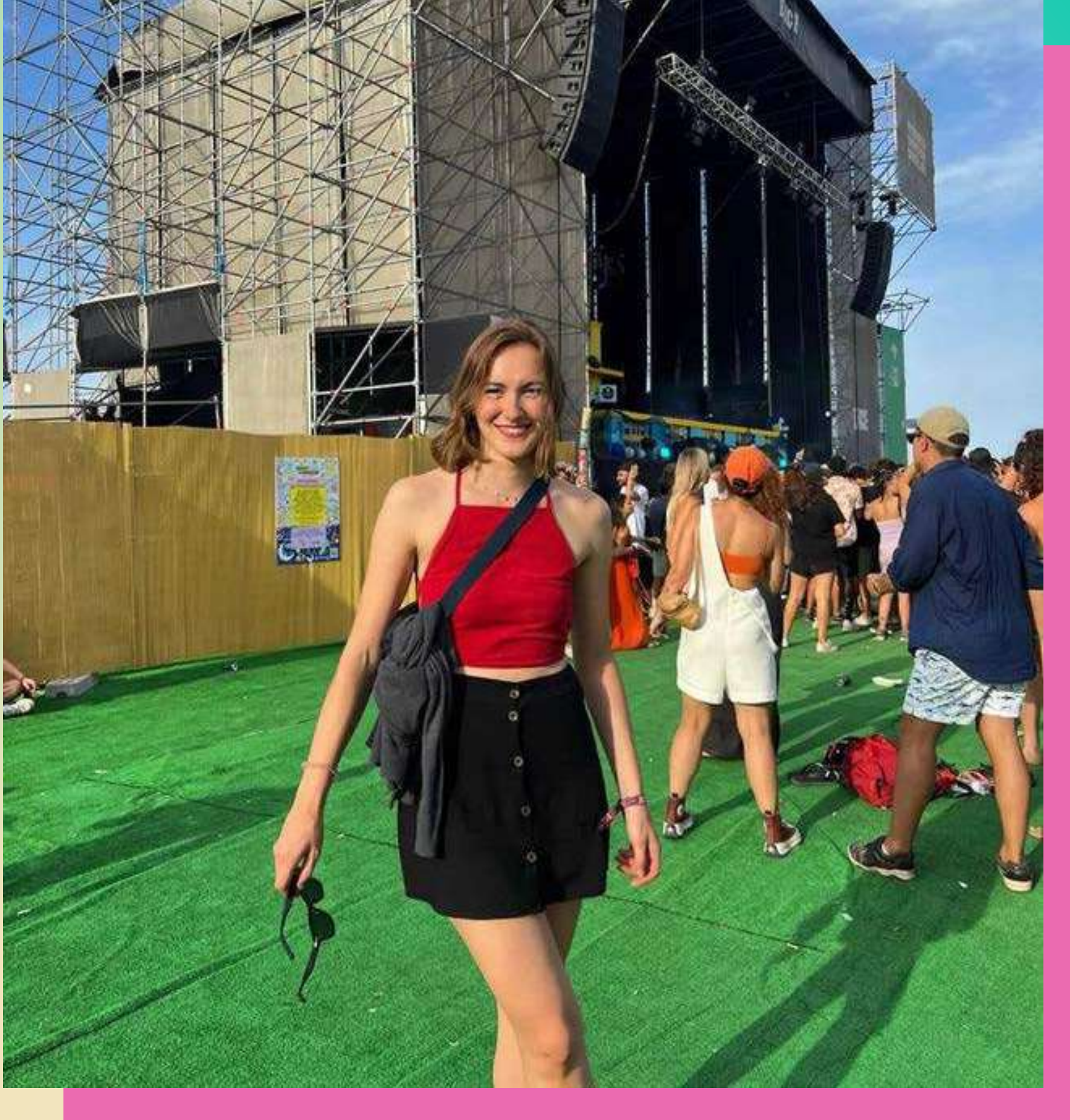
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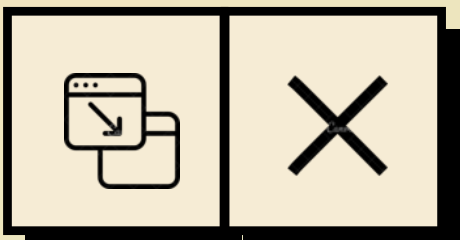
As the group is approaching their final date, they still seem to find new things to do before the end.

"St.Christoffel e seru di mas haltu, i tapesei nos tinku bai subie"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULIA

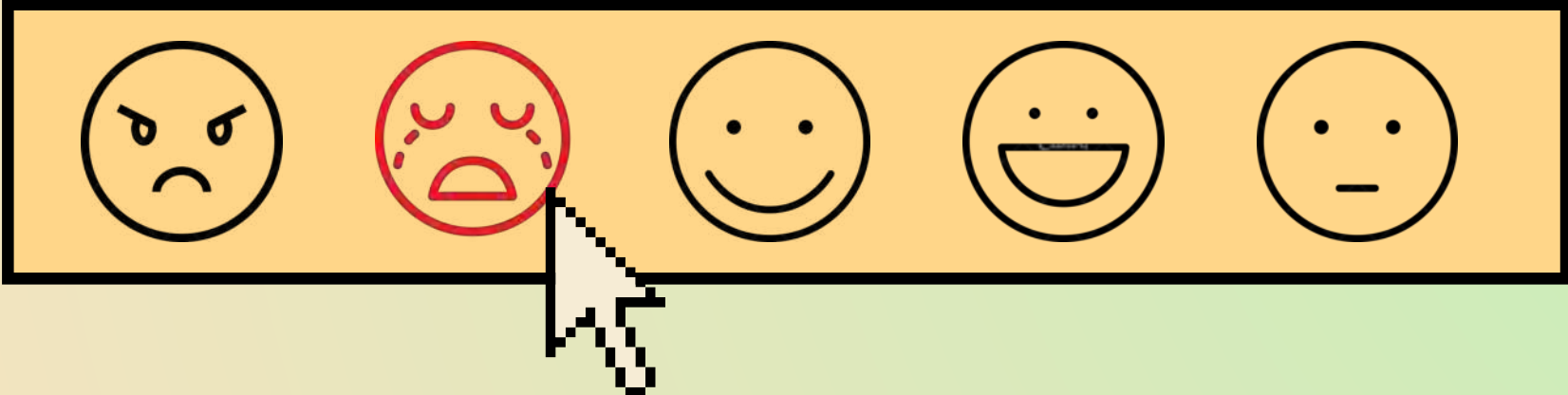
GoodBye Girls



Er is een tijd van komen, en een tijd van gaan...en de tijd van gaan is gekomen

We want to thank this group for choosing Felis Curacao and we hope to have exceeded all your expectations You will be missed

We also want to give a big Thank You to the workplaces that gave these youngsters the opportunity to volunteer: Kids In Motion Curacao, Greenkidzcuracao, Skol Immanuel & Adventure Kids Curacao Foundation



This three months working in Greenkidz Curaçao have been a challenge but also a learning and a very fulfilling experience.I had the chance to do a project, very interesting making videos for the mosquito prevention program that led me increase my experience and knowledge with my studies, but also i got to know and enjoy working with such a wonderful team that helped me a lot with everything, were very nice and easy to work with.I also, feel very glad i got to be in their lessons which i always enjoyed a lot making photos, videos and being closer with the kids. Thank you so much Felis Curaçao for letting me live this experience and live in this beautiful island, i had such an amazing time. I will always remember!

-Júlia



It is difficult to explain in words everything I have learned in these months. The time I have lived in Curaçao has given me the opportunity to take a break to observe , learn , contribute and enjoy every moment. As in any trip, the company is very important, and I have been very lucky with that. My colleagues who are now friends always contributed to making life easy for us and enjoy together. Three months sorrounded by nature, animals and people who welcomed us from the first moment. In short, a magical place that we loved from the first moment. There was nothing else outside, us, our children and the beautiful island. Nothing would have been the same without the support of our mentors, who taught us the island, its culture and its traditions. I will always carry in my heart all my AKC foundation dushis, everything we have built and all the love we have given each other.

- Paula



Almaz, Noa, Sofia, Mathilde, Ivan & Marc

Two prince in a house full of princesses.
This group of youngsters (The Netherlands// Spain) are joining the ESC family for 3 months.

During their first week, they got on the city tour to explore a bit of the more rural side of the island of "Banda Bou.

Besides the fun side, the following days they went to meet their places of work for the months.

We would like to thank Skol Immanuel, Kids in Motion & Dolphin Academy for giving our volunteers the opportunity to be part of their team.



'KIM'
KIDS IN MOTION



SKOL IMMANUEL



DOLPHIN ACADEMY
'CSA'

Let's Do It!

After an initial covide scare, the volunteers began their week hard at work. Mathilde & Sophia spent more time at the Skol Immanuel helping the students perfect their Dutch: through personal reading times, creative "practice" and more.... Mark was also part of the group and although Dutch is not his first language, he still got involved in Skol activities and helped with events and gym classes.



My first week in Curaçao. I arrived on Monday at the Hato Airport where the police from the border control took me over 30 minutes in a room. They didn't believe me that I was a volunteer. Surprisingly, they let me go and meet Chris and Taiyana, our mentors. Two things impressed me: the sympathy of them and the humidity. Next day, we all went together to go shopping and, we visited the capital of the island, Willemstad. We walked around the city, and we ate arepas in restaurant called La Boheme. The other days we went more places like Mumbo beach and Playa Kanoa. One day we decided to go to the beach of Sabana Wespunt, but, due to rain, we only ate in the restaurant. That was good because the food was so tasty... by the way, we ate kabritu with rice. One of the best days was on Saturday when we went to Kalki beach, where are not big crowds of tourist; after, Grandi beach, we swam with the beautiful turtles. This is my first week in Curaçao.

-Ivan

The second week was much quieter, so much so that I don't remember for sure what I did each day, but on Tuesday we went to Skol Immanuel to get to know the workplace and to start volunteering, I liked it a lot and I could play football with the children and learn a bit of Papiamentu, but in the end that was not my place of work and I would change later. If I remember correctly, that same week we went to Punda again, but this time by bus, it took a long time but it wasn't bad. I ate Iguana for the first time, very tasty by the way, I also drank a delicious pineapple shake and a coffee that was not so good, it must be said. This second week I did a lot less things because the routine is starting a bit and I don't feel like being out all the time, and also, I had to do a lot of things for the master I'm studying, but it was also a lot of fun.

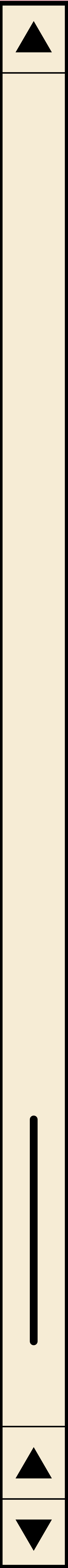
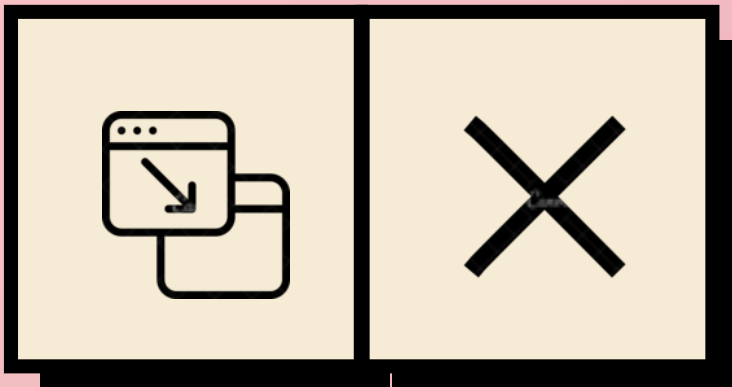
-Marc's

The new "tante & meester" of Kids in Motion were Almaz & Ivan. with their capacity to assist instructors in developing creative new ideas from their own nation, such as games and educational activities.

Noa was a member of this team as well, but on Monday, she joined Mark at the Dolphin Academy to help with scuba diving training there. Initially, Mark found it difficult due to his limited knowledge of Dutch. Even yet, he continued to make an effort to engage the young person.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME



December is family season, a time when everyone takes a break to spend time with their loved ones.

However, it is usually challenging to manage with this season when it arrives during an ESC voluntary period.

The volunteers nevertheless establish a second family that they can celebrate with even if not everyone has the option of having their family travel over to where they are to join them.



Shekinah from Curaçao together with her housemate Isabel from Portugal took a trip to Antwerp to enjoy the christmas market. They also met up with with some friends they made during their On Arrival Training.

Shekinah Hous
Curaçao
ESC: Zutphen

I celebrated second Christmas Day with my parents. And then they left. The rest of the week I went to work at Kim and we went and made hats, bracelets and colorings. Then at the end of the week, we went to an elderly home and gave the things the kids made and wished them a happy New Year.

Moreover, we also celebrated the New Year in Willemstad on the bridge.

Noa Hazebroeks
The Netherland
ESC: Curaçao



We celebrated Christmas with the kids from the school, they sang songs and performed together! On our off days I baked some cinnamon rolls in our kitchen and we did a boat trip together to Klein Curacao. Being away from home during the holidays is weird but also fun to experience days like Christmas in another culture.

We had time off during the holidays so we celebrated Christmas and New Years. We watched the fireworks from the bridge and the view was beautiful!

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THANK YOU FELIS

God has given us additional years as an organization to continue existing to aid not only the youngsters of Curaçao but also those overseas who desire to learn more. 2022 has been a year of progress, and we could not have done it without His assistance.

We appreciate your support in co-funding our initiatives, Erasmus+ and ESC.

We appreciate all of our sponsors who continue to support us and the businesses / organizations that welcome us inside their spaces!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped not just us but also the kids! We won't ever forget you.

Nevertheless, we would want to express our gratitude to our staff for always being upbeat and supportive through both the good and the terrible times.

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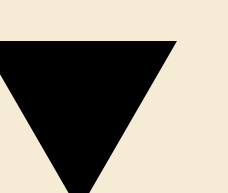
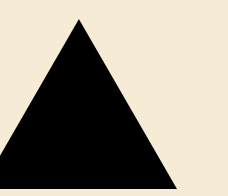
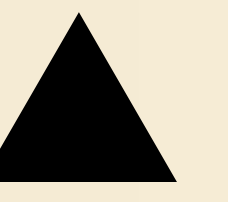
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