

VOLUNTEERING AT VISITOR CENTER 'LANDSCHAP DE LIEREMAN'

– A NATURE RESERVE NEAR ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Do you love nature and being outdoors? Do you want to make a difference for nature and the local community? Than you are the volunteer we are looking for!

The visitor center 'Landschap De Liereman' is located near Turnhout, a small city in the north of Belgium. You have easy access to Antwerp, Gent and Brussels and various cities in the south of the Netherlands (Tilburg, Eindhoven). The center is connected to 'Landschap De Liereman' one of the **oldest recognized nature reserves in Belgium** and operates under the flag of **Natuurpunt**, the **largest nature organization of Flanders**. We stand up for nature and biodiversity and strive to protect open space and the quality of the environment.



Landschap De Liereman' is a **top nature attraction** in Belgium and attracts every year more than **260.000 visitors** such as hikers, cyclists, joggers, horseback riders, children, youngsters and families. The visitor center is the place to gather information before exploring the nature reserve.

Learn more about our mission and vision

www.natuurpunt.be/pagina/missie-en-visie-van-natuurpunt#mission

In addition the visitor center organizes **guided walks**, rents out **meeting rooms** and has an extensive **educational program** with activities and courses for schools, families, children etc. The center also serves as a meeting place with a **bar** and **shop** with local and biological products. To keep things running, we can count on the help of more than **200 volunteers**. To support our team, we are welcoming **three European volunteers** in 2025. This will be the third time we have the opportunity to host volunteers via the European Solidarity Corps.



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ACTIVITIES

You will participate in the **daily activities** of the visitor center and the reserve 'Landschap De Liereman.' This means **helping in the bar and kitchen** during the opening hours, **working in nature**, supporting our volunteers with **nature conservation** and **restoration, occasional participation** in the **care** of the **semi-wild grazers** (horses, ponies and Galloways), assisting with **administrative tasks, cleaning, and maintenance**, and developing **educational activities** for kids, schools, and other target groups. Depending on your interests, the tasks can be extended.

You receive support from five professionals and work **36 hours per week** in a **flexible schedule**. We provide time to study Dutch and will support and motivate you to work out a personal project. Are you up for it?



ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

You will stay in **safe accommodations** in and around Turnhout. In winter, you will live in the city center near shops. In summer, you will move to a location outside the city, closer to nature. You will be **co-housing** with the other ESC volunteers. The accommodations have separate bedrooms and a shared bathroom, kitchen and living room.

We offer you a **bike** to explore the area and reach the visitor center. The bike will also be your **main means of transport**, including for free time activities such as going to the store, so experience with cycling is important. In addition to the satisfaction you get from volunteering, you also receive **pocket money** and a **food allowance**. We also offer lunch possibilities in the visitor center. Don't worry about travel expenses for the trip. Everything is covered.



VOLUNTEERING AND TRAINING

You will receive **on-the-job training** from our staff and volunteers. You will be involved in **various tasks and projects** but also take initiative. The volunteering project also gives you the opportunity to join an **on-arrival** and **mid-term training**, organized by the national agency.



YOUR PROFILE

We are looking for volunteers between the ages of **18 and 30 years** who love nature and being outdoors, enjoy meeting new people and working as a team with other volunteers, are willing to learn new skills, take initiative, like to think out of the box, have a flexible attitude and are responsible. **Do you recognize yourself in this description? Then sign up to volunteer at the visitor center!**

HOW TO APPLY

You are interested in joining our team for **12 months** starting from **May or August 2025**. Send your **resume** and **motivation** to bc.landschapdeliereman@natuurpunt.be. If we think you are a suitable candidate, we will contact you to set an online interview.



Marta (20) did the ESC project for one year

"I wanted to take a gap year to travel, develop new skills and meet new people. This project guaranteed all that, and it allowed me to spend some time in nature."

VIDEO A year of volunteering in Landschap De Liereman
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VQAYQoeteM&t=14s



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