



THE INNBETWEEN
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Hi everyone,

My name is Amberlee and I am one half of Tafelen team (the team consists of two people). Tafelen is The InnBetween's longest-running event that happens every single Thursday. The premise of the event is that people come together to eat a three-course (starter, main, dessert) vegetarian dinner. During the event, people eat and chat, and sometimes there are special nights where we explore a particular cuisine.

As a Tafelen Chef, it will be your job (alongside your partner) to come up with the menu for each week (unless you are collaborating with someone else for one of the "special" nights).

Here are the tasks that you would be in charge of:

- Coming up with a three-course vegetarian menu + posting the menu/pics on Facebook.
- Doing the calculations (we usually calculate for 40-45 people total unless stated otherwise).
- Ordering the groceries online using Jumbo's website we place the order a few days before Thursday, so we do not have to scramble on the day of the event itself. Of course, not everything can be found online so sometimes we send volunteers, or we go to the store ourselves to get some last-minute ingredients. Don't worry if you forget something! There are plenty of grocery stores nearby .
- The day of the event itself is where you have to show up prepared so everything (or at least the majority) of things can happen accordingly. I suggest you have the recipe at hand on paper with the correct calculations, so you don't have to do any last-minute math.
- It is important to note that you and your partner will not be alone! Each week, four (or more, depending on menu/night etc.) volunteers sign up who come in at 4 PM to help with the prepping, cooking, and cleaning. The volunteers get to eat for free and it's always fun to work with new people.
- Throughout the night, you have to keep the "operation" running by giving everyone their tasks ahead of time and cleaning up as you go. There is no cleaning crew, it really is up to the volunteers to help you out. Don't stress! We have an industrial dishwasher and a regular dishwasher that make our lives easier!
- If we have a special night or edition of Tafelen, it is up to you to plan the evening with the person/organization that wants to hold the event.

It might seem like a lot of work, but trust me, you'll get used to it in no time! Plus, the other student board members also have to volunteer 4 hours per week, meaning that you will more likely than not have one extra person present from the team to help you out on the day of the event itself.

I'd say the most challenging part of the job is to come up with alternatives for everything. Although Tafelen is always vegetarian, we often get people who sign up and state that they are vegan/lactose intolerant/gluten-free/have some kind of allergy. As a result, you have to be mindful of the menu so that whoever can show up, no matter their dietary requirements. Thankfully, there are many alternatives available in the grocery stores, so in most cases, it shouldn't be too much of an issue. I'd say the most challenging dish to think of an alternative for is the main dish, seeing as sometimes recipes require dairy/wheat in the dish itself.

Moreover, it was super fun to get to try out new recipes that I maybe wouldn't have made at home. There are so many recipes out there, and it's always fun to try out a new dish and have it turn out to be a success! Aside from all this, you will also be guaranteed a free meal every Thursday for an entire year, what's not to love about that! We also have a team meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, where we have dinner together and discuss past and upcoming events. Lastly, as a student board member you will get "paid" a substantial amount towards the end of the year, which is an added bonus!

I started coming to The InnBetween because of Tafelen, and this past year has been an amazing experience to actually get to organize the event. I've enjoyed it so much that I've even decided to stay on board next year so I can continue cooking up a storm! So, if you love to cook, learn new recipes, and meet and work alongside awesome people, then please join me next year!

The InnBetween community is truly the best, and I have met so many great people while attending other events and at Tafelen itself. I can without a doubt say that it has been the best part of my college experience.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Best,
Amberlee