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My 2 Years on The InnBetween's PR Team

Welcome,

It's heartwarming to know you're interested in knowing what my experience with The InnBetween was like. That may be since you're considering to apply for the PR position or you're not convinced yet that you shall give events at ours a try. Let me try giving you insights on either of these scenarios.

I'm Johannes and I'm currently close to graduating from my Master's. The first time I heard about The InnBetween was during my first year Bachelor – back in 2015. It was just after The InnBetween relocated to Capucijnenstraat, it's current location.

Besides my busy schedule (don't skip on life experience for the sake of studying harder!) the thing that stopped me from participating in any event earlier was the seemingly religious nature of The InnBetween. But meeting the people challenged my attitude rather quickly. I came to conclude that everyone, regardless of believing in any god, was warmly welcomed. And also, that you'll not be confronted with non-Christianity or looked at weirdly, but respected in your unique being. For me, The InnBetween is about teaching the language of love to one another. This can be as simple as valuing a deep-level human interaction, but if you wish, reach all the way to spiritual experiences.

While some events place their focus on spirituality, it doesn't even come up during others. Much rather on the contrary, The InnBetween is about purpose: finding it within yourself, expressing it towards each other, and making you realize what you want from life. It's about challenging your self-beliefs to discover facets of yourself that you were not aware of, maybe didn't feel comfortable about. Personally, the opportunity for counseling was very helpful for that, making me grow through some experiences I made during my time here.

Before the pandemic hit, I was already doing the PR job for half a year (and having known The InnBetween from before). I know how warm and welcoming the place, people, and events are. The InnBetween was my go-to location multiple times a week not only for PR tasks (Monday meetings, taking pictures of events and posting on social media) but also since the broad range of events often reflected my interests well and Tafelen food is very delicious!

Regarding The InnBetween as my workplace, it was wonderful to have a loving and caring team on your side. Don't expect hierarchical structures but eye-level communication and self-responsibility for the tasks

you're doing. Summing it up to a few key words, these are event coordination and social media representation before and after events, respectively, as well as both plenty of internal and external communication. Beyond that, there are a number of side projects spanning over a longer time period, some of which we currently still like to finish, some that we'll leave for the future PR generation ☺

A good asset to have is an organisational mind in support of the team regarding upcoming events. And since this position is most often done by 2 students, you can both rely on a co-worker and split tasks/ working days etc. the way you like.

In the last year, navigating events of an organization that wants students of Maastricht to come together during a pandemic was certainly not easy as ever-changing regulations made our job unpredictable. Having had the city council's permission to host vulnerable students during this winter and spring 2020/21 in person, made our events much more foreseeable and I'm very grateful for this.

As much as I'm in favor of most current regulations, I'm also looking forward to a time that all these many weekly events can commence. I'll look back at them when having left this beautiful city, knowing that The InnBetween shaped my path and memories so much.

Yours truly,

Johannes