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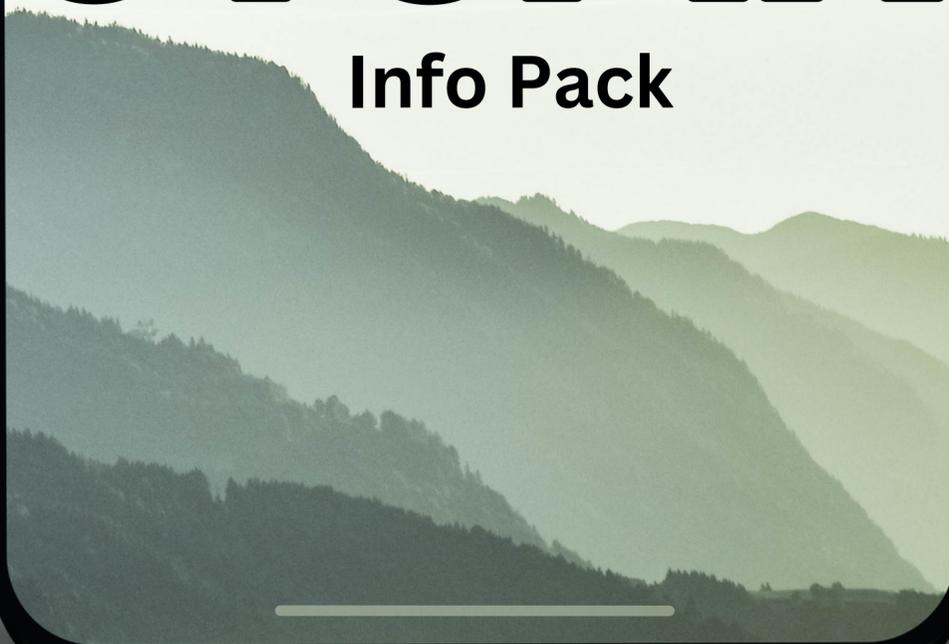
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UTOPIA

Info Pack



WHY UTOPIA

Current society is consisting of many persons with different beliefs, values, political views, etc. etc. Of course everyone is free to have this, but this is also a cause for conflicts, discrimination, exclusion, or even civil conflicts. Furthermore, many persons do not believe they have a vote and a saying on how (political) decisions are made. Therefore we decided to create this project 'Utopia'. Utopia is focussed on how persons from different backgrounds, values, norms, etc. can live together and create a perfect world without boundaries and without being stuck to laws & rules. Utopia is a real life simulation project of 10 days in which you create a world in how you would like to see it together with 45 other young persons.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

Basically you will create your own society named Utopia. At the **start of the project** there will **only be a building**. No rules, no hierarchy, nothing. Set up your own values and laws, **choose a leader**, will this leader be a dictator or will he listen to the majority? **Finances**, how to divide the budget, order pizza for the first days and survive on instant noodles the other days? How are you going to **divide tasks** like doing dishes, cleaning the house, shopping etc.

During the project we will do several games and activities in which **you can win extras such as Wi-Fi or a washing machine**.

We will also do many **outdoor** activities. The duration of these may vary, some last two hours, others more days. In these activities we will focus on taking initiative, finding efficient ways to tackle challenges and cooperation as a group.

Explore

YOUR SOCIETY

IF YOU HAD THE CHANCE TO CREATE YOUR IDEAL SOCIETY



How would it look like?

As in any reality in the world, some start with more, some start with less. Realities and possibilities are not always a choice and privileges might seem unfair. What if you did have a choice to change the way you start Utopia?



What would you sacrifice?

One thing is sure: no matter your starting situation in Utopia, you and your fellow participants would have a start with no phones, no money, food? What would you give up to acquire something else?



Where would your limits go?

Utopia is certainly full of surprises and challenges. Every day is a new beginning (or a possibility to it) but some days will bring you even more part of reality. Or closer to it?

PAY ATTENTION

- Your personal belongings will be collected upon your arrival. This includes:

- Phone
- Laptop
- Any other type of technology
- Any type of food or drink (so be careful bringing it for national evening purposes)
- Money + credit/debit cards

- Inform your parents about this. They will not be able to contact you all the time. They can contact us if they need but we will not pass the phone or be able to answer to all calls. You will be able to win time with your technological belongings but it might not happen every day and it will be for a limited time.

- In case you are expecting important email during the days of the exchange, organise yourself knowing that you may not have access to your laptop every day or at any hour of the day. One tip: write e-mail, school, university platform passwords somewhere which is not your phone. You might not be able to use phone + laptop simultaneously.

- The exchange will happen in different places, not all will have the same facilities available, be prepared to very basic camping as well. You might also need to find new lodging by yourself.

- An overview on what you will MISS during exchange (which you might win back with activities):

- Beds (take a sleeping bag with you. You will need it.)
- Showers
- Provided meals (from second day on)
- Several toilets
- Technology
- Electricity

A look

IN THE PROGRAM

Arrival (18 april)

Upon your arrival, we will make a border check in which we “confiscate” your personal resources such as money, cards, phones, laptops, tablets, etc. You might earn them throughout the exchange, which doesn’t necessarily mean that you will earn them all back. **Please, do not try to hide belongings, remember that you are coming for the experience.**

Not enough beds will be provided. Neither will there be showers or enough toilets for all of you.

You will be provided with ingredients for making your own dinner and the next day for breakfast. This is the first and last ingredients we will provide you. You will meet us somewhere in the evening.

Day 1 (19 april)

Breakfast ingredients will be provided by us.

No morning shower? No electricity?

We will meet in the morning with the first activities, in this way you might earn showers, more toilets and bedrooms, who knows.

“WHY MY PHONE?” Why your phone and your other thingies, is because we want to start with a fresh experience process, in which you, as a group, with no outside influences can work together on creating the basis of your Utopia. How long can you hold the bite? Will you lead or will you follow? Will you be a victim or will you be accountable? We shall see!

Day 2 (20 april)

- Who will take care of breakfast?
- Creating a system (who will be in charge of what?)
- Budgeting
- NO BEDS OR ELECTRICITY TODAY EITHER?
- Cooperating
- New location?



The accommodation

The exchange will also take place in group accommodation “Olde Vechte” (www.oldevechte.nl/en). The house will be provided by Olde Vechte, but has to be arranged and maintained by you. Olde Vechte is also where you will stay when the exchange ends.

No Facebook group will be created, all information will be shared by mail to your sending organisation and/or to your group leader.

Practicals

Arrival:	Tuesday April 18th
Start of exchange	Tuesday April 18th at 20.00 depending on arrival times at the airport.
End of exchange	Friday April 28th
Departure day	Saturday April 29th

For arrival look for flights that arrive before 20:00 and for departure look for flights after 11:00 due to the schedule of the trains.

If you wish to arrive or depart later, please inform us upfront in order to help you with accommodation.

If you are travelling in groups, have a look at group train tickets (www.ns.nl/producten/en/meest-gekocht/p/groepsticket-daluren)

Financials

Distance	Normal reimbursement	Green Travel reimbursement
500-1999km	275 EUR	320 EUR



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There will be a participation fee of 50,- euro to be
paid in cash upon arrival

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