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Berlin Trip

Etcetera goes Berlin! We are organizing our first trip abroad to the beautiful, exciting and thrilling city of Berlin and you can still come with us. For only 59 euros the bus ride and the hostel are included. We are traveling with two other student associations, SES (European Studies) and Sowieso (German Language and Culture), and we have decided to have no set activities. This way you can do whatever you would like to do and you are completely left to your own devices. We are set to depart on the 1st of February 2013 and will return to the homeland on the 3rd of February.

Traveling with friends and touring a new city is the perfect early Christmas present you can give yourself. Beside the world famous party scene, Berlin has a lot of culture to offer and even though we all study English, traveling and getting to know other European cities is just a great opportunity you do not want to miss. You can sign up until the 28th of December via our website.

Flashback: Voetjes van de Fluor

On the 22nd of November, 300 members of eleven student associations all pulled off the highlighter colors and shone on the dance floor underneath the black lights that lit up Escape deLux. First stop on the way to the party was the face paint station where you could light up your outfit. Except for the deadly stairs on the way to the bar, Escape was a wonderful location and the event was a success. Pictures are soon to turn up on Facebook so keep an eye out. We hope that there will be many more collaborations with the student associations in the future. Here's to the next party!

Studying with Etcetera

Exams are coming up and even though we would all like to not think about it as long as possible, we would just like to make sure we can help you during these stressful days. If you have a study group and you are looking for a room that is quiet and private unlike the Bungehuis canteen: send us an email with the date and time you would like to meet up with your study group and we can see if we can get you a room in one of the UvA locations. Hopefully studying together will be just what you need to pass these exams.

Drinks

Our next drinks will take place this Wednesday November 28, from 17:00h onwards at Café De Magere Brug. For those who have not yet picked up their Athenaeum pass (gives you 10% discount on English and American literature): we will bring them so you can ask one of us. On December 12, there will be a special edition of our drinks. More info to be announced soon...

Christmas Drinks

On December 19th, Christmas drinks will be held for staff and students of English Language and Culture. The event starts at 17:00h at Leeuwenkuil (PCH).

Besides drinks and snacks, there will be performances as well. Are you a standup comedian/poet/singer and do you think you can contribute to an all-English afternoon? Send us an email!

Christmas Drinks
December 19, 17:00h
Leeuwenkuil, PCH

Writer's Block

Would you like to contribute to the next issue of Writer's Block magazine? Send your poems and short stories to writersblock@gmail.com (double s).

The new issue can be found in Bungehuis now!

Next page: adventures from across the pond by Babet Klaassen!

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Column by Babet Klaassen

Babet is a third year student of English who currently lives and studies in Southampton, UK. In this column, she shares some of her adventures from across the pond. For more info on studying abroad, click [here](#).

So nearly 3 months ago, I moved to Southampton. The kind people at the Harting organisation offered me a place to study here (when I say offered I mean I sent them a letter asking if I could please spend a year in England doing anything at any university but preferably Southampton and they said yes) so I packed up my rather large collection of shoes, sublet my trusty flat in Amsterdam Noord to my brother and practised my English accent some more by watching lots of Doctor Who.

In the months leading up to my move I was constantly on the verge of spontaneously combusting with excitement, so when I finally arrived here my new hometown thought it necessary to show me that we were not just going to be best friends right away. One of the first things I did in beautiful sunny early-September Southampton was cycling to the city centre in attempt to learn to find my way around. I brought a map, but had failed to take into consideration that map-reading is not necessarily a skill I possess, so I got lost almost immediately. I am pretty used to getting lost, and my solution is always to just keep cycling around until I see something that is familiar, but before I had managed to really get anywhere I was confronted with a sign that said 'Welcome to the United Kingdom, make sure to drive on the left'. It took me a second to realise that what this meant was that cars enter the country here. I assumed that if there was a huge bridge between France and Southampton I would know about it, so the only other option was boats. One of the great hardships (pun intended) in my life is that I am very, very afraid of huge boats. Why on earth I decided to move to a town that is solely famous for its connection to boats is anyone's guess, but what I did know was I was about to be confronted with one. I had no option but to go past the sign, towards the water, and look at the Queen Mary II. The biggest ocean liner that currently exists. I cried and cycled away really fast, then went into the nearest Superdrug to buy 20 pounds worth of hair products to cool myself down.

But I feel that recently, Southampton has fully accepted me. The other week I gave a crying woman whose purse had been stolen 3 pounds so she could get the bus home. A few days later I found 30 pounds on the bus. The city paid me back tenfold. What I think you should take away from this story if you're looking into doing an abroad year yourself is that even if the city you move to is famous for the thing that you fear most, say you want to go to Paris but are terrified of baguettes or you're considering Edinburgh but cry when you hear bagpipes or God forbid you might even want to go to Hull and have a phobia for boring towns that smell like fish, you should just still go and eventually you will find money on the bus.

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Events Nov 27 2012—Jan 7 2013

<u>Tue 27</u>	<u>Wed 28</u> Drinks	<u>Thu 29</u>	<u>Fri 30</u> Member Weekend	<u>Sat 1</u> Member Weekend	<u>Sun 2</u> Member Weekend	<u>Mon 3</u> Member Weekend
<u>Tue 4</u>	<u>Wed 5</u>	<u>Thu 6</u>	<u>Fri 7</u>	<u>Sat 8</u>	<u>Sun 9</u>	<u>Mon 10</u>
<u>Tue 11</u>	<u>Wed 12</u> Drinks	<u>Thu 13</u>	<u>Fri 14</u>	<u>Sat 15</u>	<u>Sun 16</u>	<u>Mon 17</u>
<u>Tue 18</u>	<u>Wed 19</u> Kerst borrel	<u>Thu 20</u>	<u>Fri 21</u>	<u>Sat 22</u>	<u>Sun 23</u>	<u>Mon 24</u> Xmas Eve
<u>Tue 25</u> Xmas Day	<u>Wed 26</u> Boxing Day	<u>Thu 27</u>	<u>Fri 28</u>	<u>Sat 29</u>	<u>Sun 30</u>	<u>Mon 31</u> NYE
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