

ROC A12 The Netherlands

ROC A12 is part of Stichting Christelijke onderwijsgroep Vallei en Gelderland-Midden. It has a total number of 435 staff and a total number of 6100 learners.

ROC A12 is a Regional Education Centre in the eastern part of The Netherlands with establishments in the cities of Ede, Velp, Wolfheze, Wageningen, Veenendaal, Arnhem, Rheden and Barneveld. ROC A12 has over 6,000 students in total, which are divided into MBO (Intermediate Vocational Education) and VMBO (Preparatory Vocational Education). ROC A12 offers a wide range of trainings and courses. The school has a Christian identity. Every year, over 1500 students leave school with a certificate. The school offers the following courses: Trade, Economy and Administration, Technics and Technology, Care and Welfare, ICT, Hotel and Catering, Tourism, Recreation and Wellness, Security and Sports

ROC A12 is part of entrepreneurial regional networks, national internationalization networks (MBO-Raad and NUFFIC), and works with international networks in several KA1 and KA2 Erasmus+ projects.

ROC A12 aims to educate students by providing them with a wide perspective. International orientation plays an important role in this process and is therefore a key point of interest. Our motto is "Broaden your horizon". One of our promises to the students is: "At ROC A12 you have the possibility to gain a relevant and suitable international experience".

The school translates this promise into a firm approach towards her internationalization activities. These activities are realized at all levels; from the students to the School Board of Directors. ROC A12 annually makes a considerable part of her budget available for international projects and activities. Next to this the school has been involved in various Leonardo da Vinci projects and is currently engaged in the Erasmus+ program. These projects are linked by the choice of international partners. ROC A12 now has partners in England, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, Estonia, Turkey, Poland, Norway, Finland, Scotland, Portugal, Slovakia, Belgium and Iceland. By working together in educational exchange projects, the international network is structurally reinforced for a longer period of time. This makes it easier for students and teachers to work together in an international context and network even after the project period.

Next to the ties we have with partners whom we have cooperated with in the past decade, we also choose to work with new international partners. In this way we aim at developing an even wider network of international partners, both in education and in trade and industry. This helps creating a wider international horizon for students, teachers and management. ROC A12 strives for a 10% increase per year of students participating in international activities. We now have a sound foundation for internationalization. Our ambition is to keep on stimulating our students' international perspective by working with workgroups of coordinators and teachers and a set of fixed procedures and protocols.

The coordinators of each of the three ROC A12 locations are the key members of staff participating in the project. Each of them has embraced the project idea and is keen to develop this in the education teams they are responsible for. This includes Technics & Technology (Mr. Hans Krijgsman, coordinator Technova); Tourism, Health & Welfare and administration (Ms. Yvonne Downham, coordinator Dulon College) and General coordination (Mr. Jan van Kraaij, also responsible for Astrum College). The coordinators have ample experience in project and internationalization work. The general coordinator has operated in international projects for some 20 years.