

4 TIPS FOR VIEWINGS

IN SOME STUDENT HOUSES, RESIDENTS CAN NOMINATE NEW ROOMMATES THEMSELVES. WE CALL THIS VOTE-IN RIGHT. RESIDENTS OFTEN INVITE A FEW CANDIDATES TO A 'VIEWING' AND THEN DECIDE WHO WILL BE THEIR NEW ROOMMATE. INVITED FOR A VIEWING? CHECK OUT OUR TIPS!

Stand out from the crowd

Most ads for available rooms receive many responses. Make sure you stand out. Be creative and send a video or a photo as a response. And if you write a message: be honest and original. What really describes you?

Be yourself

It's a cliché, but really: be yourself. Don't pretend to be anything other than who you are. People often see through this and if not, it will soon turn out that you do not really match with your housemates. This is no fun for them, but neither for you.

Preparations

Think about what you can tell about yourself, about your studies and hobbies. Why do you want to live here and what do you expect from housemates? Think about what you want to know about the residents and the house. Do people eat together, go out a lot, or return to family most weekends? And: arrive on time, since there are often viewings scheduled before and after you.

Go alone

Do not bring your best friend, sibling or even your mom to a viewing. It may seem obvious, but it happens sometimes. You will (hopefully) live here, so there is no need to bring anyone.

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Keep groups for viewings small

Or even better: invite candidates 1 by 1. Research shows that residents and candidate-residents perceive it as nicer when viewings are with one candidate at a time. It may take more time, but this way you get a good picture of all candidates.

Take time for the candidates and put them at ease

Do you remember how your first viewing(s) went? Most candidates are nervous for a viewing. So, keep it light-hearted and joke around. Take your time and don't start firing off questions right away.

Get to know another culture

"Dutch only" or "No internationals": you often see it written in ads and maybe it sounds familiar to you too. We ask you to give everyone a fair chance, regardless of their nationality. A mix of Dutch and non-Dutch students in your household can actually be fun and educational.