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First European political internship in Bonnefanten Museum (NL)

On the 25th of May, the Bonnefanten Museum in Maastricht (Netherlands) will host the first political internship at a European level for Julie Ward, member of the European Parliament on behalf of the Labour Party in the UK. Ward will be offered the unique experience of working behind the scenes of the museum. The work activities are varied: selling tickets at the entrance, making a condition report in the depot, secure the building with security, et cetera. The political internship has been organized in Dutch museums for several years now, but it is the first time we do it on an international scale. The reason? In the run-up to the European elections in 2019 we want to advocate the importance of museums (art and cultural heritage) to all politicians throughout Europe.

The political internship is offered by NEMO (Network of European Museums Organizations) and the Netherlands Museums Association. The aim of the political internship is to build a sustainable relationship with stakeholders, by introducing them with the diversity and social values of the museum business. The internship distinguishes itself from a normal working visit by the fact that Ward really has to work. NEMO has chosen to do the first European internship in the Bonnefanten Museum because of the varied collection and progressive activities. Also the museum shows work from both national as international artists, such as Melanie Bonajo and Kahlil Joseph. With this, the museum shows itself as a good example of temporary European museum.

Program

The Bonnefanten Museum has put together an afternoon filling program. Ward will be welcomed by Stijn Huijts, artistic director of the Bonnefanten Museum, who will give her a brief introduction of the museums collection. Afterwards, Mrs. Ward will be working in the museum under supervision of the museum staff. She will be selling tickets at the entrance, staff the information desk and museum shop, make a condition report in the depositary, and talk to student staff members of YOUNG OFFICE - the youth department of the Bonnefantenmuseum Museum. The afternoon ends with a walk through the museum with the security staff.

Julie Ward

Mrs. Ward had been elected to join the European Parliament on behalf of the Labour Party (UK) in 2014. As a member of the EP she is active in the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. a partnership between parliamentarians from different member states with the same political conviction. Also she is a spokesperson for education and culture. From this role Mrs. Ward is approached to do the first international political internship.

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