

Get inspired by Aase Riemann, our Consultant & Brand Ambassador for the Netherlands – Take the opportunity to read about Aase’s story

We asked Aase Riemann, our Nurse & Independent advisor about the benefit it brings to everyone involved of being a Volunteer.

“Put your doubts aside and start!”

Volunteering is generally considered as an unselfish activity and is intended to promote goodness and improve human quality of life. And this is true and at the same time, in return, your volunteering will generate a feeling

of self-worth and respect.



Aase Riemann
EDTNA/ERCA Consultant & Brand Ambassador

To perform volunteering at EDTNA/ERCA is also well known for professional skill development, to meet new friends and colleagues and also allow yourself to have some fun. Volunteering for us at the Association have positive benefits for you as a Volunteer as well as for the persons or communities served and involved in your activities. Join us today – Become a Volunteer!

‘So Aase, why did you decide to become a Member of EDTNA/ERCA?’

“In 1998 I worked as a Head nurse at the PD department of the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It was an international well known department with many research projects. The previous head nurse was John Southwood, well known in the EDTNA. I was asked/pushed/inspired and helped by the department management to apply for the post as an EC-member.”

‘Why did you decide to become a Volunteer?’

“Although I found the start in the EC a little bit complicated I enjoyed at once the great possibilities to meet colleagues from a lot of different countries, all working with the same topics. I still enjoy this very much. Also I enjoy to gather high professional knowledge due to the huge network and professional results which we reach by working together. During the years I also enjoyed the friendship you automatically get by working so close.”

‘What was your first assignment as a Volunteer?’

“1998-2004: EC-member, 2005 to now PD-consultant, 2016 to now: Brand Ambassador for the Netherlands.”

‘What would you like to say to other Members who consider to become an EDTNA/ERCA Volunteer?’

“Put your doubts aside and start! You will get a lot of support from the other volunteers. But: also attention that you have your support from your boss - he or she has to be enthusiastic that you are doing the job. Also you need the support from you family.”

‘What is your best memory or impression you have about EDTNA/ERCA?’

“Hearing my friend Maria Cruz singing the Spanish National anthem with her colleagues during an after-congress-party....”



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'Anything you would like to add?'

"I have learned a lot by working as a volunteer and have experienced many hours of pleasure. Also many hours of working (sometimes cursing because of a lot of tasks), but: I would not have missed it, not for a second."