

INFORMATION PACKAGE



UWC Maastricht

ECIS Service Learning Conference 2012

Solidarity

Thursday 29 March – Sunday 1 April



United World College Maastricht

UWC Maastricht opened in 2009 as the 13th in the family of United World College.

Its foundation is the product of the enthusiasm and commitment of United World College Committees in The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg many of whom are UWC alumnae. Together with many others throughout The Netherlands, and in particular the Province of Limburg, they are responsible for this exciting project in the heart of Europe.

The College was formed to serve the needs of the international community of Maastricht and to provide an education for those students chosen by National Committees throughout the world to study and live in the city. These different constituents are unified in serving a mission to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. As such, UWC Maastricht is a completely integrated, multilingual school for students of different educational and socio-economic backgrounds aged 2-18 that is part of the Dutch educational system and is subsidised by the Dutch government. In its explicit commitment to a particular range of values as well as academic excellence, the College has a mandate within this system to act as a leader in Service Learning both nationally and internationally.

Service Learning at the College

UWC Maastricht is a pioneer in establishing a service learning programme for students of all ages. All teachers and students at the college are expected to be involved in the service learning programme in the most effective way relevant to their skills and enthusiasms. This allows us to explore a wide range of service opportunities at a local and international level. With this range of engagement in mind, a Centre for Expertise in Service Learning will be launched with the intention of leading and supporting the national initiative to implement community service throughout the Dutch educational system. This centre will harness and distribute UWC Maastricht expertise to wider population throughout the Netherlands and internationally.

The communities we work with are diverse, not least because we are a distinctively urban college engaged with the life of the city and the region. In this context, students are able to use their acquired academic skills and knowledge in real life situations. This enhances teaching by integrating meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience and encourage lifelong community interaction. It also helps foster recognition of the characteristics and concerns of others as well as reinforcing the abilities of young people to have a positive impact on the world they inhabit. In particular, students in the middle and senior sections of the school are strongly encouraged to initiate and maintain their own service programmes. Central to the success of these programmes are the characteristics and skills of leadership, creativity, project management and communication. These student lead initiatives are often transformative in developing resilience in the face of challenge.

ECIS & UWC

2012 celebrates the 5th anniversary of ECIS Service Learning Conference and the 50th anniversary of United World Colleges. In honour of these anniversaries, UWC Maastricht has developed a series of service learning workshops for teachers where staff from UWC Maastricht will run workshops for the

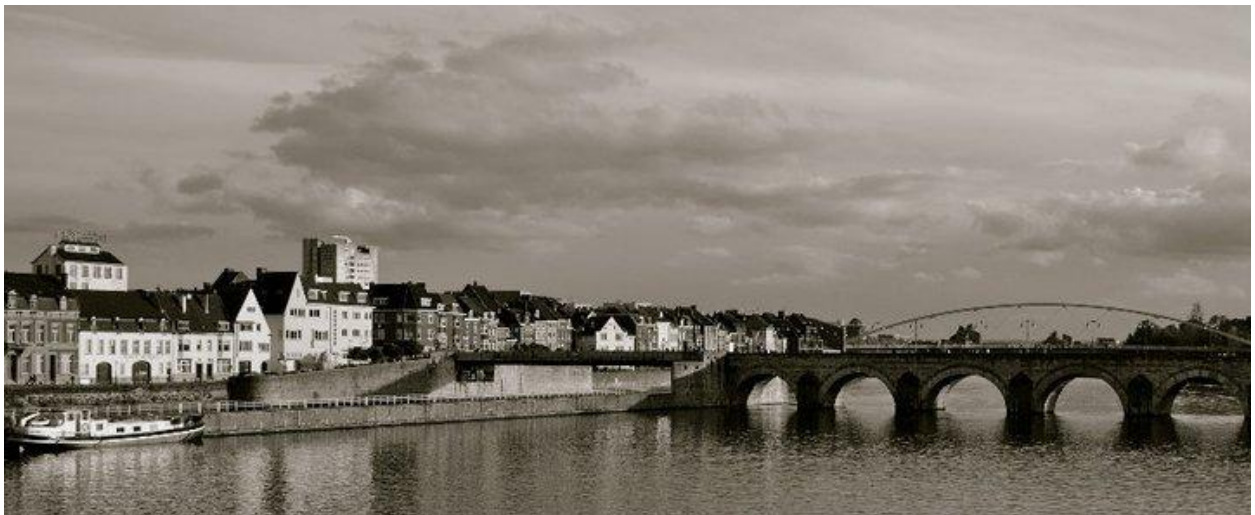
teaching staff who will accompany their students. Teachers who want to visit the conference without students are more than welcome to register for this conference.

This conference is a student led conference whereby we invite staff and students from national and international education in the age range from 12-18.

Maastricht, the Heart of Europe

Maastricht is the southernmost city in the Netherlands and is the capital of the province of Limburg. Situated within walking distance of Belgium and cycling distance of Germany, it claims to be the oldest city in the Netherlands (a claim it shares with Nijmegen). A great place to spend some time, it contains some magnificent buildings and culture, taking the form of plenty of old houses and buildings, lovely cathedrals and a spectacularly cobbled town centre. The city is also well known for its fine cuisine, excellent shops and multicultural atmosphere. Also, Maastricht celebrates two anniversaries in 2012 namely the existence of the Maastricht Treaty for 20 years – one of the pillars of the European Union – and the Euro.

More information about Maastricht: <http://www.vvv-maastricht.eu/home.html?lang=2>



PROGRAMME

Thursday 29 March 2012

*Arrival & registration at Conference Venue
Golden Tulip Apple Park Maastricht*

Opening ceremony and buffet at Maastricht
Town Hall

Friday 30 March 2012

*Late arrival registration at Conference Venue
Golden Tulip Apple Park Maastricht*

Welcome

Keynote speaker: Mr. Anthony Skillicorn,
Director of Service Learning at UWC SEA

Coffee break

Presentation 1: Participant schools present
their projects in 15 min. slots

Break

Presentation 2: Participant schools present
their projects in 15 min. slots

Lunch

Activity in Maastricht city

*Dinner for all participants at Conference Venue
Golden Tulip Apple Park Maastricht*

Saturday 31 March 2012

Plenary opening at *Golden Tulip Apple Park
Maastricht*

Service learning morning

Lunch

Workshops on Service learning reflection for
students at UWC Maastricht

Workshops on Service learning projects for
teachers at UWC Maastricht

Free time

Dinner & Festive Activity

Sunday 1 April 2012

Departure

GENERAL INFORMATION

The programme will commence with a ceremony in the Town Hall on Thursday 29 March 2012. The official registration takes place upon arrival at Golden Tulip Apple Park Hotel Maastricht which provides accommodation as well as being the conference venue. In case of late arrival, registration will take place on Friday morning at the conference venue and will be followed by the official programme.

Conference Venues*Official opening and welcome*

Maastricht Town Hall
Markt 78
6211 CL Maastricht
www.maastricht.nl

Golden Tulip Apple Park Maastricht
Pierre de Coubertinweg 3
6225 XT Maastricht
The Netherlands
www.goldentulipappleparkmaastricht.nl

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PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Anthony Skillicorn

Anthony Skillicorn grew up in apartheid South Africa and was educated there and at Oxford University. He has lived and taught in Africa, England and since 1987 in Asia where he successfully transformed the United World College of South East Asia's Global Concerns programme into a much admired model of genuine student empowerment. After the Asian tsunami Anthony was personally involved in the rebuilding of a school, SMP 4, in Banda Aceh and the establishment of the Tsunami Education Fund which continues to sponsor the schooling of over 250 orphans.

Anthony Skillicorn has also been closely involved with the Initiative for Peace programme which has trained IB Diploma students to bring young people from areas of conflict together to promote reconciliation and youth leadership.

Anthony Skillicorn has spoken at various conferences on service. He has contributed articles to a number of periodicals and books and is featured in a number of articles. In 2010 he published *Service is a Journey* which discusses the importance of service to educational institutions.

Presentation Participant Schools (Friday Morning)

During the presentations of the participating schools, your school is invited to show an example of best practice in Service Learning during a 15 minute presentation. Please indicate on the registration form if your school would like to present.

Workshops on Service Learning reflection for Students (Saturday Afternoon)

Students of UWC Maastricht will run workshops on different ways of reflection for the visiting schools based on the experience the students have had during the service learning activity on Saturday Morning.

Workshops on Service Learning projects for Teachers

The workshops for teachers are a new initiative. Teaching staff at UWC Maastricht have prepared workshops on Service learning for teachers with practical examples in different subject areas.

They will lead an interactive session which will show examples of good practice, some practical ideas and hands on tools to use in your school. By identifying educational needs and linking these with local knowledge, teachers create a meaningful and relevant service learning experience. Please indicate your two choices on the registration form.

DELEGATION SIZE

The size of the delegation should be between eight – ten delegates incl. staff. It is important for participating delegations to respect this number so that we can accommodate as many delegations as possible. The maximum number of participants is 180. Students who will come to the conference should be at least 12 years old and must be under supervision of an adult. Please be aware that teachers of the participating schools are responsible for their students during the whole programme.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The college was able to secure a special discount offer from Golden Tulip Apple Park Hotel which also has the advantage of being close to the school. This hotel will also be our main conference venue.

Golden Tulip Apple Park Maastricht
Pierre de Coubertinweg 3
6225 XT Maastricht
the Netherlands
www.goldentulipappleparkmaastricht.nl

The prices for rooms as indicated below are the maximum prices. On the registration form you can indicate your needs which we will pass on to the hotel. Subsequently you will receive an invoice for a pre-payment directly from the hotel. Please make sure that you indicate the right persons per rooms to avoid any confusion.

Single Room € 89,00 per room incl. breakfast, excl. city tax of € 3,41 (p.p.p.n.)
Double room € 99,00 per room incl. breakfast, excl. city tax of € 3,41 (p.p.p.n.)
Triple room € 137,00 per room incl. breakfast, excl. city tax of € 3,41 (p.p.p.n.)

Please be aware that accommodation is at the expense of the participants or their administration.

TRAVEL

Maastricht can easily be reached by public transport. If you prefer to travel by plane you can choose to fly to Brussels (Charleroi), Düsseldorf, Cologne, Maastricht, Eindhoven or Amsterdam depending upon the choice of flight company. Upon arrival you can decide to catch a train to Maastricht.

For information on Dutch trains you can find information on the following websites:

<http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home> & <http://www.nshispeed.nl/>.

For information on Belgian trains you can check <http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/>.

For information on German trains you can find information on <http://www.bahn.de/i/view/GBR/en/index.shtml>.

If you prefer to travel by train from your home country you can check the websites from Eurostar, Thalys & TGV.

It is also possible to make reservations yourself with Airport Service Hasselt which provides taxis and vans from the airports mentioned above to Maastricht and the other way around. Please make sure that you refer to UWC Maastricht when contacting the airport service in order to obtain economic rates.

Their contact details are:

Airportservice Hasselt

Langvenestraat 98

3511 Hasselt Belgium

T: +32 11 22 27 68

T: +32 11 22 87 67

E: reservatie@airportservice.be

Please be aware that all travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

The registration fee for ECIS Member schools is 135€ p.p. (early bird before 31 December 2011) and 150€ p.p. from January 2012.

The registration fee for non-ECIS Member schools is 170€ p.p. (early bird before 31 December 2011) and 195€ p.p. from January 2012.

The registration fee includes participation in the conference, a documentation folder, coffee breaks, two lunches, opening ceremony & buffet in Town Hall and two dinners (drinks not included).

As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form before **1 February 2012**. Registrations received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

You can register directly online via: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/uwcmaastricht/slconference>

If you have any problems with the registration please send an e-mail to slconference@uwcmaastricht.com. You can also register online via the homepage of www.uwcmaastricht.com under 'updates – ECIS Conference' where you will find all relevant information on this conference. Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed digital registration form.

BANK DETAILS

Payment has to be completed by bank transfer after having received the confirmation of your registration and **before 1st February 2012** to guarantee your place.

PAYMENT (in Euro) payable to

UWC Maastricht Coop.Ver.

NL-6201 BD Maastricht

ABN AMRO Bank

Account No. 57.82.46.775

IBAN NL96 ABNA0578246775

BIC Code ABNANL2A

Please state clearly: ECIS Service Learning Conference + the name of your school

For cancellations received after the deadline, we will have to charge an administration fee of 50€ unless the participant is being replaced.
