

# Newsletter September 2015

The new school year has started and we hope everyone had an excellent summer holiday! We are looking forward working with you and wish you an amazing school year with lots of fun, inspiration and good results.

- ✓ **Calendar with meetings and training sessions including the Gold Award ceremony 2016**
- ✓ **New promotion materials**
- ✓ **Opportunities for participants in 2016**
- ✓ **Other news**

## Calendar

In the coming year there are several meetings, trainings for people involved in the Award. Also we are present at several conferences to promote the Award. To give you an insight; please look at the calendar. The most up-to-date version will be placed on our website; [www.award.nl](http://www.award.nl)

19 September	Working day for Board and some Ambassadors
25 September	Promotion at the Teachers conference for Internationale Schools in Den Haag
26 September	Training for new Award leaders in Utrecht; information or sign up: <a href="mailto:Pascal.Cup@award.nl">Pascal.Cup@award.nl</a>
4 October	Training for new young Ambassadors; <a href="mailto:Amy.Crooijmans@award.nl">Amy.Crooijmans@award.nl</a>
14 October	Award ceremony Bronze and Silver Awards in Almere, Baken Trinitas College, more information: <a href="mailto:nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl">nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl</a>
28 October	Jos Heijmans (chair of the board) and Pascale Cup (director) take part at the International Award Forum in Canada
1 November	Training for new Award leaders of Scouting in Leusden
10 November	Promotion at EP-Nuffic conference about 'internationalisering' in Utrecht
12 November	Promotion workshop at the conference of K2 in Veghel for youth work
13 November	Award ceremony for Bronze and Silver Awards in Noord-Brabant in Den Bosch, information by <a href="mailto:nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl">nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl</a>
14 November	Meeting for Assessors of the Adventurous Journeys, information or sign up: <a href="mailto:franck.horio@award.nl">franck.horio@award.nl</a>

## 2016

- 5 March National and annual Award meeting for all active Award units, training for new Award leaders and Assessors training.
- 19 March Gold Award ceremony 2016 , more information by [Nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl](mailto:Nelleke.de.kruik@award.nl)
- 20 March Meeting for Award leaders of Scouting and a training for new Award leaders from Scouting in Leusden
- 2 April Training for new Assessors of the Adventurous Journeys; [franck.horio@award.nl](mailto:franck.horio@award.nl)
- 2 June Training for new Award leaders

### Extra information about the Gold Award ceremony 2016

The ceremony will take place at Saturday afternoon, March 19th 2016. Important dates to communicate with participants who will be ready with all their Sections by that time:

February 1th: closing date to send in the fully completed record books for a final check with the national organisation. Books can be sent to: International Award for Young People, the Netherlands, t.a.v. Pascale Cup, Vazalstraat 2, 5021 DR Tilburg.

Friday evening February 26th: a meeting for all the participants who will attend the Award ceremony in March, some were central in the Netherlands.



Gold Award Ceremony 2015

## New promotion materials

To support you to reach as many participants we are developing new materials which will be ready in a short while. A poster, A2 poster, and a post card to hand out to potential participants.

Also we created a letter for parents to inform them about the Award. To inform organisations that will work with the participants in their Service, Sports or Skills Sections, we also made a letter. If you would like a different version, please contact us as we can change the text very easily.

## Opportunities for participants

Summer holiday 2016, sounds very far away but to inspire you and the Gold Award participants we have some amazing opportunities for their Adventurous Journeys and Residential Project. Please let your participants know and watch the website for more and new information.

Het Sparkkamp in Finland takes place from July 29<sup>th</sup> until August 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. There will be an AJ and Residential with an international group of participants. Also during the summer holiday participants could join an international group for AJ and Residential Project in Slovenia. Both opportunities are partly subsidised by Erasmus+ so the costs will be quite low.

There is also an opportunity to go to the south of Germany for an international camp with Gold AJ and Residential Project: July 29<sup>th</sup> until August 6<sup>th</sup>.

For more information you can contact Franck Horio; [franck.horio@award.nl](mailto:franck.horio@award.nl)





## Other news

### **Awards for Scouts**

In September we presented the first Bronze Awards to Scouts who did their Award through Scouting: congratulations! In 2015 we presented 367 Awards so far.

*Bronze: 185   Silver: 117   Gold: 65*

### **Follow-up of the Conference in May**

After the successful Conference in May, attended by HRH Prince Edward, we are now in touch with several potential new sponsors. Also a few schools contacted us and they are starting with the Award programme in September. Another outcome are meetings with the VO-Raad, EP-Nuffic and the 'the Dutch International Secondary Schools' to make them aware of the Award programme and its impact.

### **Award as a social intervention**

In cooperation with Windesheim Hogeschool Flevoland and Movisie we are going to describe the Award programme as a 'social intervention'. We have already a lot of information and in the coming year we are going to do research in the way the programme is delivered.

### **Skafonds**

To offer the Award to young people that are marginalised or at risk, we have received extra funding by the Skafonds. In cooperation with local youth work and BVJong we are starting this challenging process.

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