

## Newsletter November 2016

The new academic year has started, so it is time for a newsletter with lots of information, activities and calls!

### Training for new Award leaders in English

In cooperation with the International Award in Luxembourg we organise a training for new Award leaders. The training will be provided in English.

Date: Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10.00 hrs – 20.00 hrs

Venue: Van der Valk hotel Eindhoven

Costs: € 250,- per person, materials and catering included.

Please contact Pascale for more information: [Pascale.cup@award.nl](mailto:Pascale.cup@award.nl).

Deadline for registration is January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### Ceremonies

We have had quite some ceremonies in 2016 already, and we have awarded 214(!) young people throughout the Netherlands (in cities such as Helmond, Baarn and Almere). In the upcoming months other ceremonies will follow. We held a festive gathering at the Royal Military Institute in Breda on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Four schools participated, and we handed out 60 Bronze and 7 Silver Awards.

### Organisation of the ceremonies

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Nelleke de Kruik, but Marjon de Jong took over her job. This means that Award Leaders may approach her if they have set the date for an Award Ceremony. Marjon will take care of the materials, she will arrange an Award NL representative and will support you in organizing the event. You can reach her by sending an e-mail to: [marjon.de.jong@award.nl](mailto:marjon.de.jong@award.nl)

Nowadays we ask Award Leaders to provide us with a list of names of the participants who will get their Award. In this way, we can check whether they are officially registered and we can keep track of our participant administration.

### Movie Time!

As a picture says more than a thousand words, Stan Beekmans (Maaswaal College) has subtitled two video fragments from our Canadian and English colleagues!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZUZQ2Orbf4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5IKWcNouV8>

*Call: Do you have any footage or pictures? We would be delighted if we could use them and put them up on our website, on Facebook or in any of our brochures. Send them to: [info@award.nl](mailto:info@award.nl)*

## Adventurous journey

The Adventurous Journey is the most appealing element of the Award for many of the participants. Or at least, it is the most exciting or unknown. For the Award Leaders, this section is very time-consuming.

### Planning and signing up

While it is getting colder outside, and the days become shorter and shorter, you would not immediately think of preparing the Adventurous Journey. Nevertheless, we notice that it becomes more and more difficult to set a date. This is why it is not such a bad idea to start planning the expedition now, snuggled up on the couch with a mug of hot chocolate. Especially plan the Trial Journey and the Qualifying Journey well in advance. The participants can sign up for the Qualifying Journey 6 weeks ahead, for an Expedition in the Netherlands. At least 12 weeks in advance for an Expedition abroad.

### Supervisor and Assessor

We can tell that the role of the Supervisor and the Assessor is not quite clear for everyone. Therefore a small theoretical paragraph.

*The school or organization that organizes or supports the Adventurous Journey of the participants, has the final responsibility for the participants. This means that the Supervisor coming along needs to be a representative of the school. A school can make the choice of sending a group away without a supervisor. Of course, an Assessor will be present in any case, often someone belonging to the school or organization. If no "own" assessor is available, the Award NL can provide someone to assess the Adventurous Journey. This Assessor never has the final responsibility over the participants, nor is he or she liable for anything.*

### Training New Assessors

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 the next Assessor's training will take place. If you have –as a school or organization- people who would like to take up the role of being an Assessor, they are more than welcome to join! We are also looking for people to expand our own team of Assessors. Do you have the time to spend two or three weekends, and do you have any experience in outdoor activities or the scouting for instance? Or do you know anyone who would be perfect for the job? Please get in touch with Franck Horio for more information: [franck.horio@award.nl](mailto:franck.horio@award.nl)

### Adventurous Journeys abroad

Our colleagues in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Finland, Slovenia and Israel would love to host people from another country for their Adventurous Journey. With our newest colleagues in Luxembourg we are trying to get a collaboration started. If you have any interest in these projects, please first contact Pascalle Cup for all the possibilities: [pascalle.cup@award.nl](mailto:pascalle.cup@award.nl)

## People make the International Award

After saying goodbye to some of the people in the National Board and the Advisory Council, we are happy to welcome some new and enthusiastic volunteers. Stefan Diender and Leander van Dongen are new members of the Advisory Council and bring along their enormous network and expertise in

the area of communication, marketing and ICT. The new faces in the National Board wish to introduce themselves to you!

**Denise Vestjens**

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*My name is Denise Vestjens, I'm 24 years old and I'm from Utrecht. I am a board member since September. The way in which the organization is contributing to the personal development of young people made me very enthusiastic. I'm convinced that it is important to motivate young people to discover their talents, and the Award program seems to do a wonderful job in this. The fact that so many Golden alumni, continue to work as an Award Ambassador is, in my opinion, a wonderful confirmation of the value of the program!*

*As a board member, I'm responsible for the coordination and communication between the National Board and the Golden Award holders and Ambassadors. I enjoy creating enthusiasm, and being part of their motivation to add value to promoting the Award in the Netherlands.*

**Marcel Scherrenburg**

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*My name is Marcel Scherrenburg, at 39 years old I live in the beautiful city of Tilburg with my girlfriend Christel and my son and daughter. In daily life I'm working as a tax advisor for an accountancy firm in Tilburg. Next to working and enjoying my family life, I'm a running fanatic. I became the treasurer of the Award NL on the April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. I take good care of the money and make sure that the administration is done. It is a very nice, educational experience, with a lot of variety in the job. Especially the commitment, the goal and the young people are what make me want to work with the Award. I think it is very important to contribute to society, and that is the reason I work for the Award.*

**Marjon de Jong**

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*My name is Marjon de Jong. I live in the south of the country. I have two children and in the past ten years I have been occupied in developing and expanding a company. Starting from November 2016, I will take over the tasks from Nelleke de Kruik at the best of my ability (and if possible, expand!). I think the Award is an incredible initiative, in which I would love to put my time and energy as a volunteer, in favour of all the young people wanting to develop themselves in different areas. I hope we will have all together a positive contribution to the development, the reputation and spreading of the Award in the Netherlands. It gives me a great feeling to be part of such a large group of enthusiastic and motivated volunteers offering their service to brighten the future (being our youth!).*

**Anja van Suijlekom**

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*I'm Anja van Suijlekom, married and mother of two boys. Since March 2016, I have been working as the secretary of the Award NL. Pascalle – the director – asked me to take on the role of secretary. I'm having a lot of fun doing this, and the target group is what triggers me. The enthusiasm of the participants during Ceremonies makes me very happy, and makes me think: "Yes, this is what we are doing it for!" I hope to work in the National Board for a long time. It is the joy of my life to work as a secretary. Honestly, I enjoy it to the fullest and it is a privilege to work with such a great group of people.*

**With the help of a new sponsoring contract, our director Pascalle Cup can continue her work with the volunteers to make the Award programme in the Netherlands even better.**