

Newsletter April 2016

Golden Award Ceremony Almere

An inspirational ceremony full of good stories, beautiful music and pictures of the participants from Baken Trinitas from Almere, Jan van Brabant from Helmond and the International School of Amsterdam. The Golden Awards were handed out by the Mayor of Almere, Frank Weerwind, who was genuinely impressed by the achievements from the participants and the Ceremony. A complete description of the event can be found on www.award.nl

The Award organization wants to thank all who helped make the Award ceremony a success, with special thanks to Sophie Kersten and Janieke van den Heuvel, both Golden Award holders, who fabulously hosted the ceremony in both Dutch and English. The ceremony was captured in lots of pictures taken by Jenny Schroevers, also a Golden Award Holder, which can be found on Facebook and the website.



Award in Almere

Youth work Almere officially announced during the Award ceremony that they are going to start with the Award program. René Peeters, a member of the Award's Advisory board, told about the deliberation to start the Award at the MBO of Almere. He has been working together with the ROC of Almere.





Golden Awards BSN

On Monday 21 March in Voorschoten an additional 20 Golden Awards were handed out in a short ceremony with several presentation. On behalf of the Award the Netherlands Franck Horio was present to hand out the Awards. At the end of the ceremony Mr. Ben le Heux, the driving force of all Award activities at the BSN, received a thank you in the form of an Award backpack filled with Award equipment.

Outward Bound Nederland new partner

After the successful workshops during the national Award conference the Outward Bound has developed specific activities for Award participants. This can be found on their website www.outwardboundnetherlands.com and was developed in corporation with Award the Netherlands. This makes Outward Bound Netherlands the first 'approved activity provider' in the Netherlands. Apart from a golden 'Water' project (a combination of test expedition, residential project and expedition) they also offer test Expeditions for Bronze and Silver. Please find more information in the attachments of this Newsletter!

It is also possible for individual participants to join their expeditions and in this way complete the Expedition section. Award mentors who are looking for something different can contact Outward Bound as a custom made program is always possible.

Dates, location and costs:

Practice Expedition Bronze; hiking	1 day	Netherlands	Friday 19 August	60,- p.p.
Expedition Bronze: hiking	2 days + 1 night	Netherlands	Saturday 20 en Sunday 21 August	150,- p.p.
Practice Expedition Silver: hiking	2 days + 1 night	Zeeland	Monday 15 tot and Tuesday 16 August	210,- p.p.
Expedition Silver: hiking	3 days + 2 nights	Zeeland	Wednesday 17 until Friday 19 August	210,- p.p.
Practice Expedition Gold; canoe	4 days + 3 nights	Zeeland of IJsselmeer	Sunday 7 until Wednesday 10 August	525,- p.p.
Expedition Gold canoe	4 days + 3 nights	Zeeland of IJsselmeer	Thursday 11 until Sunday 14 August	525,- p.p.
Residential	5 days + 4 nights	Zeeland of	Monday 15 until	690,-

Project Gold = Sailing on authentic ship & Water Project		IJsselmeer	Friday 19 August	
Water project Gold = incl. Practice Expedition, Expedition Gold and Residential Project	13 days + 12 nights	Canoe and sailing	Sunday 7 until Friday 19 August	1675,- p.p.

Youth work and the Award

Youth work De Schoor from Almere and the asylum seekers centrum Weert (AZC Weert) are now offering the Award program. Due to the gifts from KANS foundation (the former Skan Foundation) and Janivo more young people can participate in the Award program. The Award is developing a special training for the volunteers from the AZC Weert. Working with refugees, in English, with a different cultural background demands different skills than working with teenagers at a Dutch school.

ING The Netherlands foundation

Due to the many votes for the Award the ING, Tilburg region, presented our organization a cheque worth € 2000,-. Thank you for voting for the Award and the ING for the beautiful gift that we will use to help more young people achieve the Award.





Award in Friesland

The Marine Academy in Harlingen probably start to offer the Award program to students. The Award training for new Leaders in Joure is planned for Saturday, May the 21st. To participate in the training, you can contact pascal.cup@award.nl

Onderzoek door 2 studenten van Windesheim

Several Award leaders have been interviewed by Eva and Charelle, two students from pedagogic from the University of applied Science Windesheim. Thanks you! Central part of the interviews were the trainings for Award leaders and the way they work with participants. After making an analyses from the interviews the students will give us recommendations on how to improve the pedagogical quality of the Award.

Feedback

The Award also received feedback via a questionnaire during the national Award meeting. The questionnaire Can be found on the website. Please fill out the questionnaire if you hadn't done so yet. That way we can adapt our services to the demand. We greatly value your response.

Planning school year 2016-2017

At the calendar on the website we added several activities for the new school year. You can save the dates for the national Award conference on February 2, the national Golden Awards Ceremony on April 22, and a few other meetings for Award Leaders and Expedition Assessors.

Good luck with all the Award activities and we hope you enjoy the preparations of the Expeditions! Please contact us if you have any questions about materials, criteria or other things!