



UWC BELGIUM NEWS

Polar explorer Alain Hubert to speak at UWC Belgium sustainability event

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Internationally renowned polar explorer, Alain Hubert, will be the keynote speaker at a major UWC Belgium fundraising event to be held in Brussels on 3 October.

At this exclusive gathering, Mr. Hubert will address one of the key questions of our time: 'Can education save our planet?'

UWC will host this evening jointly with the International Polar

Foundation, which is pioneering global awareness raising on major environmental themes.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE

° FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER
CULTURAL CENTRE UK-
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° 8 P.M.

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Key features of UWC:

- Unique education to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future
- Two years of quality studies leading to the International Baccalaureate
- Students actively participate in social services
- 12 Colleges worldwide, with students from 120 countries including Belgium
- Student selection based on personal merit and irrespective of race, religion, politics and the ability to pay
- New UWC Benelux College to open in Maastricht in 2009



Environmentalist Alain Hubert is the co-founder of the International Polar Foundation, which launched the world's first zero Antarctic station

UWC Benelux takes shape

Minister of State, Willy Claes, and the Governor of Limburg, Steve Stevaert, have joined the Advisory Board of the UWC Benelux, which is due to open in 2009. Other Belgian personalities are expected to follow suit.

The 13th UWC 'Benelux' is to be located in Maastricht. The latest College will

break new educational ground in terms of national government recognition of the UWC movement, with the Dutch government providing significant structural support. UWC Benelux is seen as a model for other educational establishments across the Euregion, including Liège and Limburg. This urban college will empha-

size student engagement in community services. The college will be integrated with two other international schools on one campus with one principal, accepting students aged between two and 18 years. It expects to have 200 UWC boarding students selected by UWC National Committees and on scholarships.

UWC Belgium presents new students 2008-10

5 Belgian students have been selected to attend a UWC College from 2008 to 2010. They were chosen after a comprehensive selection process from a pool of 45 talented candidates who presented themselves after UWC Belgium's annual call for applications.

These new students will study at UWC Colleges in Mostar (Bosnia), USA, Italy, Costa Rica and

India.

This new batch brings to 12 the total number of scholarships funded by UWC Belgium in 2008. This includes the Belgian students (2007-2009) who are about to start their second year at a UWC College, and the 3 participants in the UWC 2008 'Youth Leadership Summit' short course.



Elena Gillis, Wezembeek-Oppem

☞☞☞ UWC Costa Rica

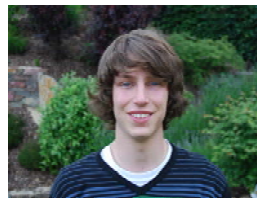
"...Having participated in the UWC Youth Leadership Summit in 2007, I am hugely enthusiastic about living the UWC experience for 2 years..."



Fanny Desvachez, Gouvy

☞☞☞ UWC India

"...I feel the need to enrich myself through the diversity of the world that surrounds me...I am concerned about the happiness of others ..."



Yannick Ballmann, Sankt Vith

☞☞☞ UWC Italy

"...I believe that after 2 years at UWC Italy, I will be even better placed to embody UWC's ideals of intercultural harmony..."



Mia Moiso, Brussels

☞☞☞ UWC USA

"...UWC emphasizes community services, humanitarian aid, sports and arts...I'm passionate about all these things..."



Sebastiaan Debrouwere, Gent

☞☞☞ UWC Bosnia-Herzegovina

"...UWC in Mostar, at the crossroads of cultures and religions, rebuilding itself after war, provides an ideal place to contribute to a better world..."

New Parents' group launched

UWC Belgium has nominated Marc-Paul Antoine and his wife, Alice, to head up its new 'Parents Group'. They are the parents of Charlotte, who is currently studying at the UWC College in USA.

This new function within UWC Belgium's Executive Committee is aimed at strengthening the engagement of, and communication with the parents of both current students and alumni.

The life-cycle of a UWC scholarship is divided into three main phases: pre-award; two years at a UWC College; and post-college. In each phase the parents of UWC students play a crucial role: they allow their children apply for a scholarship and pass the selection tests, they ensure that their child is optimally prepared to leave for their unique two-year college experience abroad, and subsequently they encourage the proud new IB graduates in their further educational and career choices in their life after UWC. By and large, this also applies to parents of participants in UWC's Short Courses.

In summary, the UWC experience is a **family business from A to Z**, a fact which UWC Belgium has recognised by formalising the parents role within its governance structure.

The Parents Group leaders' mission is to optimise all dealings between parents and the Belgian Committee. This covers many areas: from troubleshooting, to liaison between parents and colleges during their child's stay at a UWC College, to the provision of practical information to prospective students and their guardians, ...



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*Marc-Paul & Alice
Antoine*

This important task requires a long-term approach. Each UWC College has its own specificities and in the longer run, the combined experiences of parents will allow UWC Belgium to provide increasingly valuable guidance to the new generations of students and their guardians. Marc-Paul and Alice are therefore eager to tap into the collective experience of previous generations by creating a reusable pool of knowledge that will make the life of future parents and their children a lot easier.

Last but not least, in line with UWC Belgium's ambitious growth path, the Parents' Group will be helpful in encouraging parents to become generous donors to UWC Belgium's Scholarship Fund, after their child is back from College. Parents who are satisfied both with the quality of the experience gained by their child and the dedication and commitment of the UWC-Belgium organisation, are bound to become lifelong supporters of UWC Belgium.

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United World Colleges (UWC) is a global non-profit, equal opportunities organisation that provides intercultural learning programmes for young people around the world. It is the pioneer and best practice leader in the field of global education for peace and justice.

There are 12 United World Colleges located around the world, which each year accept new students to complete their final two years of secondary school. A new College, UWC Benelux, will open in Maastricht in September 2009. UWC also offers Short Courses during 2 weeks in summer.

UWC students enrol for the International Baccalaureate and are extensively engaged with extra-curricular activities such as social services, sustainable development, leadership, conflict prevention, sports and the arts.

UWC Belgium is the national representative body of UWC for Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels and the Ostkantons.

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