



UWC BELGIUM NEWS

2007 a bumper year for UWC Belgium - ambitious growth plans ahead

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UWC Belgium continues to expand its operations. In 2007, we have been able to sponsor a total of 10 students to attend either a UWC College or a UWC Short Course.

Following a rigorous selection process, **four** new Belgian students took to the skies in September to start their two years experience at a UWC college. These fortunate youngsters are:



Ludiwien Cooremans (UWC India)
Anouk de Fontaine (UWC Canada)
Sarah Boukari (UWC Costa Rica)
Charlotte Antoine (UWC USA).

They join the **three** Belgian students who are currently in their second year at a UWC College and **three** who attended a Summer Short Course in July.

Given its ambitious fundraising targets, UWC Belgium aims to increase these numbers significantly in the years ahead. The objective is to be able to fund **10** new scholarships each year as from 2010.

Our priorities for 2008

- Increase our visibility
- Be recognized as a thought leader in intercultural education
- Engage new partnerships and sponsors
- Continue to professionalise our operations
- Contribute to the success of the new UWC Benelux College
- Ultimately ...make the world a better place

New sponsors, generous alumni breed success

UWC Belgium is developing longer-term relationships with a new breed of **sponsors**, including corporations, foundations and private donors. They all see great value in UWC's education model as an example of 'social responsibility

' in action. UWC Belgium is extremely grateful for this support. We will be delighted to feature some of these new relationships in future editions of 'UWC Belgium News'. Our **alumni contributions** are also on the increase.

In summer, we launched the **W-Challenge** (Double You Challenge). Two UWC Belgium graduates generously pledged to double every financial contribution from alumni to the UWC Belgium scholarship fund.

UWC Belgium teams up with Polar Foundation

In true UWC spirit, dozens of our enthusiastic alumni helped make a great success of the public launch of the 'Princess Elisabeth Research Station Antarctica'.



This is the world's first zero-emissions Antarctic polar station, which is being constructed under the auspices of the International Polar Foundation.

UWC Belgium alumni roll up their sleeves at the Polar Foundation launch in October

There is a natural meeting of minds between the Polar Foundation and UWC, in relation to their objectives on education and action on sustainable development.

The launch event in Brussels attracted over 50.000 visitors.

Find out more on www.polarfoundation.org



New UWC Benelux College to open in 2009

UWC Belgium is working closely with UWC Netherlands to launch a new regional 'UWC Benelux' college in Maastricht in 2009. This inner-city campus will house 200 international students, including a

substantial contingent of Belgian and Dutch youngsters.

A core focus of UWC Maastricht will be its regional centre of expertise for community services, which will be run with and for the stu-

dents in partnership with numerous organisations across the Provinces of Limburg (Belgium and the Netherlands) and Liège.

More info on: www.uwcmaastricht.com

The College in Maastricht will introduce a regional centre of expertise for community services benefiting the whole Euregion Maas-Rijn

New website to help build new relationships

UWC Belgium will re-launch its new website in the New Year.

The new site will allow for improved communications with all of our partners. It will have a contemporary look and feel and allow for greater interactivity. Among

its new features are direct links to students blogs and an alumni work area.

You will be the first to hear as soon the new uwc.be goes online.

LE NOUVEAU UWC.BE ARRIVE EN 2008!



We take this opportunity to wish all our friends and partners *Best Season's Greetings!*

UWC Belgium student featured in school mag

UWC Belgium was showcased through a personalised story in the September 07 issue of the popular Flemish school magazine, Moks! This is an extract from Jana's diary ...



DAGBOEK

Groeten uit Mumbai!

Jana (17) begon deze maand aan haar tweede jaar op het Mahindra United World College (UWC) in Indië. Voor MOKS! blogt ze haar belevenissen in het verre Oosten.

"Wat heerlijk om mijn Indische vrienden terug te zien na twee maanden zomervakantie! De rit naar het college herinnert er mij aan dat ik mijn thuis enorm gemist heb. Het Indische verkeer (ik ben er nog steeds over verbast) dat ik nog maar één ongeval heb gezien, de staat van de wegen, het exotische warme regenweer en het ietwat harde Hindi waarin onze chauffeur converseert... Ze maken dit land zo bijzonder, maar tegelijk heel vertrouwd."

"Onze lessen starten altijd om 7u30 en eindigen om 14 uur. Afhankelijk van je uurrooster en de vakken die je neemt, krijg je tussenin een uurje of meer vrij. In de namiddag zijn er geen lessen meer, maar kan je deelnemen aan allerlei sportieve en culturele activiteiten. Sociaal werk telt hier ook mee voor je diploma. Ik verkoop eten en schrijfgerei in de studentenshop en onderhoud de begroeiing op onze campus. Elke week gaan we ook naar een centrum op een uur rijden van het college om er een namiddag te spelen met kinderen die hiv hebben."

"Door Indië reizen is een hele belevenis. Het lijkt alsof je elke 100 kilometer een totaal andere beschaving tegenkomt. Je ziet de verschillen tussen rijk en arm, tussen toerist en lokale bevolking. Stel je voor: een treinreis naar het Noorden duurt al gauw 28 uur! Je kunt je nergens wassen, je moet op je bagage letten en de toiletten, nu ja, daar moet ik waarschijnlijk geen tekeningen bij maken? Maar: "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger", toch?"

"Het leukste feest van het jaar is Holi, het kleurenfestival. We gooien dan gekleurd poeder op elkaar, wat gegarandeerd uitdraait op een stevig moddegevecht. Gelukkig vieren we Holi maar één keer per jaar, want we verspillen er enorme hoeveelheden water mee, die we in het droge seizoen beter kunnen gebruiken om het land te bevoelen."

"Tijdens dat ene jaar in Indië ben ik al enorm gegroeid als mens. Je leert hier écht voor jezelf zorgen. Want als je reist, is er niemand die naar je omkijkt of je zegt waar je kan overmachten of eten kan kopen. Bovendien leer je hier veel nieuwe vrienden kennen. Aan mijn ex-klassgenoten te zien, vergaat die band nooit."

xxx Jana

MEER INFO OVER DE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES VIND JE OP WWW.UWC.BE

Op zoek naar de juiste informatie over studeren en werken in het buitenland? Of over projecten in het buitenland? Ga op zaterdag 6 oktober naar de GO STRANGE jongerenmarkt. Geen rijen staande, wel een pak eren stuurplaat die jou lange thematische slides sturen. Daarnaast zijn er optredens van o.a. Mijow en Nova Zomba. Meer info op www.gostrange.be

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Jana is one of two Belgian youngsters currently studying at UWC Mahindra in India thanks to a UWC Belgium scholarship

"The striking thing about the United World Colleges is that they embrace the entire world across all divides of race, history, culture, wealth, religion, economic status and political belief: they are unique and they are conscious of their responsibilities".

Nelson Mandela, UWC's Honorary President





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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. 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 and conflict prevention.

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

UWC Belgium meets African Development Bank

In October, Emmanuel d'Oultremont and Peter Verhille met with senior officials at the



The UWC Belgium delegation pictured here with Dr. Zeinab El Bakri, Vice President, and Etienne Porgo, Chief Education Advisor, at the African Development Bank

African Development Bank (ADB) in Tunis. The purpose of this fact-finding trip was to generate ADB support for UWC in Africa.

UWC is eager to expand its impact across Africa, both by establishing new colleges on the continent and increasing the number of scholarships for African students attending UWC colleges elsewhere. There is currently one UWC College in Africa, in Swa-

ziland.

ADB agrees that UWC can play a substantial part in helping African countries and regions meet their Millennium Development Goals in the field of education.

UWC Belgium is seeking to foster a comprehensive 'Africa initiative' to engage with numerous donor organisations (ADB, EU, World Bank, ...) to achieve this objective.