

After a lot of planning, dreams become reality. The same goes for our Wageningen Open, Lunchlectures and all of our weekly meetings... **Are you ready?!**

## Activities

### Wageningen Open



On Saturday June 6th 2015 the first Wageningen Open debating tournament will be organised. Wageningen Debating and the Wageningen University are excited to welcome up to 44 teams from all parts of the country for a one-day debating tournament in English. Registration has been opened at [our website](#).

For those who want to get to know debating, it is the perfect opportunity. Between the beginning of March and the tournament we will organise three evenings of training to introduce you into debating and the format. Also you can take part in the practice debates of Wageningen Debating members. At the end you are well-prepared and you participate in your first international tournament. Costs are only the registration fee for the tournament: 20 euros per person. You can subscribe for the course (dates to be decided) as an individual, subscription for the tournament is only possible as a team of two. For more (practical) information, check [our event](#).

### Lunchlecture; Ik Luister je Groot voor leiders (in-spe) (Dutch activity)

Leer je studenten/professoren/collega's/partner om je vinger winden en je persoonlijke en zakelijke gunfactor fors verhogen

**Woensdagmiddag 25 februari 2015 I 12.30-13.30 uur I @ Impulse I Gratis**

Uitmuntende studenten, excellente leiders en succesvolle ondernemers zijn in staat om op meerdere niveaus te luisteren. Zij kunnen tegelijkertijd luisteren naar zichzelf én de ander en zijn ook in staat anderen 'groot te luisteren'. Dat wil zeggen: zodanig naar anderen te luisteren dat zij gaan stralen en excelleren.

Door gerichte oefeningen en vanuit de 'Theorie U' van Otto Scharmer geven we je tijdens deze lunchlecture inzicht in verschillende manieren van luisteren en behandelen we technieken om je gesprekspartners en relaties beter te verstaan en begrijpen. Je leert hoe je voorkomt dat jouw aannames en oordelen je in de weg zitten. Je leert effectieve gesprekstechnieken om gericht door te vragen zodat anderen je meer willen vertellen. En je leert tussen de regels door te luisteren naar de bedoelingen, zorgen en wensen van je gesprekspartner. Aan het eind van de lunchlecture heb je meer helderheid, energie en vreugde in gesprekken, meer waardering en erkenning van je (gespreks)partner(s). Met meer rust en prettige relaties tot gevolg.

**Want of je nu student, debater, professor, consultant, coach, mediator, ondernemer, manager of politicus (in-spe) bent: goed luisteren is de basis van je vak!**

De lunchlecture wordt verzorgd door Petra Hiemstra, directeur van de Haagse Hoogvliegers. Een organisatie die net zo lang naar haar cliënten en relaties luistert totdat zij stralen en excelleren. Petra zelf is een echte 'Giving Backer' die graag mensen) die, ambitieus en maatschappelijk betrokken zijn, ontmoet (en verbind).

Heb je interesse? Stuur dan een mail naar [wageningendebating@gmail.com](mailto:wageningendebating@gmail.com). Meer informatie is te vinden op [het event](#) en ons [website](#)

### Upcoming Tournaments

February 14: Bonapartiaans Debattoernooi (NL) in Amsterdam –AP

February 28: Leiden Open– BP

March 6-8: Budapest Open –BP

March 14: Debattoernooi Utrecht

March 14: NK beleidsdebatteren (NL) in Eindhoven- AP

April 11: NK debatteren (NL) in Nijmegen-BP

April 18-19: Maastricht Open-BP

**June 6: Wageningen Open- BP**

### Agenda– What's happening?

The fun in Debating February 12

Weekly Training: February 19

Debate topics

Lunchlecture: Ik luister je groot (NL) February 25

Weekly training: February 26

Practice Debate

Lunchlecture April 01

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## News

### Brabant Debattoernooi (report)

On Saturday 31/01, 40 teams competed in the Brabant Debate tournament in a cosy bar in Breda. Our board members Nathania and Lara competed in this tournament, not with but against each other. Our chairman Teun and our member Jelske were also present as members of the jury.

Nathania and her partner Jerry Helmers from De Nederlandse debatclub (The Dutch debate club), managed to conquer the 4th place in the tournament while Lara and her partner Diderick finished at the 5th place. Even though Nathania and her partner did not made it past the semi finals, 4th place is a great achievement for which we are proud.

It was during this tournament that Lara received her trophy for the Cicero Award which she won for her efforts to connect young and old professionals and therefore creating a new, positive, dimension within the debating world in The Netherlands. The heavy trophy and beautiful flowers accompanied us afterwards during a nice dinner with members of De Nederlandse Debatclub.



**All by all it was a great, amusing day were we all got to learn a lot while enjoying the company of other debaters. We already look forward for next year!**

### Join us on Thursdays

Every week you get the chance to improve a skill in the field of debating that could help you think critically, improve your argumentation skills, your abilities to present your thoughts clearly and much more!

In February we will focus on both the fun and the serious. Our training on 12/02 will use funny games and activities to learn you debating skills. And on 19/02 and 26/02 you will get the chance to put these skills in practice by analysing debate topics and participating in a practice debate.

You can find us every Thursday in Impulse (WUR building 115) from 19.30 to 21.00. After our trainings we might spontaneously decide to go for a drink to prolong the fun but of course, no strings attached ;) . You can join us some times before deciding if you would like to become a member, we promise you would love it; The floor is yours!

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