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A word

From the head coach



Once a year, national teams from all over the world gather to compete for the title of world champion at the World Schools Debate Championship (WSDC). Students from DSDC have trained for years at DSDC get a chance to compete. After a competitive selection, 5 very talented have been selected to represent The Netherlands this year. It a true joy to coach these talented, hardworking and motivated students.

Linsey Keur

Head coach of team NL 2024

WSDC 2024

World schools debate

In world school debates, teams of three students face each other on opposite sides of the motion. In speeches of eight minutes, they have to convince the impartial jury of their side. Speakers are expected to think about the content, strategy, and style in their monologue.

The tournament

Since 1988, debaters worldwide have competed for the title of World Champion. They debate in eight preliminary rounds and numerous out rounds on the most pressing issues of their time. The event promotes not only public speaking but also international cooperation and cultural exchange. Every year, a cultural night is organized, and the host nation is expected to showcase their localities.

Belgrade

The bid for the championships was won by Serbia this year, meaning debaters from around the world will be travelling to Belgrade this year. With an ambitious bid and an experienced organizing committee, the tournament is expected to be a big success. With almost 80 countries signing up, this year promises to be the biggest tournament yet.



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Roos Zijlstra

"Debate embodies the essence of societal discourse where diverse views collide. It cultivates the invaluable skills of compromise. Which to me, is essential for navigating the complexities of coexistence as it broadens one's viewpoint and thus fosters a climate of empathy."



Thom Lolkema

"Debate is an exercise in understanding. In an ever more polarized world, being able to understand and respond to diverging points of view is essential. Disagreement is not hostile, but ignorement is. I am grateful that debate taught me to be understanding."

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Mirtha van Dijk

"In a debate, answering the question 'why?' is essential to convince the judges. Why do many people still believe climate change is not real? Why is democracy something we value in our society? I think in real life, this is just as important: often, discussions are full of fallacies and assertions. This is why I am convinced debating is a valuable skill for anyone."



Matija Barbul

"As people, I believe we have a duty to ourselves and our environment to be aware of the factors driving our decisions. Debate is all about the reasons we choose to do things and the ways we convince others to do things. It has been an invaluable tool for allowing me to see and overcome biases in my own thinking but also identify the best choices to make."

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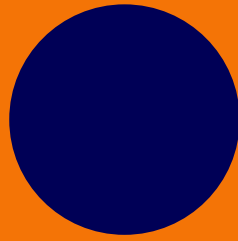
Oliver Kok

"Debate has given me the ability to navigate the shades of gray in a world often obscured by black and white thinking."

The selection of the team

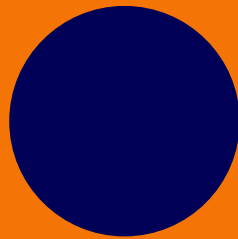
Team Netherlands is selected from the national debate squad. Two times a year, DSDC hosts open days and invites the best students to join the training track. Often for several years, students get training from alumni and professionals. They also participate in international tournaments, where they get to perfect their debate skills. The best students at DSDC enter the selection process for the national team, in which the coaches select the team.

Sponsorship: Why?



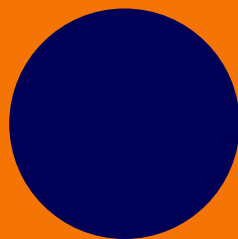
Sponsor young public speakers and critical thinkers

The future of your company depends on young talent like the Dutch national debate team working on their professional skills. The people you need on the long term need your help now.



Promote the Dutch knowledge economy

The team flies the Dutch flag at major tournaments, representing the Netherlands. As a country founded on the principles of public debate, the importance our debaters doing well is of the utmost importance.



Reward academic excellence

Becoming part of the Dutch debate team requires dedication and courage. As a sponsor, you reward these students for their commitment and show the world where grit gets you.

Sponsorship: What?



€4000

Registration fees for WSDC 2024

These fees cover participation in and accommodation for the duration of WSDC 2024 in Belgrade.



€3000

Travel costs to and from Belgrade

The amount includes travel to and from Belgrade for the debaters, as well as the accompanying coaches.



€3500

Preparation tournaments

The team is planning on participating in real life tournaments in Prague and Copenhagen, and online tournaments organized by organizations throughout the world. The amount includes travel to and from these tournaments as well as registration and accommodation costs.

Sponsorship: How?

Supporter

From €100

Support the Dutch team at WSDC 2024

Status of supporter on the website and in written materials

Sponsor

From €1000

Support the Dutch team at WSDC 2024

Visibility of your logo in published materials and on the team sweater

Contribution of the team and coaches to promotion regarding the sponsorship

Opportunity to sponsor promotional materials for culture night

Partner

From €2500

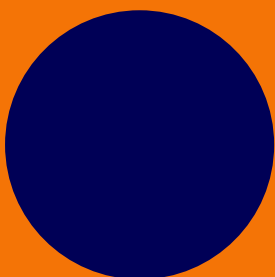
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Opportunity to contribute to and speak at the fundraiser



Questions? Schedule a call with the (coaching) team or have your questions answered through dutchschools@gmail.com.