

YOUCEE 2024

“FREEDOM TELLS”

PROGRAMME

16-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Arnhem | Ede | Oosterbeek | Driel



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Location

Akoesticum Ede (National Training Centre for Performing)

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Foreword

September 2024 will mark eighty years since the Battle of Arnhem took place. This month, this will be commemorated extensively in Arnhem, Ede, Oosterbeek and Driel.

The “Battle” was part of the Allied liberation offensive Operation Market Garden in 1944. But due to the unexpectedly strong German resistance, the Allies were unable to capture the Rhine bridge in Arnhem.

The Arnhem region was left devastated, was largely forcibly evacuated and the Netherlands north of the major rivers had to endure a very harsh winter.

Mr G.J. (Fred) de Graaf L.L.M.
Chairman Youcee



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Introduction

“Freedom Tells” is the annual theme for 2024. It is the prelude to 80 years of freedom and forms a common thread through all commemorations, celebrations and other activities related to wars.

The Youcee conference is aimed at young people aged 15 -18 with the aim of:

COMMEMORATE | APPRECIATE EXPERIENCE

Youcee was founded according to the wish of WWII veterans to involve young people from home and abroad in keeping the lessons of the WWII alive by:

- Stimulating awareness about the trouble spots in the world
- Emphasising the meaning of commemorating, realising and experiencing
- Introduction to other cultures
- Keeping the memory of the Battle of Arnhem alive



Introduction continued

YOUCEE uses The Battle of Arnhem as a starting point to discuss war, peace, justice and international collaboration, so that young people do not repeat the mistakes of history, but focus their energy on friendship and tolerance.



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Participating schools

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Day 1 Monday September 16 2024

"Reception of foreign participants"

Reception of the foreign delegations in the Akoesticum, Nieuwe Kazernelaan 2-D42 Ede. The delegations consist of two teachers and four students.

Planning

17.00 Arrival of foreign participants and check-in

19.00 Dinner buffet



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Day 2 Tuesday September 17 2024

"Introduction and opening"

The Dutch delegations will be received between 09.00 and 10.00. After the reception, the students introduce themselves through a presentation. To promote further integration, sports activities are scheduled for the afternoon. The opening of Youcee is scheduled for the evening.

Planning

- 08.00 Breakfast foreign delegations
- 09.00 Arrival Dutch schools
- 10.00 Welcoming word by the chairman
- 10.15 Introduction
- 12.00 Lunch buffet
- 13.30 Sports moment at the Oranje Barracks
- 16.00 Rehearsal "The Dream"
- 18.00 Diner buffet
- 19.30 Reception of guests
- 20.00 Opening Youcee 2024 (see programme)
- 21.30 Talk afterwords in the "Straat" of the Akoesticum
- 22.00 Closing



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Day 3 Wednesday September 18 2024

"Dialogue"

The consequences of WWII with the many casualties of both the Allies and the occupying forces are not only the history of 80 years ago, we also discuss contemporary conflicts in a dialogue, guided by the theme "Freedom Tells". To provide the ingredients for this dialogue, a visit will be made to the German War Cemetery in Ysselsteyn Venray and the Canadian cemetery in Groesbeek.

Planning

- 07.30 Breakfast buffet
- 10.00 Visit to the German War Cemetery in Ysselsteyn, including lunch buffet
- 14.00 Visit to the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek
- 16.00 "Dialogue" about war and peace
- 19.00 Dinner buffet
- 20.00 Time to relax



Day 4 Thursday September 19 2024 "Veterans"

This day we are working together with the Dutch Veterans Institute in Doorn. With the cooperation of veterans from missions after WWII, this day will be filled with the theme "Freedom Tells".

Planning

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet
- 09.00 Plenary start of the day
 - Presentation of the day programme
 - Introduction veterans
- 09.30 Speed dates with veterans, part 1 (2x30 minutes)
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Speed dates with veterans, part 2 (2x30 minutes)
- 12.00 Lunch buffet
- 12.34 In-depth workshops "What Decision Would You Make"
- 14.15 Sporting/collaboration assignment
- 16.00 Plenary conclusion
- 19.00 Diner buffet
- 20.00 Film night



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Day 5 Friday September 20 2024

Experience | Appreciate | Commemorate"

We start this day with a visit to the Westerbouwing in Oosterbeek, followed by a visit to the White Ribbon Mile and the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek. For lunch, we are welcomed by the mayor of Renkum, Agnes Schaap. The students will participate in the Airborne Commemoration on the Airborne Square in Arnhem.

Planning

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet
- 09.30 Meeting with an eyewitness, David Locke, at the Westerbouwing in Oosterbeek
- 10.30 Symbolic walk along the White Ribbon Mile through the floodplains near the Old Church in Oosterbeek
- 11.30 Perimeter walk, via Weverstraat, Tafelberg and Schoonoord to the town hall in Oosterbeek
- 12.30 Reception by the mayor of Renkum with a lunch buffet
- 13.45 Reception at the Airborne Museum. Preceded by a group photo on the stairs in front of the museum
- 16.00 Time for shopping in Arnhem including dinner at McDonalds
- 18.30 Airborne commemoration at the Airborne Square in Arnhem, after which a free evening



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Day 6 Saturday September 21 2024

"Commemorate, Appreciate and Experience"

This day is all about the Airborne commemoration and wreath laying at the monument on the Ginkelse Heide. Before the commemorations, hundreds of paratroopers will land on the Ginkelse Heide. This will be followed by the Airborne commemoration at the Driel-Poland monument in Driel. In the evening, there will be a closing dinner and participation certificates will be awarded.

Planning

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet
- 10.00 Airborne commemoration on the Ginkelse Heide, preceded by the airborne landings of hundreds of paratroopers from different countries
- 12.00 Packed lunch on the Ginkelse Heide
- 14.30 Airborne commemoration at the Poland Monument in Driel
- 19.00 BBQ and presentation of certificates



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Day 7 Sunday September 22 2024
"Commemorate"

The conference ends with the Airborne commemoration at the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek.

Planning

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet
- 09.00 Packing and cleaning up
- 11.30 Airborne commemoration and laying of flowers at the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek
- 13.00 Packed lunch near the tent of The Arnhem Fellowship and joint conclusion of Youcee 2024
- 14.00 Closing Youcee 2024 conference

