

ISC24

International Students' Conference April 2024 organised by the Youth Section in collaboration with the Waldorf SV

The International Students' Conference brings together high school students from around the world for a five day program to dive deeper into a present theme.

The conference is organised by the Youth Section at the Goetheanum in collaboration with the board of the students' representatives of Waldorf school in Germany, the Waldorf SV as well as other students from around the world.

"At the same time as nature is rising and blossoming around us, the International Students' Conference 2024 team started this March to bring the upcoming conference into reality. The ISC24 is an idea that brings us, a team of people of different age and from different places in the world, together and gives us strength to organize the youth event next year at the Goetheanum!

After the last International Students' Conference of the Youth Section in 2021, which was streamed digitally and which dealt with the theme of TRUST, the next conference, which will take place in April 2024, will be an event that invites young people from all over the world to the Goetheanum. Its topic will be equally inspiring.

The first meeting of the team from 17 to 19 March was already a wonderful, hope-giving and empowering experience that leaves us with a lot of strength and will to get going.

What is present in our lives? A question we asked ourselves during the first team meeting for the ISC24. Spending this weekend together as a group, we got to know each other. We cooked and ate together, played volleyball, sang and worked on creating a theme. I felt us set in motion. Starting our first day, we spoke in little groups about what lives in our hearts, what happens in and around us, and how do these interact? To create a visual image of what we had talked about, we put our words together on a chalkboard. Some frequent topics jumped out and using lines we connected the dots.

Looking back, and forward, there is an image I have of the mountains where ice starts melting into water and flowing into different paths. Plants begin to bloom, animals wake up. The cycle of the year bringing rebirth.

Where will this water move us, and who are we along the way?

It is something I carry with me, and hope to see carried through the conference and into the world.

Warmly, The ISC24 Team"

Aster De Maeyer (Belgium) & Noël Norbron (Germany)

