



Invitation:

26 - 30 October 2025

Belgium

Dear Student

Dear Class Teacher

We warmly invite you and your class to the International Connect Conference 2025!

The Conference

From October 26 to 30, it's finally happening: Connect Conference will take place for the third time in Belgium. For five days, three hundred final-year high school students from all over the world will come together for a week full of connection, inspiration, lectures, workshops, exchange, new ideas, action, and culture. Connect Conference 2025 will be one big celebration. A celebration with substance!

The focus is on today's society, the challenges we face, and how we as individuals can make a positive and meaningful contribution to the world. Inspiring speakers and experts will share how they make a difference in their field and how they manage to create innovation. After the lectures, we will delve deeper into these topics through discussions and workshops. However, as participants, you will largely shape the conference yourselves. Through presentations, exhibitions, music, theater, and more, different cultures and individuals will have the chance to connect. We aim to create a space where we can not only connect with ourselves but also more broadly: with each other and the whole world.

Bring your greatest passion!

Vision

After the final year of high school, a lot changes. For the first time, young people are truly confronted with their own life choices. It is no longer the parents or the school that take responsibility for these choices; instead, it is up to the individual to shape their own life. This is a moment of freedom. That freedom brings important questions: How do I lead my own life? How do I contribute to society? How do we shape a society that is fair, social, sustainable, and good?

With Connect Conference, we want to talk about the future. That future is still open for the new generation. Our goal is to open the eyes of the participants and show them the possibilities for actively contributing to the future of the world. We believe that every individual plays a role in the structure that is society.

History

The history of Connect Conference dates back to 2003 when this gathering was first organized by the Youth Section at the Goetheanum in Dornach. In 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009, between five hundred and nine hundred students participated in a highly inspiring conference.

In 2015, a group of former participants took the initiative to organize Connect Conference in Belgium for the first time. A second Belgian edition followed in 2017. In 2018, the Connect Conference was held in Slovenia, and in 2019 in the Netherlands.

After a six-year break, the Connect Conference will once again take place in Belgium.

Practical information

- For whom: Every final-year high school student. (We encourage you to come with your entire class or at least with a group of students from the same school.)
- Where: Steiner School in Lier, Belgium
- When: **October 26 to 30, 2025**
- Registration: From March 17 to August 15, 2025. Your registration is final after payment of your participation fee.
- Participation Fee: We aim to make it possible for students from all over the world to participate. Therefore, we choose to keep the fee as low as possible and dependent on the country of origin: €290 for participants from Belgium and neighboring countries, €240 for other participants. If the price is an issue for you, do not hesitate to contact us. We will find a suitable solution together.

See you then?

We look forward to connecting with you!

The Connect Team 2025
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