



## CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE NEW DIVISION COUNCIL OF UWC MAASTRICHT

Dear parents / guardians and staff members,

The Head of College of UWC Maastricht and the MR's (medezeggenschapsraden = participation councils) of Joppenhof and Porta Mosana College are in the process of finishing of the foundation of (almost) independent MR's for UWC Maastricht Primary & Secondary.

Information on this matter was provided on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. On that same day there has been a presentation for parents about what 'medezeggenschap' in the Dutch school system means. There has also been a presentation for staff members. Candidates are invited to stand for election as from now. The election procedure for students will start in September to give new students a chance to run for the MR.

In the next few years, there will be important tasks for the MR. Our education system is still on the move and the coming years promise to be dynamic years: a new group of students will arrive, the MYP program has to be realized, organizing facilities and resources will probably be difficult until we finally can move to our designated campus. All of these issues are asking for a good and reasonable management and a policy, which takes into account the needs of parents, students and staff members. The UWC Division Councils will play a crucial role in this.

The structure of the new Division Councils will be as follows:

**For Secondary School:** 3 staff members, 2 parents and 1 student

**For Primary School:** 3 staff members and 3 parents from 3 areas

Preschool – SK, YRS1-3, YRS 4-6

Both Division Councils will have joint meetings on a regular basis. Both councils could decide to meet separately if needed about issues which only concern one of the two schools.

All members should be available to meet approximately once a month for 3 hours on a set day between 16:00 and 19:00 (after school hours) and are expected to work together and with management in a constructive way. Members are no longer required to be fluent in Dutch, since the new Division Council meetings will be conducted in English.

If you want to run for the Division Council, please send an email to [u.jongen@ism.portamosana.nl](mailto:u.jongen@ism.portamosana.nl).

On behalf of the Election Committee UWC Division Council Primary & Secondary  
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