



Newsletter

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European Honors Council launched

Welcome to the very first newsletter of the European Honors Council (EHC)! The EHC was officially launched on June 3, 2016, at the Conference 'Honours Futures' in Utrecht, the Netherlands. A photo impression of the launch can be found at the [EHC website](#). In this newsletter we present you events, materials and good practices to foster exchange in the honors community and beyond.

City as Text™:

On July 11th, the faculty institute City as Text Rotterdam 2016 starts. City as Text is an American course based on experiential learning. If performed with students, it forces them in a friendly way to open up their eyes for the city, its people, its happenings, events, social structure, etc. It helps them to escape the 'glassy stare' so to say. In Rotterdam we start with a group of 23 faculty members, 12 from the USA and 11 from the Netherlands. In a week, they will be pressured to experience the same things which they will ask of their students: experience the city and see how others experience something completely different while you were on the same spot. How come? What does that mean? For more information, please check:

<http://nchchonors.org/faculty-directors/honors-semesters-and-faculty-institutes/>

Brochure available

The brochure 'Honors in Europe: getting to work' with practical tips for honors educators and policy makers is now available on the EHC website. The brochure can freely be downloaded and is available in three languages:

-[English](#): Honors in Europe: getting to work

-[German](#): Honors in Europa: Die Arbeit beginnt

-[Dutch](#): Aan de slag met honors - Praktijklessen uit Europa

Free online journal Honors in Higher Education

The American-based organisation HERU (Honors Education at Research Universities) has published the inaugural issue of Honors in Higher Education. The editors say: 'Articles in this issue address a range of topics (e.g., curriculum, undergraduate research, community service) that are relevant to the basic goals of honors education: identifying and supporting the most motivated and talented students as they prepare not only for successful careers, but also for life-long learning and meaningful civic engagement.' The journal can be accessed at this link: <https://journals.psu.edu/heru/index>.

First meeting of honors coordinators and honors enthusiasts in Belgium - 19 September 2016

On Monday the 19th of September, the University of Antwerp is hosting a first networking event on the topic of honors & talent development at a higher education level in Belgium! This network event aims at bringing honors coordinators, support staff and interested people together, to learn from good practices, to form collaborations and especially to get to know each other. The launch of the European Honors Council formed an excellent motivation to get things moving forward in Belgium, with hopefully, many more events to come!

If you would like to know more about this event, please contact marleen.eyckmans@uantwerpen.be

Nordic Talent Conference, 22-23 September 2016

For those in the Nordic countries, a great opportunity to get inspired and meet new people is the Nordic Talent Conference held in Vasa (Finland) on 22-23 September 2016. Main conference language will be Swedish. More info can be found at: <https://nordisktalent.wordpress.com/2016/05/12/nordisk-talangkongferens-2016/>

NCHC conference, 12-15 October 2016

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), is the American organization which works on spreading, sharing and improving honors in the USA. It is a network which covers the whole country and has departments in all regions. Once a year, a nationwide but international conference is organized. This year the conference is in Seattle, October 12-15. Please check at: <http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/2016-annual-conference/> Part of the conference is one day City as Text 'experience' in the city of Seattle. On that day, about 600 students and faculty go into the city with a short assignment and return after a few hours to share their findings. Another standard part of the conference is 'beginning in Honors', a kind of large speeddating event with experienced honors faculty, staff or administrators to drain their knowledge or to discuss your own thoughts and trials. Two full days, from 8-18h, are available to visit all kinds of 45 minutes sessions in which they present a wide range of subjects concerning honors. The meaning of NCHC is also a platform in which the quality of honors is discussed and, voluntarily, measured according to specific standards of the so called 'Basic characteristics of a fully developed honors program'. There is many material available on their website, have a look!

Good practice of an EHC member

How to establish a community of your honors students at the early beginnings of an honors program? Include a special pre-semester class like the Honors Primetime at the University of Iowa! The Honors Primetime facilitates academic and personal connections with fellow students and university staff during a three-days' workshop and social events in august! Check it out yourself, visit [this website](#) for more information!

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