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# Overpaid volunteers / Underpaid employees?

Is it a gesture of WUR to overpay volunteers, or is it a sneaky way to underpay temporary employees? That is the question WUR's voluntary job agency 'WURkForce' should ask itself. And therefore, we are asking them...

For those of you that are not yet familiar with WURkForce: WURkForce is a glorified mailing list in which short time volunteering jobs are offered to Dutch students. Jobs can vary from giving information during an open day, to being part of a promo team for a couple of months, or to just being a plain parking guard at a random WUR event.

Technically, for all these jobs you shouldn't get paid; you are instead "compensated" with an untaxed lump sum. But, in practice, these compensations might look a whole lot like a paycheck. For example, for a day of WURk (11h - 19h) at an alumni event one may receive 60 euros, or 7.5 euros per hour.

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There is a fidgety problem with this wage: it is illegal. The maximum compensation for volunteers in the Netherlands is set to 5 euros per hour, while the Dutch minimum wage is around 10 euros per hour. Remarkably, WURkForce wages - in most cases - just fall in between.

According to Edwin Kelhout, the manager for Marketing at WUR and one of those responsible for the WURkForce mailing list, there is nothing illegal about WURkForce practices. He stresses that WURkForce is just offering voluntary jobs to students and students are not obliged to "anything whatsoever". "The compensation is more a service to the students and should definitely not be considered a wage". Moreover, he stresses "there's never an hourly wage to be found on the job list. The job can take longer or

not, but the compensation is fixed."

In a phone call with the Dutch tax authorities, we learn that they find the arrangement remarkable to say the least. "In order to justify a voluntary compensation of 60 euros per day, the volunteers should work at least 12 hours! Quite a lot for a volunteer!" Also, not specifying an hourly wage in the first place is no escape route. According to the authorities, hourly wages should, as a control, always be specified. There can be only two ways for WURkForce to operate legally: hiring actual employees on a minimum wage, or relying on volunteers but paying them appropriate compensation.

In response Edwin Kelhout again stresses that as far as he knows, there is nothing illegal about the current situation and that the situation is too complex to be judged upon in a single phone call with a tax officer. He does not foresee any changes in policy in the near future, but is open to suggestions to make WURkForce the most pleasant experience for anyone.

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And maybe he is right: you do need much more than one tax officer to figure out how you can underpay employees (or overpay volunteers). But the other question is: should it be something you really want to do?  **E.B.**

# The unquestioned domina

We are all involved in cleaning our student houses to a certain degree. The extent to which we care about the cleanliness and tidiness of our living space varies. This difference is rooted in our personality and influences our perspective on the world, or on our student house. In psychology this trait is called 'orderliness', which is part of the well-established big five personality model.

Anyways, we are all familiar with this intuitively, like we feel the tension in the kitchen when your tidy-the-pidy housemate is cleaning your dishes again. Or **when your sloppy-the-poppy housemate has dumped his/her dishes again in the overflowing greasy organic soup in the sink.** It is the difference in orderliness that leads to this tension. What seems to happen in situations with people that have high differences in orderliness, is that the more cleanly people feel irritated towards the less cleanly inhabitants. Irritation that builds up, with every little pesto spoon, unrefrigerated cheese, spilled coffee drop and no-lid lemonade bottle. Sooner or later Mr. or Mrs. cleanly head will come to terms with his/her fellow benevolent housemate(s). Unleashing the built up frustration, to set things right. This

overwhelms our chaos creatures as they are accused for their crimes. They also feel emotionally that things should be set right, giving in to increasing their effort in cleaning and tidying the shared living areas. **It is in this moment that the balance of power shifts towards the inhabitants with higher degrees of orderliness. With the new common subconsciously realized rule 'cleaner is better'.**

This dominance of the orderly is holding itself in place through time as the messy people cannot sustain structured energy draining cleaning chores, day in day out. Putting them always behind the orderly, who are able to get more cleaning done,

while increasing their energy from doing the tasks. Even if a hard working chaotic is able to come close to the level of cleaning of an orderly, the cleaning rules will be sharpened as soon as the orderly sees the potential to have an even cleaner living situation, putting the chaotic a step behind again. But what are the costs of this domination? This is certainly not questioned by the orderly. 'Cleaner is better' is as far as they are concerned the ultimate mantra, leading to the omnipresent bleach goddess of righteousness. But how about the downsides? Let's focus on creativity and freedom of action. Creativity comes out of chaos. From unexplored infinite potential. Creative people need creativity to live. It is their fuel. As the household increasingly focuses on cleanliness and tidiness, the focus on creativity decreases and the environment becomes less fertile for creative endeavor. Besides, there is simply less energy and time left for creative action. This situation steadily

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# ance of orderly cohabitants

kills a chaotic, unless he/she is able to escape, or even better, rebel against the powers that be.

Let's turn it around. **Imagine you had to paint out an internal picture directly after dinner every day. Followed by forced mental engagement with experimental music for half an hour,** unable to leave the living room as you are tied up with the invisible rope of unquestioned power of chaos. And every Sunday is mess day, in which you have to make a mess as much as possible to generate inspiration as a result of the random occurring combinations of unrelated house items, such

as ketchup and electricity wires. **WITHOUT CLEANING afterwards.** And imagine that you are doing this not from an internal motivation but as a result of an emotional incident, in which you were accused for your creative non-doing, which forced you

## Not every human being is creative, and cannot be

into submission to the chaotic power masters. Shocking, no?

There are at least two reasons why this chaos dominated scenario does not occur.

Firstly, there is no emotional reaction to another one's absence of creative effort, because there is no dependence on another ones action to be able to create by yourself. Secondly, it is understood that not every human being is creative, and cannot be. This second reason hints towards another less accepted insight, namely, not every human being is orderly, and cannot be. This is not understood deeply enough by orderly people. One way to understand this perspective is to exaggerate your own orderliness. 🍷 E.S.



# HOW: The Soup Lady

HUMANS OF WAGENINGEN

“My name is Josephine, I was born in Tanzania. I came to the Netherlands for the first time in June 1977 to visit friends from Arnhem I met in Tanzania. I was working in an institute for malaria research where I did an internship and through my group of friends, I met my husband, who is Dutch. We married 2 years later, in the Netherlands. Six months later we had a church ceremony in Tanzania. My husband and I worked and traveled a lot together in Africa. Soon after we got married, our first child was born. The second one came soon after, so they were practically twins. We came back to Wageningen when they were eight and seven, because my husband wanted to be self-employed in the IT sector. We lived in Wageningen until the fourth child was born. Then we moved to Renkum to a bigger, older house from 1872, because Renkum was cheaper in those days. The house had a big garden and I love gardening. In the 70s and 80s, there were no big supermarkets. You had to eat what the market or the grocer offered. I still know exactly the day that changed. It was 1981 and I went to the grocer and there were white mushrooms. White mushrooms! It is sad how much you can buy these days. Before, all that was offered were vegetables and fruit from the Netherlands. A few years later, you could buy fruit from Brazil and there were oranges and bananas all year long. I think that when you want those fruits, you go to Brazil!”

“My profession is not a cook. I just love cooking. Being a cook is extremely difficult, you either have to be exceptionally good or be very rich to own your own restaurant. My son wanted to be a cook and he used to help me with the catering (working from home). I wanted to help him to start his own business, so in the process in looking for something to rent for that purpose. His girlfriend became pregnant.

He was advised to work for his father in the IT business to earn a living. Being a grandmother, you are expected to babysit. Between the two sets of my kids, there is a 10 year gap, so I had been mothering my whole adult life. I wanted something else, so I decided to keep on looking for a venue. If you think about it, I would not be doing this if there was no first grandchild. I never regretted my decisions and my children had nothing to say about it, they support me. I invested in it myself and all I wanted was to make food. Sometimes it's hard not being available to my kids. I have little time for my children when they need me. This kitchen, this restaurant, it is my baby. When I am cooking, I am happy. Maybe I will continue for 2 more years and then stop to travel, to go to my daughter in LA and London be a proper grandma, who knows!”🌱



# Why **the board did not receive the indigenous people of the amazon**

**The 31st of October, a delegation representing the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB) strived to make change during their visit to the Wageningen Campus. While previously being welcomed by Pope Francis and French president Emmanuel Macron, Wageningen University gave a slightly colder welcome; the board acted as if not at home. In this open letter, Sarunas Jomantas asks “how big of a statement is not giving a statement?”.**

I have had the opportunity to witness first-hand the distressing effects of the market and human induced encroachment on the lands of the Indigenous groups of the Eastern Amazon. Illegal logging, poaching, trespassing by farmers onto native lands to graze cattle and dispossession of land for agricultural activities has often left the Indigenous tribes in very unwelcoming circumstances. While the drastic changes to adjust to such threats have now become normalized in their day to day lives, the majority of foreign supporters prefer to retain a mystified view that native people still live in an untouched bliss somewhere deep in the jungle. Subjected to large infrastructure developments geared to supply mined and agricultural produce to ex-

port markets, very much including the EU, has left native people with no other choice than to deal with these battles on their own. In these faraway places, confrontations with hostile trespassers have increasingly multiplied, often leading to their unjust deaths – quite the opposite to the still fantasized lifestyle in the gardens of Eden.

Continuously considered as the guardians of nature, the colossal burden to fight back has become almost axiomatic to their existence. This means that majority of observers somehow accept the fact that it is the task of the Indigenous peoples to withstand global pressures onto native and still forested territories. Furthermore so, it is assumed that native people are somehow drawing actual

enjoyment from enacting such a precarious role of being forest guardians. To prove this to be outright false has been part of the dispatch that the recent visit by the delegation representing the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB) strived to make during their visit to the Wageningen Campus on the 31st of October.

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Having come share the romanticized realities of their struggle and to be heard, while also to seek alliances and support, it is my personal concern to assert a devious position that WUR appears to have decided to take in relation to this visit. The sheer lack and interest shown by the board, as representing body of the Wageningen University (WUR) just as much as the limited coverage done by the official University Magazine – the Resource, towards this visit, appears to have taken an unprecedented stance. This posture speaks of nothing but indifference towards the ongoing fight across rural landscapes of Brazil instigated against the traditional peoples.

**“What potential of nature is WUR finally exploring? To increase output per hectare?”**



Threatened back home and willing to speak out against these injustices, the Indigenous leaders representatives were previously received by the Catholic pope Francis as also the President Emanuel Macron of France, but surprisingly, found very little attention in WUR (or the Netherlands). Considering that the vice-mayor of the city of Wageningen – Lara de Brito – came to express the deep-felt responsibility and gave a strong message of support to the mission of the APIB delegation, how should we interpret the lack of representation from the WUR side? Could it be that importing so much soy makes the topic of native People politically too sensitive to handle in the Netherlands as also some of the research represented by WUR?

I will show that WUR academic board's decision not to prioritize the event showcases serious flaws in the higher organisational levels. This is why I decided to be a voice of the many concerned scholars and academics this insti-

tution should strive to represent. Above all – the passive stance of WUR can be seen as a sheer failure – it highlights that WUR priorities lie somewhere elsewhere. It can also be regarded as an incompetence – it is a missed opportunity to express actual sincere concern towards matters that simultaneously are praised as priority. In both ways, the absence of a unified voice from the research institution towards the APIB delegation shows a conscious choice. This expresses nothing but a lack of interest in being directly concerned with improving the quality of life of those who are marginalized and actually threatened.

Digressing from the original route across several European capitals and cities the APIB delegation decide to pay a visit to Wageningen as a surprise to many. This means two things. First of all it acknowledges WUR as a place that prevails and acts on a global scale. Secondly, it meant that the meeting had to be scheduled rather quick-

ly, and on a short notice of only two weeks. Representing the delegation and facilitating the events in the Netherlands, Greenpeace (GP) reached out to the Forest and Nature Policy Group (FNP) that together with the student-led Boerengroep hosted the event. The interaction was set to be on a debate level between the researchers, students, and the APIB delegation. Indigenous Peoples representatives had come partially to increase the awareness on the ongoing violations towards traditional people in Brazil, and particularly the role of end consumers played therein. The interaction with the students was to serve this purpose. At the same time their partial request was to increase and exert direct pressure upon the Dutch government, so that it seizes to import soy from Brazil, based on a capitalist plunder of natural resources, and the influence it plays in affecting native lands in Brazil. Is it not strange that WUR board would decide to withhold encouragement towards the in-

Indigenous leaders by not appearing or welcoming them officially during the event in Impulse?

Especially in the face of the current global outcry over increased environmental destitution across Brazil, is it not bizarre for any self-respecting and responsible institution to not prioritize backing those pressed with insurmountable pressures back

delegation in itself expresses more concerns with the business as usual, and that of business, as a matter of fact. At this point one is almost condemned to celebrate the fact that given such circumstances, the promotion Resource magazine of the WUR made an attempt to cover at least partially the event on the Campus. However, as welcoming of a fact this is – are we to be satisfied with a

absence of the board's representatives is connected to the cooperation of WUR with larger industries, their hands in palm oil, sugar, and soy? Without a doubt, supporting both the Indigenous people and the research required to enhance cheap commodities would prove quite hard. And unlike indigenous people, Monsanto did make it to WUR's official website ([wur.nl/en/article/Monsanto.htm](http://wur.nl/en/article/Monsanto.htm))

## **“When should one address the silence and lack of actions that themselves speak louder than words?”**

home? Or is it truly a lobbying stunt not to upset future investments and funding on Campus research by soy-related industries? Or are the orders coming from even higher up in the politics in relation to the MERCOSUR treaty (EU-South American trade agreement to be soon ratified)? We don't know yet, but we surely want to know why. Remaining in silence, indifference, and passivity, the board appears to express thereby an opinion that is similar to any larger corporation that chooses not to upset its investors by removing itself from the public debates on matters of high importance to the public. At the same time, then, shouldn't the WUR slogan “To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life” translate into direct action? What potential of nature is WUR finally exploring? To increase output per hectare? And whose quality of life is to be improved? Those of the top 1% and those who are already-in-the-have? Irrelevant of the causes, the lack of interest to take an affirmative action and a stance of support towards the Indigenous APIB

short paragraph, or to be critically challenging the standing status quo present across the WUR Campus? Considering how many pages are filled with pro-WUR articles, it feels that Resource fails to put the importance of the APIB visit into the perspective of the larger WUR research landscape. Ultimately, how come did this event slip right through the generally very present Wageningen communication department? Is it lack of space or rather lack of will?

Let's get some facts straight – the Indigenous leaders were here not to talk to 150 concerned students about ‘deforestation, land grabbing and human rights’. They were here to know how the pro agro-business research promoted by WUR, contributed to the agenda executed by President Bolsonaro which harms their day to day lives back in Brazil. It is unsettling that while the delegation was happily received by the Forest and Nature Policy Group, the WUR academic board chose to somehow distance itself from this very event. Could it be that the

“to work together and develop solutions to tackle some of the world's biggest challenges”. When those affected by respective ‘solutions’ come knocking at WUR's door, why does board decided to act as if not at home?

**Are we to find ourselves in a situation where it is the students who are expected to make all the difference, whereas the top fails to do so? When is it that enough becomes enough? When should one address the silence and lack of actions that themselves speak louder than words? Is it when reading behind the lines of “exploring the potential of nature” starts to sound rather like facilitating the barren and lifeless landscapes across native lands? Or is it when the possibility that rather than “improving the quality of life”, as is preached, the Indigenous people are potentially being denied the chance to persist?**

✎ S.J.

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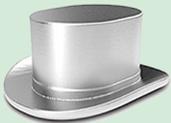
**CAMPUS PLAZA - VISION:**

There is too much architectural diversity in Wageningen. It would be better if everything would look like a cheap hostel, something like Campus Plaza!



**WAJO's - VISION:**

Everything was better in 1975, the peak of the WAJO community. It is time for a WAXIT! Let's bring back to good old days when Wageningen was ruled by true Wageningers!



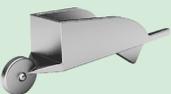
**TRUMP - VISION:**

Overtake Wageningen to manipulate climate change models to your liking. Also, more property is more better, right?



**WUR BOARD - VISION:**

Wageningen would be perfect for 75,000 students. Imagine how much money eerhm knowledge we would generate...



**PPAUW - VISION:**

What wageningen needs is an overhaul a la PPAUW: Below poverty level real estate for decreased C02 emissions, just like at home...

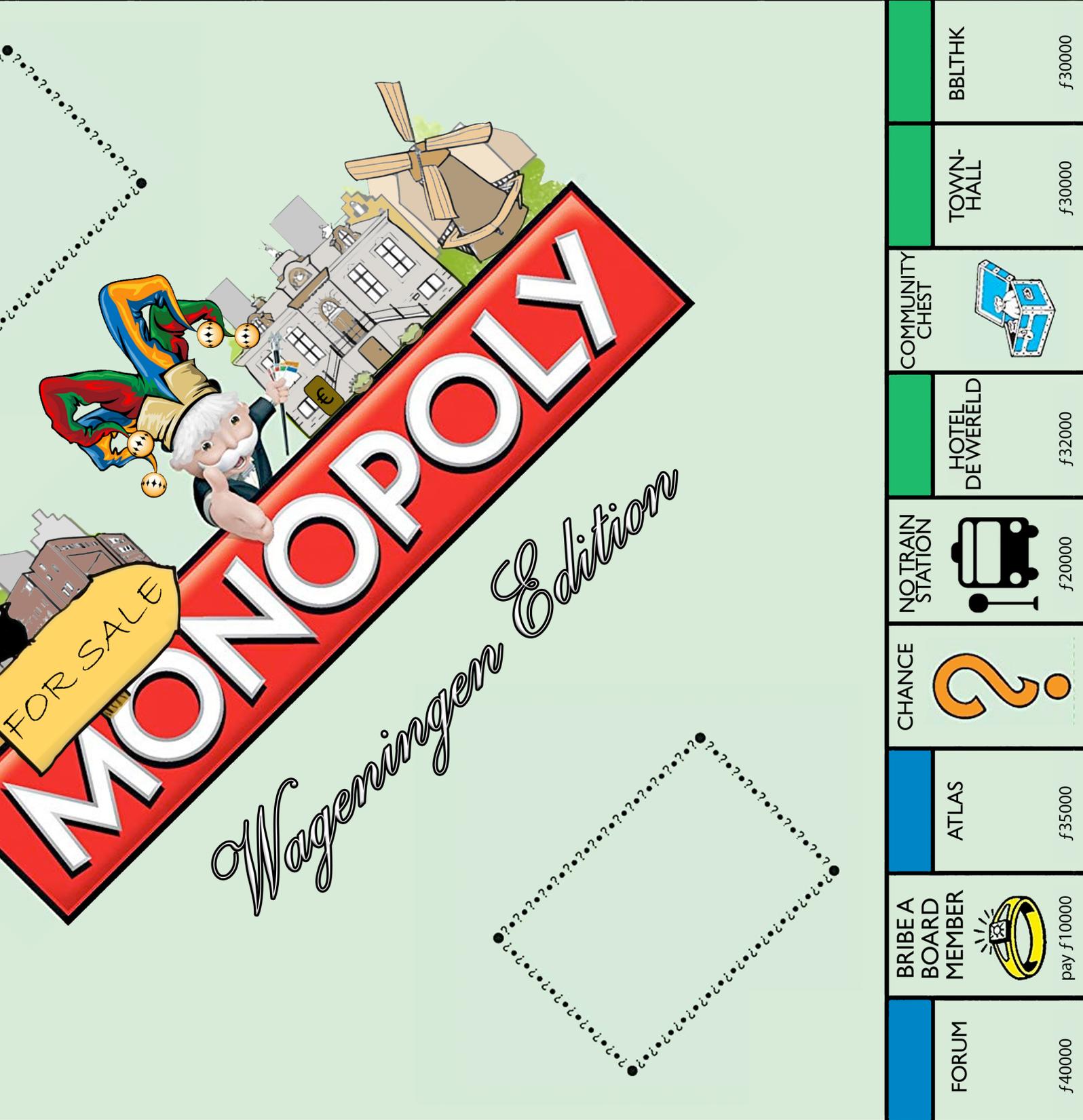


**MONSANTO/BAYER - VISION:**

Monopoly is our nature. Besides, Wageningen has some dangerous organic radicals, on whom we would like to try our new hydrogen bom...eehm pesticide.

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**MONOPOLY**  
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# Climate guilt

## a Trojan subconscious error

Climate change is here, whether you are into ice ages or global warming. It is a burden on mankind and the planet, like many burdens we face. Yet climate change is selected as the chosen one, to be our guilty pleasure. We are not taught anything else but expressing the world's activity in its estimated CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. We have obtained a world view that sees the very expressions of life as something life-degrading. It is true to the core, people feel guilty about having babies because their godly miracle will be a little CO<sub>2</sub> generator for 90+ years.

### Green people love guilt.

They claim that "it works". "When I feel guilty about enjoying my holidays that I had this year in South America, Pakistan and Antarctica, I know the climate gods respond and forgive me for the emitted CO<sub>2</sub>, you just feel that portion of CO<sub>2</sub> being removed from the atmosphere again." "It is because I travelled for my personal development that I was forgiven, not just for the enjoyment." "But no, I do not take the car during a blizzard, I rather freeze to death on the train station, praying for NS to come and save me with their wind energy."

The clichés... What is going on here? People seem to mix up reasoning, abstraction, emotions and self-entitlement. They blend it for five minutes at high speed and then pour the mixture into their subconscious mind, for the program to be executed. This program is portrayed

schematically below and explained afterwards. It might be a bit chewy if you are not into inner climate dynamics.

### The program consists of two cooperating systems: guilt generation and guilt release.

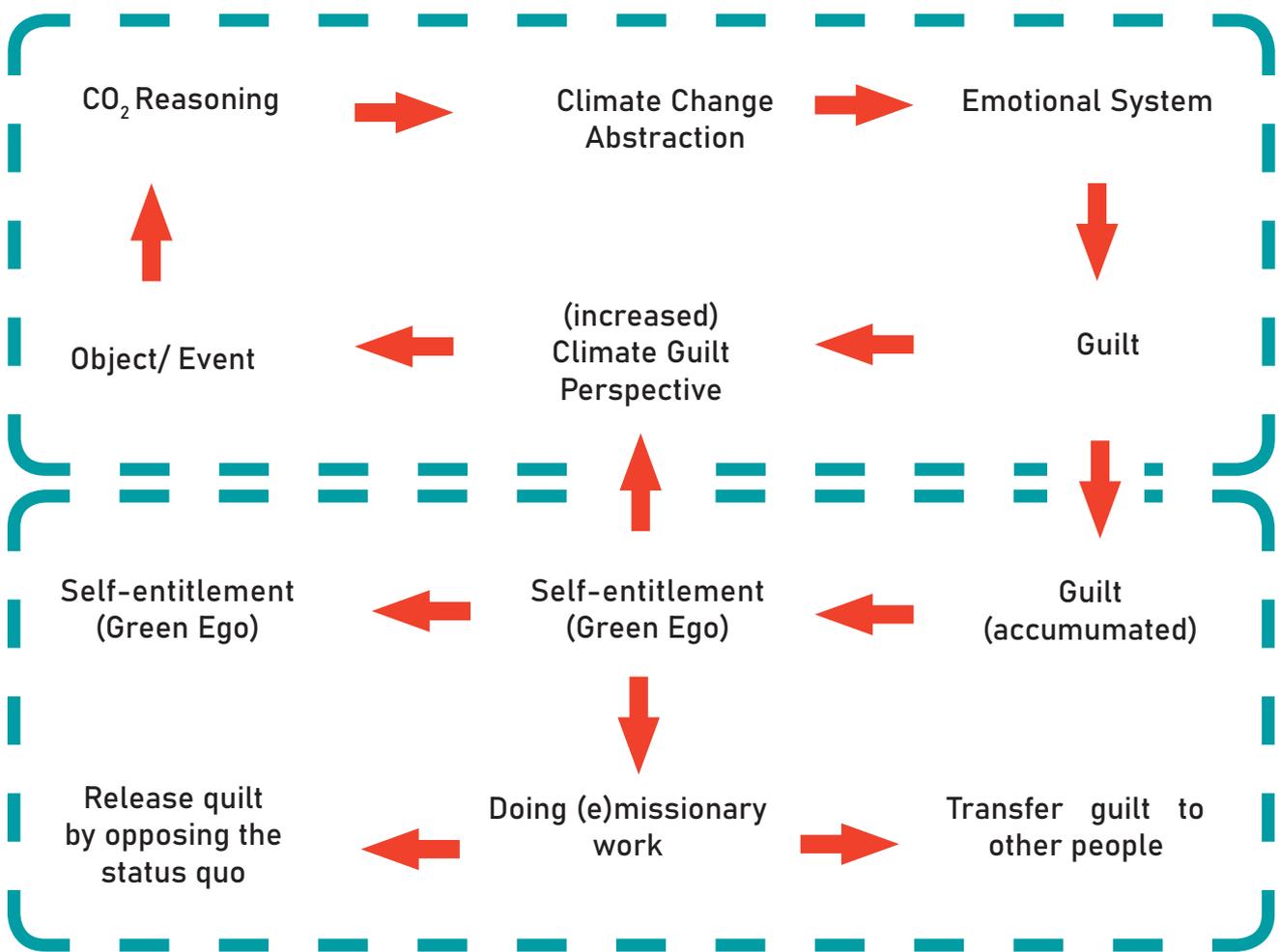
The level of generated guilt reflects the level of perceived climate burden that a person declares him or her to be accountable for. The amount of released guilt is perceived as the amount of work done to improve the climate situation. Note that this program is formed and executed in the subconscious, which is not based on rationality, but rather on emotions, symbolism, images and things of that nature.

The program starts somewhere in the guilt generation cycle. For example, an event happens, let's say you go by car to Amsterdam. You immediately think about the CO<sub>2</sub> you are going to emit. Next, you abstract this emitting of CO<sub>2</sub> to the level of

climate change. Then, you realize you are also responsible for climate change, and feed this thought and feeling of responsibility for global catastrophe into your emotional system. The rationally formed concept of climate change and the irrational emotional system (subconscious) are not compatible. The emotional system has no idea what climate change is. Yet it feels responsible for it, yet it can't solve it by itself, producing internally irresolvable guilt. Tada, this program loops, and its process has become nearly superconductive since the Paris Climate Agreement, producing all kinds of guilt.

The guilty person seeks for solvation of his/her unpleasant feelings, to make up for his/her unworthy existence. His/her climate guilt perception increases, and after numbers of guilt generation loops the level of accumulated climate guilt passes

## The climate Guilt Release System



a tipping point. The person evolves his/her ego into the green ego, entitling itself as 'green beaver of the first ray of the aurora beamers', which comes with highly valued powers. **Green beavers are described as being 'inspirational', 'possessing guru-like qualities', 'transformative' and 'a blessing to be in presence with'.**

The powers of green beavers - who are also named greébeé's or bean eaters - are guilt-release-based. The first

power they will find born inside themselves is the ability to dismiss guilt from emitted CO2 through the 'Idealistic Circuit'. Whenever involved in a CO2 releasing object or event that is seen as beneficial for the green ego's subjective ideals, its additional guilt can be dismissed. These ideals can be hidden under various emitting actions. Roasting chicken on coal can be done guilt free, in case 'the nurturing of the inner primal for optimization of the survival chakra' is idealized, for example. Another green

beaver mechanism of guilt release is through (e)missionary work, which aims to increase climate awareness (guilt) levels in others and subsequently initiate them to the beaver principle. Herein the green beaver transmits part of its climate guilt to its followers, to start up the climate guilt generation cycle within those new greenies. This creates the so called auroral snowball effect, in which the collective packs up more and more guilt mass. When the pursued critical guilt mass has been achieved, the

earth will be so guilt-heavy that its orbit will change, putting it further away from the sun, which will drop the average temperature by  $\sim 73^{\circ}\text{C}$ . "It might seem like a ridiculous temperature drop, but we just like to be on the safe side." Last but not least, the status quo, oil companies and politics can be opposed and rebelled against for some nice guilt discharge, even on-line on the go.

Anyways, green beavers aside, **guilt is not a magical emotion that removes CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.** Neither is it necessary or sustainable to use guilt as fuel for climate improving measures. Guilt is a duality enhancer. In the climate guilt perspective one divides the world into two opposites, climate-good and climate-bad, with people and its actions associated with

one of the sides. This creates a static 'us versus them' perspective, in which you can only understand and agree with your own point of view and limit yourself from truly understanding other perspectives. One also limits itself to solutions only found in the associated narrowed state of consciousness, excluding solutions found in alternative states. Besides, your ability to negotiate with more climate reluctant people and corporations will be less effective when you cannot relate to the person sitting opposite to you. They might think you are some kind of freak of beaverly origin.

A bottleneck in daring to let go of climate guilt is the feeling that you are letting go of caring about the world. But is this so? Wouldn't nature thrive more under joy and optimism? Perhaps you will

lose your status in the green scene, but the climate is not bothered with that. There is really no need to feel guilty. Only some changes are needed: don't feel guilty for emissions you are making anyhow, don't take responsibility for others who you cannot positively influence, and maybe don't over restrain yourself in your lifestyle. This will prevent you from becoming a green beaver, while not excessively impacting the climate negatively. If you happen to be a bean eater already, don't worry, the process is reversible. **Burning 10 liters of crude oil during a climate march usually does the trick. In order to make 'sustainability' a success we need those 'future generations', so let's honor babies and clean up the collective subconscious!**

🌱 E.S.



# Being a virgin forest in 2019

**Somewhere East, but not that East, stop at Eastern Europe, there is this, small, but still existing, community of virgin forests. This community has a unique set of rules. It is wild, it is peaceful. It is chaotic, but not too much, just enough. It supports inclusivity for sure. I mean you can be whatever you want. You can be a bear, a wolf, a bird, a human, a vampire. You can find your own pace. Yet, being a forest is not easy anymore. You are facing external pressure that might be too much even for you. So, what is it like to be a virgin forest in 2019?**

The place I am talking about is Romania (maybe the vampires gave me out). In 2019, the forests, especially the virgin forests in Romania are under threat. They are more and more disturbed. The illegal logging and bad management are raising concerns, despite the protection from Natura 2000 and the National Parks. The amount of forested areas is reduced by a rate of 3 ha a day. And with deforestation comes the disruption of natural habitats.

Even though there has been more attention on forests in the past years, the government does not come up with clear and serious long-term solutions and it is not protecting these unique ecosystems as it should. On the contrary it keeps exploiting them.

Let me give you an example. Sometimes, when you are walking in a mountain resort in the Romanian Carpathians, you are enjoying a beautiful day, the sun is shining and all of that. And then, suddenly, you might find yourself face to face with a bear on the street. That is not really a surprise anymore, but it is getting out of control,

as more and more cases of violent bears attacking people have been pointed out to the police. As the habitat of bears has been disturbed, they are coming to look for food in the cities. So, the solution that was adopted recently was to make bear hunt legal again. However, the core issue, the disruption of the forests, the home of the bears, is not getting fixed. Right now, the problem is being handled superficially, with a short-term effect.

On the bright side, forest activists all over Romania and beyond have been protesting at different camps in the Carpathians. They are taking more and more action, because they know that with climate change and biodiversity loss, these bad practices should not be ignored. We need to conserve what we have and to do that, we need to act.

So, what is it like to be a virgin forest in 2019? One can only imagine. You feel kind of lonely, as you are one of the last ones; and a bit nervous about your future, as right now it does not seem to be too bright. Even so, you are still going strong and you need people to be as rooted as you are. 🌲 S.F.

# Hip Fries

Before, fries were just fries, but since recently they are hip. Not just a snackbar, but an experience with a peel. Also in Wageningen, hip fries have four different sizes. Together with two Belgium experts and three other fry and a stampot, we rated the top fries places.

9/10

## Ambacht

We start our journey close to campus: Campus Plaza, home of the ugliest architecture, home of the most expensive supermarket and home of 'het Ambacht', possibly the best fries place in Wageningen. We sit down and order a huge portion of fries. This is our verdict. It is non-negotiable.

### TEXTURE:

BE 1: One of the defining indicators for a good fry is its texture: the way it breaks in your mouth. It should give a small crunch, followed by a soft gentle touch of potatoiness.

SL 1: : I prefer more oil and crunchy, a bit more salt, without the peel is better too!, Mac Donalds fries are nice... I don't like Alibaba, Alibaba are the worst fries.

RO 1: I also prefer mac Donalds fries

UA 1: not enough SALT! I don't like the texture,

IT 1: im Italian

### PEEL:

BE 2: Remarkable that they still have such a splendid peel, it's like an antique fry!

UA 1: yes, antique like they were baked 200 years ago, that's why they're cold now. Also where is the salt?

IT 2: MAMMA MIA, they're really good

IT 1: Wash your mouth with olive oil! You think THIS is good? It lacks texture like an overcooked pasta!

BE 1: They're perfect: not too salty, they're crunchy and soft in the middle just like a freshly baked turtle.

BE 2: Even the small ones are nice

### OVERALL GRADE:

BE, RO, UA, IT: Five! NOO! EIGHT! NINE! I'm Italian.

8.5/10

## Kruis

BE 1 admits she is hungry. "KRUIMIG?" she says. And at this place of the day. Snackbar. They are hip as f\*\*\*. Their sauce. They serve truffel mayonaisse and we eat it with little golden Kola...

The jury is not intimidated. Berg: a mountain of fries. An iconic geological formation. There we go:

### FRITZ KOLA:

BE 1: This is sooo hip

SL 1: Super hip

RO 1: Too freakin' hip

IT 1: I'm Italian and this is hip

### TEXTURE:

BE 2: The small fries are very daggers. Be sure not to get

UA 1: In some countries, fries are in other countries, women

car, so I guess you should

IT 2: CAZZO, It's crispy like

IT 1: Did you know the V meters high?

RO 1: Impressive, just like the

IT 1: Did you know that the 3776 meters long?

RO 1: I sure did not!

### OVERALL GRADE:

ALL: A balanced meal that forget to ask a napkin.

# Your Wageningen fries rated

By a new phenomenon has appeared: hip fries. Fries that are... You can recognize hip fries by their skin: they still have... and their way to the counter. Where should you buy them?... amateurs that can't even tell the difference between a... places of Wageningen.

5/10

## Ali Baba

It is getting late, and the caffeine of the hip Kola starts to kick in. It is these moments, when our bodies are the very weakest and that, when you listen with the most attention, you can hear your stomach uttering just two words: "ALI BABA" it says.

Is Ali Baba a hip fry place? Do they offer a wholesome meal? Are these questions relevant when seas are rising, we are facing mass extinction and next year's Eurovision song festival is coming to Rotterdam? No.

So we go in. And we order fries. And we do not feel guilty, because at this hour, guilt does not exist anymore. And we enjoy. And we share. And we feel alive.

We feel that there's no point in judging, and would like to forget all the judging we have done. Let people judge themselves and their fries. And let us enjoy fries, whenever, wherever.

But then we did judge the fries. And we judged them to be a bit disgusting. Perfect for a night out, but nevertheless, not perfect for a high score in our rating system.

## Kruimig

...y still: "how about going to... off we go, to the second fries... r 'KRUI MIG' in the city centre... store looks like it's the Louvre... naise on little golden plates... den spoons. They serve Fritz

...ed. We order a Wageningse... that is not very unlike the... on that we all know so well.

hip

very crispy. They're like little... et stabbed.

ies this crispy are illegal. But... n are not allowed to drive a... make your own judgement... e an undercooked spaghetti... Wageningse mountain is 42

hese fries.  
e longest strand of pasta was

t fits any type of diet. Don't

# HOROSCOPE



**Sagittarius**

**November 22 - December 21**

Under the supervising radiation of the sun, you have come to peace within your inner self. You feel ready to affront whatever comes on your path. Be careful not to lose yourself in this rush of ambition.



**Capricorn**

**December 22 - January 19**

The calm moon has increased your creativity this month and gives you a new perspective on life. It is a favourable time to start a new project, this applies to study, work and love.



**Aquarius**

**January 20 - February 18**

You constructed high walls around yourself, without realising it. Your friends are just trying to help, even though you have perceived them as annoying. A good talk with a stranger, could help to clear your mind.



**Pisces**

**February 19 - March 20**

Hesitation is poisoning your life, stop overthinking stuff and just go for it! Moneywise, you are spending too much on food in Orion and Forum. Watch out, if you don't want to ruin yourself.



**Aries**

**March 21 - April 20**

The position of Venus is not in your favour this month. Therefore, keep yourself away from your (potential) lover(s) for some time, otherwise you might end up in very awkward situations.



**Taurus**

**April 21 - May 20**

The productivity is high and you are well on schedule. Nevertheless, you keep stressing about minor things. Spend some time with your Capricorn friends in order to calm your mood.



**Gemini**

**May 21 - June 20**

Weird dreams have taken over your nights lately, and they seem creepily realistic. You are trying to give meaning to them, in vain. Maybe it is better for you to focus on the things that really matter, like your study. Keep dreaming for the holidays.



**Cancer**

**June 21 - July 22**

Don't get upset by your partner, it may look like he/ she doesn't understand what is going on, but maybe it is a tactic to avoid discussions.



**Leo**

**July 23 - August 23**

Your studies are going well, everyone wants to be your partner during the practical's. Secretly, you enjoy this unasked attention.



**Virgo**

**August 24 - September 22**

Jupiter has brought destruction in your routine. You might feel upset about it, but you could also see it as an opportunity to change your working habits.



**Libra**

**September 23 - October 23**

You have been wondering about where life is bringing you. It might be a good idea to give way to your philosophical phase. Taking a step back from society during the holidays might help you to clear your mind.



**Scorpio**

**October 24 - November 21**

The cloudy nights have prevented the positive energy of Pollux to reach you, therefore you have been sloppy with different tasks lately. Try to do something about it, in order to avoid clashes with your beloved ones.



# Kiss & Study

Can people please stop secretly eating food in the Library of Forum. This is supposed to be a quiet place, where people can concentrate! Even if you think nobody hears you 'smekken', I do!:(

Thanks N., for being such a wonderful friend to me (partly because you always laughs at my jokes;). You're an amazing person, keep believing in yourself!  
Looking forward to our next sleepover;).  
Xoxo, You know who.

This small message is for a tall brunette, with a lovely smile and a red bag, I keep running into you on campus lately, I am the blond guy, always wearing the black cap. Did you also notice me? If yes, shall we grab a coffee soon? contact me on [redbagblackcap@gmail.com](mailto:redbagblackcap@gmail.com)

**Do you have a message to your secret love on campus, are you looking for your lost lucky sock, or did someone deserve a thank you? Do you just have a random message that you want to share with the Wageningen community? Send a mail to [thejester.wageningen@gmail.com](mailto:thejester.wageningen@gmail.com) and we 'll publish it for you in next edition of the Jester!**

# Best of Student Plaza!

Wageningen Student Plaza  
2 hrs · 🌐

Hello everyone...  
I am ali anc i live in usa.  
I need a true friend. I wait your reply .  
I am waiting in inbox.  
I want real and sincere life partner...

1 Comment

Like Comment Share

Photo Check In

Wageningen Student Plaza  
5 mins · Wageningen · 🌐

Waiting for an apologie from the person(!)  
who did this to my wife's bike at Bornsesteeg  
around 23:00 tonight.... Don't tell it was  
closing the road because there was plenty of  
place for a bike to pass..... 😡 feeling  
enraged.



Wageningen Student Plaza

Today I found this package of weed at the elevator of forum  
If you happened to lost it you can text me because the  
reception refused to store it as a lost and found item.



T-Mobile NL 21:15

Buy and sell groups

Wageningen Student Plaza

52 minutes ago

Permanent marker  
FREE  
Wageningen  
[FOUND]

I just found this permanent marker on the  
road near the intersection of campus forum  
bus stop. Probably it was fallen down from  
someone's bag/bicycle. Just send me a PM if  
it belongs to you :)



T-Mobile NL 20:55

Search in Wageningen S...

Wageningen Student Plaza

Missing bunny 🐰  
FREE  
Wageningen

Has anybody seen my bunny? It escaped and  
I would like to have it back. If you see it,  
please catch it and bring it to rijveste 89 or  
send me a message!



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This mushroom grew in my roommate's bathroom, anyone know what kind it  
is? Is it edible? I wanna make a nice mushroomsoup and might use it.  
Anyone know anything? Thank you!



GRATUIT  
Mushroom

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Wageningen Student Plaza

7 decembre, 11:31

The last couple of days I've heard a lot of rumor about the opening of the  
new Unilever building and some people are even talking about  
"Wageningen Unilever and Research". I don't quite understand what all the  
fuss is about, even though I too feel a bit weird with Unilever opening a  
building so close on the campus. Would someone maybe be willing to  
explain why this opening is something to worry about?  
I don't want to start an online fight, I'm just genuinely curious.

18 commentaires

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J'aime Commenter Partager

Wageningen Student Plaza

Hey guys, this girl is joyriding a horse which is not hers here around  
Wageningen. This is dangerous and very very impolite. If you recognize her,  
please inform the owner!



12 novembre, 20:14

Help! Ik heb een joyrider op mijn paard.... Wie herkent het meisje op deze foto? Dit is  
in Wageningen aan de Bosrandweg. Ze heeft al een aantal keer op Tindra gereden  
zonder mijn toestemming. Ik kom graag in contact met haar of met haar ouders. Foto  
is gemaakt door de buurvrouw van de bloemenpluktuin die haar al meermaals heeft  
gewaarschuwd. Er moet nu echt iets gebeuren voordat er ongelukken gebeuren met  
haar of mijn paard. Delen is lief.

21 46 commentaires 2 partages

J'aime Commenter Partager

that's fkn funny. oh netherlands.... u have made me chuckle  
again.....

J'aime · Répondre · 3 sem

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Exatamente o q eu pensei haha, 1st world  
problems

J'aime · Répondre · Voir la traduction · 3 sem

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Wageningen Student Plaza

58 mins · 🌐

Gym Key  
€7  
Wageningen University

According to science, 41,6% of you lot have  
already failed their NY's resolution to go to  
the gym. This is your chance to get a grip of  
your life and go to the gym.

Banana for comparison



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