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Looking back on school year
2022 - 2023



We are incredibly happy to have welcomed 70 students on a full or partial scholarship this past school year. Thanks to you! Investing in education means investing in a better world. Idealism, responsibility, peace, sustainability, compassion and service are at the heart of our school. When our students leave UWC Maastricht, they are ready to change the world for the better - and they do!

As we rely on engaged people and organisations for financial support, we also realise the importance of transparency. This brochure will take you through the past school year and give you more insight into how your contribution is helping to make the world a better place.

We trust that when you see the impact of your donation, together with those of others, it will fill you with pride and inspire you to stay involved.

Class of 2023



155

students graduated in May!



70

of them received a full or partial scholarship



Progress and growth do not happen overnight. Being at UWC Maastricht has helped me realise that sometimes our progress is not linear, and it can show itself in different ways. I think I have grown to be a more mature and more globally-minded individual thanks to UWC.

Sekai

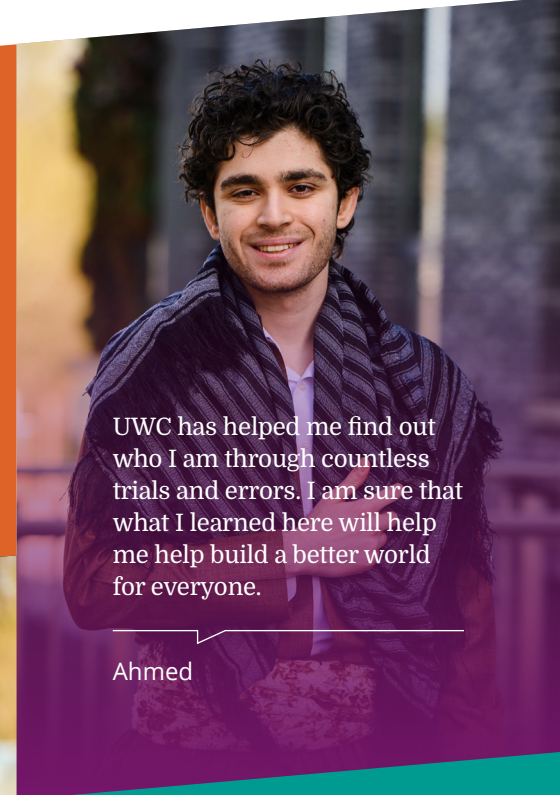
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students have confirmed they are attending higher education (of whom the vast majority have been awarded scholarships or financial aid).



UWC reassured my life purpose: building a more peaceful world by serving and loving others. I feel equipped to embrace life with boldness and empathy, ready to face a world that is needing fellowship as never before.

Maripaz



UWC has helped me find out who I am through countless trials and errors. I am sure that what I learned here will help me help build a better world for everyone.

Ahmed

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students are planning to submit university applications over the summer or have decided to take a gap year to travel, volunteer, pursue internships or employment opportunities, or do their military service.

Funding

We received **€1.555.510,-** for scholarships in the 2022-23 school year.

€1.077.268,- we received in partnership with UWC International, the representative body of the UWC global movement.

FOUNDATIONS & FUNDS UWC INTERNATIONAL

- » Davis - Dare to Dream Programme
- » Horizon Foundation
- » RISE Foundation
- » The EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at UWC
- » Other programmes

€478.242,- was donated directly to UWC Maastricht.

INDIVIDUALS

42% came from individual supporters inside and outside of UWC Maastricht. Parents, philanthropists, alumni and other people who want to contribute to a better world.

COMPANIES

30% came from businesses that identify with our mission for peace

and a sustainable future and want to invest in young talent. Companies that support us as part of their corporate social responsibility policy. We want to explicitly thank these major donors:

- » Boston Scientific
- » C&A
- » DHL
- » Eurocontrol
- » Medtronic
- » Nedlin
- » Ruijters Vastgoed

FOUNDATIONS & FUNDS

20% came from foundations and funds, from global to more local oriented partners. We want to explicitly to thank these major donors:

- » Corendon Foundation
- » Cura II
- » Sint Clemens Stichting
- » Stichting de Hoorn
- » Stichting Kanunnik Salden
- » Stichting Royal DSM - Brighter Living

8% came from governmental organisations:

- » Erasmus +
- » Jean Monnet



DHL proudly partners with United World College in its Female Empowerment Initiative for young girls from the MENA region. Our mission is to connect people and improve lives and as the world's most international company, we believe in using education to create positive change worldwide. Through this partnership, we are shaping a future where every girl has the opportunity to thrive, develop and grow and eventual can make a difference!

Cindy Muyters, VP EU HR Performance, Engagement & Communications

Fundraising projects

Although we offer scholarships to students from all over the world, we have identified several groups for which we specifically raise funds. We believe that for these students in particular, education is a major step forward. We are also convinced that when they return home after their studies, they will help build a better future for their country. With this in mind, the past year we fundraised for: young women in the Middle East and North Africa, students in Ukraine, Palestine and Lebanon and refugees all over the world.

Highlights / Events

2022-2023


Our main highlight is, of course, the many scholarships we offered students this past year, but there was more!

- » UWC as a global movement has existed for 60 years. It was back in 1962 when the first college opened its doors in Wales. Ever since, UWC has grown into a thriving global community which now includes 18 schools and colleges across four continents, hundreds of short courses, more than 4.000 volunteers, educators, partners, donors, students, staff, and more than 60.000 alumni.
- » Introduction of the IB Career-related Programme at UWC Maastricht: a study that combines academic and career-orientated qualifications. This first year, the focus was on sustainable business, but as of September we will also offer a track in music!
- » Second United Women Conference. An event full of cross-generational and cultural exchange around the theme of female empowerment.
- » International Women's Day celebrations in Maastricht and Amsterdam. Thanks to and together with students, alumni and many guests, we reflected on the role of women all over the world.
- » We Are UWC: UWC Maastricht's first ever community charity event.

Our Impact

LOCAL IMPACT

Being a school with a big social heart, we want to play an active role in society and teach our students the importance of their actions. Therefore they all do community service on a regular basis. In 2022-2023, all our students spent 40.000 hours on projects in Maastricht and the surrounding region. From working in elderly homes or being a buddy to children with mental disabilities, to picking up litter and collecting donations for the foodbank.



Evelyn is a dedicated and compassionate student who has found her calling in volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Maastricht. She helps families who have children receiving medical treatment at the nearby hospital. With a warm smile and gentle demeanor, Evelyn offers support to those who are going through difficult times. She takes on a variety of tasks, from cleaning and doing laundry to making the house feel like a home; all with the goal of making the families' stays as comfortable as possible. Through this eye-opening service, Evelyn has been able to learn how to handle emotions and deal with difficult stories, which will be very handy as she wants to study medicine. She loves working with the other volunteers, too. Evelyn's selflessness and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others is truly admirable. She is an inspiration to her peers and community!

GLOBAL IMPACT

We encourage our students to also identify challenges in their home countries. Every year, many of them work on local projects when they return home during breaks or they volunteer remotely while being in Maastricht.

Our graduates end up living all over the world. In total, we now have 1.659 alumni, many of whom are involved in projects with big societal impact. For instance, by working to improve the living conditions in refugee camps in Western Sahara or lack of education for orphans in Laos, or to fight discrimination of LGBTQ+ communities all over the world.



Last summer break, **Palmo** returned to her previous high school (Sambhota Tibetan School, Bylakuppe) with the mission to renovate the campus' science facilities. Funding for this project was available thanks to the generosity of a donor who supports projects that promote the UWC values around the world. Palmo wanted to allow students in her former school to engage more with science subjects and indulge their curiosity. Renovating the campus' science facilities has meant a positive change to their education, thanks to Palmo!



Former UWCM student **Her** was born into a rice farming family in Laos. Having struggled to access an education himself as a child, he founded a charity called Givers of Dreams, while he was still a student at UWC Maastricht. His aim was to enrol more children in Laos in school.

In 2018, after starting at Bates College on a scholarship, Her and a friend succeeded in raising enough money to expand the scale of Givers of Dreams. From a summer school for rural children, it extended into a year-long project after Her decided to take some time off college having seen the potential the project

had. At a later stage Her returned to the US to finish his studies with the aim of turning Givers of Dreams into a US non-profit. This status has now been achieved and Givers of Dreams continues to thrive as a community, leadership development, and education agency with the aim of giving young people the tools to solve their own problems and build a better future for their families.

Currently, there are 15 children living in the Givers of Dreams House and around 100 students commuting to free classes daily.

2023- 2024

What will the new year bring? For sure it will be a festive one, as we will celebrate our 15th anniversary! Also, in September we will welcome 167 new students, of which 50 can come thanks to a full or partial scholarship. On 5 October, we hope to see you at our annual United Women Conference. Keep an eye out for our newsletters and invitations because we look forward to connecting with you at UWC Maastricht. You are also always welcome to contact us for a personal appointment.

For now, we wish you a wonderful summer!

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