EURASIAN BRAVE SPACE FORUM

India Delegation

Itinerary

Foundation ICO organizes this exchange so students from Taiwan, India and Amsterdam can meet. The residential Forum uses the Brave Space method to compare perspectives, discuss global issues and to inspire action.

DATES	**1 - 8 October 2026**
PLACES	**Schiphol • Rotterdam • Soest • Utrecht • Amsterdam**

Brave Space method

The Forum asks students to speak from experience, examine assumptions, listen across differences and take responsibility for how the group works. Times are provisional and the group leader confirms practical details each morning.

Programme overview

The itinerary combines the residential Brave Space Forum with educational visits around the weekend, which provide historical and social context for discussions.

Date	Place	Main programme
Thu 1 Oct	Schiphol / Rotterdam	Arrival in The Netherlands, train to Rotterdam and check-in
Fri 2 Oct	Rotterdam / Soest	Fenix migration museum, transfer to Soest and Forum opening
Sat 3 Oct	Soest	Intercultural communication and Global Dialogue Labs
Sun 4 Oct	Soest	From dialogue to action, presentations and closing
Mon 5 Oct	Soest / Utrecht	Windmill, Ulu Mosque, Lombok and the historic centre
Tue 6 Oct	Soest / Amsterdam	Nature walk, National Military Museum, Bunker 83 and transfer to Amsterdam
Wed 7 Oct	Amsterdam	School reunion, Holocaust Names Monument and Portuguese Synagogue
Thu 8 Oct	Amsterdam / Schiphol	Park and market, Rijksmuseum, and flight home

How we will work

- Meet as equal partners: nobody speaks for an entire country or culture.
- Speak from your own experience, listen to understand and challenge ideas without attacking people.
- Compare local examples, ask genuine questions and leave room for quieter voices.
- Turn dialogue into one realistic action and say how you will know whether it helped.

How the programme connects

The visits provide examples related to migration, belief, power, public space, conflict, memory and art. During the Forum, mixed groups compare these examples with their own communities. On Sunday, each group develops one realistic action for their school or community.

Bring

- Comfortable walking shoes, warm layers and a waterproof jacket.
- A daypack, refillable bottle, notebook, pen and charged phone (preferably with data plan).
- Sports clothes for optional activities and respectful clothing for the mosque visit.
- Medication, travel documents and a European plug adapter (type C or F).
- For Friday evening: one small object or photo connected to your life or identity.
- A board game, your favourite music or small group activity for free time during the evening.

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026

Arrival and transfer to Rotterdam

Arrival at Schiphol, meeting the group leader and transfer by train to Stayokay Rotterdam.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	International travel to the Netherlands.	Keep passport, medication and other essentials in hand luggage. One change of clothes in hand luggage is advised (in case your checked luggage does not arrive).
Afternoon	Continue the flight and prepare for arrival.	Hydrate and try to sleep.
Evening	Land at Schiphol airport. Meet the group leader after baggage collection and border formalities, then take the train to Rotterdam Blaak and walk to Stayokay Rotterdam. Check in, have a light late meal and meet the Taiwanese group.	Depending on airport formalities and train connections, we will arrive quite late at the hostel. A short night walk is optional only if the group has enough energy.

Link to the Forum: A rested arrival helps everyone participate when the shared programme begins. Meeting the Taiwanese group informally at night, might make next day's dialogue easier.

Reflection question: Learn two names and ask one open question. A useful question invites a story instead of testing what you think you already know.

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026

Fenix and Forum opening

The Fenix visit introduces migration and belonging. After travelling to Soest, the residential Brave Space Forum begins.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Pack and check-out before breakfast. Leave luggage safely at Stayokay Rotterdam, then walk to Fenix for the booked visit.	Fenix is an art museum about migration in a historic harbour warehouse. Look for stories of departure, arrival, identity, borders and home.
Afternoon	After Fenix, walk back to the hostel, collect the luggage and continue to Rotterdam Blaak train station. Eat the packed lunch on the train. Walk from Soest Zuid station to Stayokay Soest with luggage.	After arrival at Stayokay Soest, short mixed-group activities help to start up conversation. Together you make the Brave Space agreements: listen actively, speak from experience, challenge ideas rather than people and ask for support when needed. Hopefully, you remember some faces from our online meet-up!
Evening	Dinner, Stories Across Cultures and an informal game night with activities such as Werewolves or board games.	Bring one small object, photograph or digital image connected to your everyday life or identity. Tell one concrete story, ask curious questions and avoid turning any individual story into a stereotype.

Link to the Forum: Fenix turns large ideas such as migration, home and borders into personal stories. At Soest, the same habit matters: connect global questions to lived experience and listen without making one person represent a whole country.

Reflection question: Choose one Fenix story that stays with you. What does it add to your own understanding of home, movement or belonging?

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

Brave Space Forum dialogue day

Students practise intercultural communication and discuss climate, technology, inequality, gender and participation in mixed groups.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Optional run, breakfast and check-in. In the Intercultural Communication Lab, try practical exercises on hierarchy, politeness, directness and non-verbal communication. Global Dialogue Lab I follows.	In mixed groups, compare local examples of climate justice, energy, technology, AI, education and opportunity. You are not looking for one correct national answer; explain what shapes your view and listen for a perspective that complicates it.
Afternoon	Lunch and a nature walk. Global Dialogue Lab II explores power, privilege, identity, gender and inclusion. In From Tension to Common Ground, respond to a challenging statement, compare positions and name both agreement and unresolved tension. Sports follow.	Expect small-group discussion and a visible position exercise. Common ground does not mean hiding disagreement. Notice who speaks easily, who is interrupted and how a group can create fairer space.
Evening	Dinner reflection and an international social evening shaped by the participating students.	Bring music, a game, a question or a small activity that helps others join in. The aim is connection, not a polished cultural performance.

Link to the Forum: This is the heart of the Brave Space mission: practise disagreement with respect, compare local realities and recognise how power affects who is heard. Success does not require consensus.

Reflection question: Listen for the strongest argument against your current view. What could make your view change, become more precise or remain unresolved?

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Brave Space Forum action day

Mixed groups turn one issue from the dialogue sessions into a realistic action and evaluate the Forum.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Optional yoga or movement, breakfast and check-in. In From Dialogue to Action, mixed groups choose one shared issue and complete an action canvas. They then write a Shared Future Statement.	The canvas identifies affected voices, a realistic first step, a partner, a timeline and a simple sign of progress. The statement includes one shared principle, one unresolved tension and one practical commitment.
Afternoon	Lunch and Live Stratego, then presentations and a gallery walk. Give feedback to other groups, complete a personal reflection and evaluation, and join the closing circle.	Use the gallery walk to test whether each action is realistic and inclusive. In your evaluation, name what challenged you, what changed or became more complicated and what you will take back to school.
Evening	The Amsterdam students travel home. The Taiwanese and Indian delegations remain at Stayokay Soest for dinner and a quiet evening.	Rest, organise your daypack and clothing for Monday's windmill and mosque visits.

Link to the Forum: The Forum moves beyond awareness. A small action with a real partner, owner and follow-up date is more useful than an ambitious promise that nobody can carry out.

Reflection question: Whose voice is affected by your action but missing from your group? How could you involve that person or community before deciding the next step?

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

Soest and Utrecht programme

The day combines a working windmill, the Ulu Mosque, Lombok and Utrecht's historic centre to examine heritage, religion and migration.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Breakfast and morning briefing, then walk to Molen De Windhond for the morning heritage visit.	The working corn mill shows how wind power, food production and local landscape connect. We will walk to the windmill by foot in half an hour.
Afternoon	Packed lunch and train from Soest Zuid to Utrecht. Guided visit to the Ulu Mosque, followed by walking through the *Lombok* neighbourhood, the exterior of *Molen De Ster* and a walk towards *Oudegracht* and *Domplein*.	Wear clothing that covers shoulders and knees and follow the host's guidance. Notice how migration, religion, craft, canals and public space shape the city.
Evening	After a short moment for pictures in the beautiful city centre, we will leave Utrecht for dinner at Stayokay Soest.	Stay with your assigned group and meet promptly in order to not miss our train.

Link to the Forum: The mill, mosque and neighbourhood show that heritage is both historical and alive. Visiting places and meeting hosts helps connect migration, belief and belonging without reducing a community to a label.

Reflection question: What remains from the past, what has changed and who decides how a place is used or remembered today?

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

National Military Museum and Bunker 83

The museum visit and Bunker 83 escape room use a Cold War scenario to examine military choices, teamwork and communication under pressure.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Pack, check out and store luggage before breakfast. Walk through the natural area in one and a half hour to the National Military Museum.	The museum stands on the former Soesterberg Air Base. Comfortable shoes and rain protection are essential.
Afternoon	Visit the museum and take part in the Bunker 83 escape room. Teams work in an American or Russian bunker and make decisions in a 1983 Cold War scenario. Eat the packed lunch, walk back, collect the luggage and travel to Amsterdam Muiderpoort.	The activity requires communication, division of roles and decisions under time pressure. A short debrief considers how assumptions, incomplete information and communication with the opposing side affected the outcome.
Evening	Dinner at the hostel, followed by an optional short walk through Oosterpark or along Javastraat.	A calm evening after a long walking and travel day. Prepare your school-visit bag before sleeping.

Link to the Forum: Bunker 83 provides a practical test of communication under pressure. The debrief links the activity to the Brave Space agreements by examining how teams handled different roles, disagreement, assumptions and incomplete information.

Reflection question: Which decision improved because someone listened or challenged an assumption? What happened when time pressure reduced careful dialogue?

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026

Ir. Lely Lyceum and Jewish heritage

Students reunite at Ir. Lely Lyceum, compare school life and then visit the Holocaust Names Monument and Portuguese Synagogue.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Breakfast and morning briefing. Travel by tram and metro to Reigersbos metro station. Visit Ir. Lely Lyceum for a reunion, school tour and joint activity; then eat the packed lunch.	This is a return to friends from the Forum and a look at everyday Dutch school life. We avoid the train and use tram 14 plus metro 54.
Afternoon	After the packed lunch, travel into central Amsterdam. Visit the Holocaust Names Monument first, then walk to the Portuguese Synagogue for a visit and short reflection. Free shopping time is deliberately limited today.	The monument carries the names of about 102,000 Dutch Holocaust victims who received no individual grave. The seventeenth-century synagogue shows the history and continuing life of Amsterdam's Portuguese Jewish community. Move quietly and follow all guidance on clothing, photography and worship spaces.
Evening	Dinner at Stayokay Amsterdam Oost and farewell to the Taiwanese group before they leave for their airport hotel. Quiet evening and preparation for the final day.	Your own free time and souvenir shopping are planned for Thursday morning.

Link to the Forum: The school reunion allows a glimpse into the life of your Dutch friends: you now see the everyday setting behind their ideas. The afternoon links public remembrance of murdered people with a living place of Jewish faith, history and community.

Reflection question: At the Names Monument, notice how names make absence personal. At the synagogue, notice signs of continuity. What responsibilities connect memory, religious freedom and life in a diverse city today?

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

Rijksmuseum and departure

The final day includes Oosterpark, Dappermarkt, the booked Rijksmuseum visit and transfer to Schiphol.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Breakfast, check out and store luggage. Explore Oosterpark and Dappermarkt with free time for final souvenirs. Eat the packed lunch.	Stay in assigned groups, agree a meeting point and keep purchases small enough for your luggage.
Afternoon	Travel to the Rijksmuseum for the booked visit. Explore highlights from 800 years of Dutch art and history, then return to the hostel to collect luggage.	Look for Rembrandt's Night Watch, works by Vermeer and objects that reveal global trade and colonial connections.
Evening	Travel to Schiphol. Have an early packed dinner.	Keep passport and boarding details accessible.

Your last reflection

Choose one artwork and one person you met this week. What do they reveal about whose stories become visible, and whose stories still need space?

Link to the Forum: *Oosterpark* and *Dappermarkt* show everyday diversity and the Rijksmuseum shows how a nation presents its history. Connecting neighbourhood life with museum stories helps reveal whose experiences become visible.

Reflection question: Choose one artwork or object and ask: how is it connected to trade, power or people beyond the Netherlands, and whose perspective would tell the story differently?

Final reflection and useful links

Use one encounter from the programme to identify a remaining question and a practical next step.

Your final reflection

Choose one encounter that changed or complicated your thinking. Write one question you still have, one person or group you want to involve, and one small action you can try at school or at home.

Useful links

- Project page: www.connectforglobalchange.eu/projects/the-netherlands/global-citizenship-in-action-the-eurasian-brave-space-forum
- Fenix: www.fenix.nl/en/
- Bunker 83 escape room: www.nmm.nl/en/see-and-do/escaperoom/
- Holocaust Names Monument: www.holocaustnamenmonument.nl/en/home/
- Portuguese Synagogue: jck.nl/en/location/portuguese-synagogue
- Rijksmuseum: www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/visit

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