EURASIAN BRAVE SPACE FORUM

Taiwan 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	**30 September - 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 activities
Wed 30 Sep	Schiphol	Arrival in The Netherlands and airport-hotel check-in
Thu 1 Oct	Rotterdam	City exploration, its special history and photo challenge
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 city 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	Schiphol	(Very) early 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.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Schiphol arrival

Arrival at Schiphol and transfer to the airport hotel. The priority is a smooth check-in and sufficient rest before the programme begins.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	In flight / international travel.	Keep essential documents, medication and one change of clothes in hand luggage (in case your checked luggage does not arrive).
Afternoon	Continue the journey to the Netherlands.	Hydrate and try to sleep.
Evening	Land at Schiphol airport and travel to your airport hotel for check-in.	Follow your teachers' instructions. Breakfast is most likely at the hotel the next morning.

Link to the Forum: A rested arrival helps everyone participate when the shared programme begins.

Reflection question: Notice one first impression of The Netherlands. Can you keep it as a question rather than treating it as a conclusion about the country?

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026

Rotterdam city programme

A history briefing and photo challenge introduce Rotterdam's city centre. Reconstruction and architecture form a common thread in our exploration before the Indian group arrives.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Breakfast and hotel check-out. Meet the group leader in the morning and travel by public transport to Rotterdam Blaak, then walk to Stayokay Rotterdam.	Keep the group together in stations and keep an eye on your luggage.
Afternoon	Check-in or store luggage, eat lunch and listen to Rotterdam's story. Complete a photo challenge around the Cube Houses, *Oude Haven*, *Witte Huis*, *Markthal* and the riverfront.	Take different Photos of Rotterdam: one old layer, one post-war, one experimental and one showing trade or water. Choose one image and explain what changed, who benefited and what tension remains.
Evening	Dinner at Stayokay, time to relax and welcome the Indian delegation. If arrival time, energy and weather allow, we will take a short Rotterdam-by-night walk together.	This is a gentle first meeting. The next morning starts early, so the walk remains optional and short.

Photo challenge

Old Rotterdam • post-war Rotterdam • experimental Rotterdam • trade and water. Ask before photographing people and follow any staff instructions.

Link to the Forum: Reading one city together gives you shared material for later conversations about migration, global trade, public space and who benefits when cities change.

Reflection question: Which photo best shows a connection between Rotterdam and the wider world? Be ready to explain what is visible and what may be missing from the image.

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	Pack, check-out and store luggage. 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.	The monument carries the names of about 102,000 Dutch Holocaust victims who received no individual grave. The seventeenth-century synagogue shows the history of Amsterdam's Portuguese Jewish community. Move quietly and follow all guidance on clothing, photography and worship spaces.
Evening	Dinner at Stayokay Amsterdam Oost. After dinner and a short evening walk, travel to the Schiphol airport hotel, check in and prepare for the early flight.	Keep passport and boarding details in your hand luggage. Set alarms and agree the morning meeting time before sleep.

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

Departure from Schiphol

Early transfer to Schiphol and flight home.

Daypart	Programme	Extra information
Morning	Early breakfast if available, hotel check-out and transfer to Schiphol for the morning flight.	Check the airline meeting time the evening before. Keep passport, boarding pass and liquids ready for security.
Afternoon	Flight home.	Use the journey to choose one encounter, one question and one action you want to remember.
Evening	Continue the journey home and rest.	Stay in contact with the group according to the arrangements made by your school.

Link to the Forum: The project continues when you carry a friendship, question or action into your own school and community.

Reflection question: Before landing, write down one person you will contact, one idea you will share and one realistic action you can take during the next month.

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

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