



Announcement!

We have a new supplier for our booksale! From the start of 2023, your studybooks will be taken care of by INDEX, a local bookstore from Leiden. This new deal means fewer problems with delivery and better customer service. You will get a huge discount with their **lowest price guarantee**. As a bonus, you will also get 5-10% off on all study books ordered by INDEX for the rest of your life! Your books will be ready for ordering somewhere within the next weeks.

Dear members,

First of all, I would like to wish you an amazing new year! Hopefully, you've enjoyed the holidays and new years eve, and you all feel great again after all the festivities. So make your new year's resolutions come true and read the entire newsletter for once ;).

We start off with a **new years-borrel** on Thursday the 5th of January in Leiden. The ideal opportunity to see your SPIL friends again after a few days of getting rid of your hangover. Furthermore, on the 24th, there will be an **amazing party!** Can't get enough of all the festivities? Put the traditional yearly **SPIL-gala** on the 17th of February on your agenda already!

Next to all the parties, we would like to offer you the opportunity to make your friends and family jealous of your study. On **Friends and Family Day**, traditionally organised by the Introduction committee, your relatives and friends can get a real insight into your life as a student. In Leiden on the 4th of February, in The Hague a bit later (tbd).

Furthermore, the half-year score of the **committee cup** standings is published on the website! The Audit committee leads the race, closely followed by DIES and SPIL-weekend. You get a point for your committee per attended activity, and three points even for General Assemblies. So stop by many activities this year with your committee, and the victory can't slip through your fingers.

Last but not least, I would ask for your attention to the following. Since many SPIL'ers are having trouble finding a place to live, we are introducing **"Roomservice"** in the newsletter. This way, fellow members can let you know that they are looking for a room or roommate. By using our collective network, we are for sure able to help everyone find a nice and cozy room. So check it out!

After 2022 has definitively come to an end and all new years-resolutions are dusted off (or have failed again already), we look back and forward. At the bottom of the newsletter, you can see how SPIL'ers have experienced last year and what they expect from this one. In any case, the 42nd board would once again like to wish you a happy 2023, and hopes to see you many times in the upcoming year!

See you after the break!

Robin Buijs
Secretary

Beste leden,

Allereerst wil ik jullie natuurlijk allemaal een fantastisch nieuwjaar wensen. Hopelijk hebben jullie genoten van de feestdagen en de jaarwisseling, en voelen jullie je weer helemaal fit na alle festiviteiten. Dus maak je goede voornemens waar en lees eens een keer de hele nieuwsbrief ;).

We trappen het jaar af met een **nieuwjaars-borrel** in Leiden, op donderdag 5 januari. De gelegenheid om weer met je vrienden bij te praten na een paar dagen uitbrakken. Ook is er deze maand, op 24 januari, een fantastisch **feest**. Krijg je geen genoeg van alle fuifjes? Zet dan ook alvast het **SPIL-gala** op 17 februari in je agenda!

Hiernaast bieden we dit jaar ook de gelegenheid om je vrienden en familie leden te maken over je studie. Op de **Friends and Family dag**, traditiegetrouw georganiseerd door de Introductiecommissie, krijgen je naasten een echt inkijkje in jouw leven als student. In Leiden op 4 februari, in Den Haag iets later (tbd).

Verder is de eerste tussenstand van de **commissie-cup** bekend! De Kascommissie voert de lijst aan, op de voet gevolgd door DIES en SPIL-weekend. Per activiteit waar je heen gaat krijg je een punt voor je commissie, en voor een ALV zelfs drie! Dus kom dit jaar gezellig vaak met je commissie langs, en de winst kan je niet ontlopen!

Tenslotte graag nog even je aandacht voor het volgende. We hebben gemerkt dat de huizen-crisis het lastig maakt voor veel leden om een kamer te vinden. Hierom introduceren we **"Roomservice"** in de nieuwsbrief, waarin SPIL'ers kunnen laten weten dat ze iets zoeken. Door ons gezamenlijke netwerk te gebruiken, kunnen we vast iedereen dit jaar een fijn plekje geven. Dus check it out!

Nu 2022 definitief voorbij is en alle goede voornemens weer uit de kast zijn gehaald (of alweer zijn mislukt), kijken we terug en vooruit. Onderaan de nieuwsbrief vind je hoe SPIL'ers het afgelopen jaar hebben ervaren. Het 42e bestuur wenst jullie in elk geval nogmaals een gelukkig 2023, en hoopt jullie komend jaar weer veel te zien!

Tot na de vakantie!

Robin Buijs
Secretaris



Agenda

January 5th:

- New Year Borrel Leiden

January 24th:

- Festive Party

January 27th - February 3rd:

- Short Trip Lisbon

February 4th

- Friends and Family Day Leiden

February 17th:

- SPIL Gala

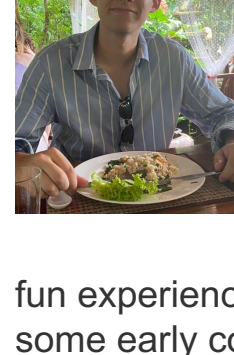
Quote of the month

"Kidnapping is free transport"

- Dante



The experience of members



My first real SPIL activity was the long trip to Thailand last summer. This is one of my most impactful and

fun experiences ever; despite some early concerns caused by me barely knowing any people as this was my first real SPIL activity. This was quickly solved as the shared suffering in the heat caused friendships to ignite, pardon the pun. It was amazing to visit such an exotic location and to do politically and culturally relevant activities such as meetings with ministries, journalists or MPs, that you would normally never do with your parents or friends. As a result of last year's success, I joined this year's long trip commission, in charge with organizing the 2023 edition. We're still in early stages of organizing but my excitement levels are already sky. It will surely be a challenge to provide a trip exiting and interesting enough for 30+ people, but I'm sure that this year's excellent commission will be able to deliver.

Committee Cup standings

Audit

DIES

SPIL-weekend

Stairs Affairs

Congress

Excursions

Festive

Acquisitions

Brussels

Education

Long Trip

DEBAT

Introduction

Masters

Short Trip

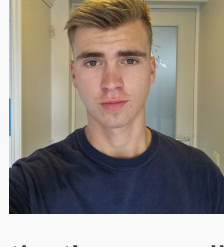
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Roomservice: help SPIL'ers find a room

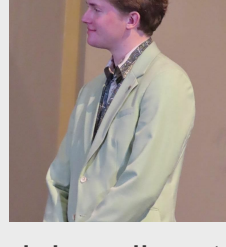
Help your fellow SPIL'ers find a place to live! If you know something that's available, share it with the people below. If we use our collective network, we can for sure make a difference!

- Looking for a room?** Send an email to secretary@spilplaats.nl with the following information: name, age, gender (m/v/x), study, phone number, picture and a small description of yourself + what you are looking for exactly (max. 50 words).
- Looking for a roommate?** Send an email to secretary@spilplaats.nl with the following information: what kind of house you live in, who you are looking for, availability and how to get in touch or apply.



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Hey, I'm looking for a room in Leiden for September next year. I live in Berkenwoude, that's a small village between Gouda and Rotterdam. Because of this, I have to travel 1.5 hour everyday to Leiden, I want to avoid this next year. I'm looking forward to living in Leiden because I want to be more independent of my parents. Also, I want to make friends for life and have the best time of my life there. That's also why I want to join Augustinus next year. You can call me if you know someone who can offer me a place.



Key info: Thomas Meijer, (m), 19 years old. First year IRO. +31 6 3715 9123

Hi, I am a very outgoing person. You can find me doing all sorts of things arranging from hanging out with friends to listening to, or making, music. One can also find me on almost all SPIL activities ;). I am looking for a room in either The Hague or Leiden with no preferences with regards to the amount of people I would be sharing the house with. I believe I can bring a lot to the table at a studenthousehold because I am a well organized roommate and I am always down for an adventure :)!

SPIL'ers looking back and forward

2022 in one quote



Hopes for 2023 in one quote



Newyears-resolutions for 2022 that didn't come true

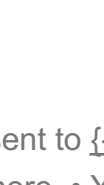


Newyears-resolutions for 2023



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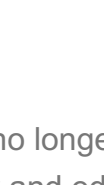
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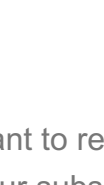
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