

**WE ARE INVITING YOU TO THE NETHERLANDS BETWEEN
OCTOBER 18th AND 22nd!**



LOCATION

We are really excited to invite you to Zwolle in the Netherlands for our General Assembly 2018 of FEJS! The country of cycling, cheese, water, and windmills. A country where people are very down to earth, outspoken and where every topic you can think of is publicly discussible. Zwolle is a pretty little city in the east of the Netherlands. The best place to ride a bike like a real Dutchie. (You don't want to do that in Amsterdam, believe us.)

With many parks, monumental buildings, cool bars, typical old Dutch houses and water around the centre, Zwolle is a very cosy and pleasant city with a bit of a hipster kind of vibe. You will be able to enjoy your stay the real Dutch way. Participants will stay at Sport campus **De Pelikaan**, which is situated just outside the centre of Zwolle, reachable by public transport from Zwolle's train station. Zwolle is a very well reachable city by train. If you fly to Amsterdam, you'll be in Zwolle within one hour.

PROGRAMME

As the GA will be in the Netherlands, which is a very open and well known country for tolerance and open-mindedness on gender, diversity and sexuality, the focus at this General Assembly will be on Gender and Media Diversity.

Of the many influences on how we view men and women today, media is the most pervasive and one of the most powerful. Woven throughout our daily lives, media makers are setting their messages into our consciousness at every turn. All forms of media communicate images of the sexes, many of which are unrealistic, stereotypical, and limiting perceptions.

There are three ways how media represent gender. First, women are underrepresented which falsely implies that men are the cultural standard and women are unimportant or invisible. Second, men and women are portrayed in stereotypical ways that reflect and sustain socially endorsed views of gender. Third, depictions of relationships between men and women emphasize traditional roles and normalize violence against women.

This General Assembly will focus on providing deeper insights on these issues and the possible ways to overcome them. These and additional topics will be discussed in some lectures led by experienced professionals. We will talk about it, argue about it. We want to get to know how this problem is evolving in our countries.

Since the General Assembly is the main institute of FEJS as every year also this year time will be devoted discussing and deciding on things regarding the FEJS international organization and future plans. The GA will host a voting for one new Executive Board member and locations for events GA 2019 and AC 2020. **If anybody is thinking of running for the EB position or organising a future event, don't hesitate to contact the current EB for more information.** We will also present, discuss and decide on some of the main stepping stones for our organisation in the future.

PARTICIPATION

The participation fee for the event is 150 euro, which covers food, accommodation and all the activities in the programme. Once you are accepted to participate, you will have to pay a deposit **of 80 euro** on our bank account **until September 21st**.

You can also apply for the **Solidarity Fund**, which can cover up to 70% of your travel expenses. The fund gathers money at each of our events through the auction of country delegation's presents. At each event, we host an auction, in which together we raise money to help our own members attend the events. We will do the auction again at the GA Zwolle, so don't forget to bring your country's delegation presents.

The deadline for applying for the solidarity fund is September 7th: <https://bit.ly/2MqZRqB>.

APPLY

Please, **apply on the following link until September 7th**: <https://bit.ly/2PqQqol>.

As there are only **50 places available**, please, take into consideration that your acceptance will be based on your attendance at previous events and on the number of other applicants from your country. In case of too many applicants, the ones that applied earlier will be accepted first. You will be notified of your acceptance in a matter of a day or two after September 7th.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding the event, location or travels, don't hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee of FEJS Zwolle oc@fejs.info

If you have any questions regarding the payment, solidarity fund or your application/participation, don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat of FEJS at sec@fejsint.org.

If you have any general questions about FEJS or questions regarding the votings, which will be held at the GA, don't hesitate to contact the Executive Board of FEJS at eb@fejsint.org.

Kind Regards,

Organizing Committee GA Zwolle