



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

Welcome



The Award in Luxembourg expanded rapidly and we are proud to announce that 8 new Units joined the Mérite Jeunesse this autumn:

Lycée Josy Barthel Mamer, École de Commerce et de Gestion, Lycée Bel-Val, Internat du Nord Wiltz, Lycée Nic-Biever, Lycée Hubert Clement Esch, Lënster Lycée and Internat Pensionnat St. Joseph Ettelbruck.

License check



One year after 22 Units signed the license, the staff working for the national office meets the Leaders of those Units for follow-up visits. 18 meetings have been arranged since June and 4 more are to be done in 2017. Many thanks to all of you welcoming us so warmly!

New board members

After Louis Karmeyer, the representative of the UGDA, and Georges Hausmer, representative of the FNEL scouts left the board, the Mérite Jeunesse is lucky to have three new members: Martine Deprez (UGDA), Pierre Matagne (FNEL) and Djuna Bernard (Gold Award Holder).



Martine Deprez
Représentante UGDA



Pierre Matagne
Représentant FNEL



Djuna Bernard
Gold Award Holder

25 new Award Leaders



Besides the growing number of Units it is amazing to have a lot of new motivated Award Leaders too. 25 teachers and educators joined the training in October. Many exciting ideas and new energy they came up with are going to encourage youngsters to join the Award. Thank you for being active in this enjoyable program.

Award Leaders evening



Traditionally the Mérite Jeunesse thanks the Leaders once a year in autumn for their service to the Award. This years *Soirée des Tuteurs* took place in the Forum Campus Geesseknäppchen on the 20th October. After a welcoming speech by the Vice-president Georges Metz, Astrid de Leeuw and Monique Kellen retrospected the last few months and presented plans for the future.



H.R.H. Prince Guillaume especially thanked the team who organizes the national expeditions for years. Georges Faber started to help running the expeditions in 2002 and since then the team grew: Manon Arent, Ramona Feidert, Alex Gansen, Jan Reimen and Guillaume Thill. They were rewarded with a certificate for their commitment to the Mérite Jeunesse.

The evening came to and with a dinner in the restaurant *Comme à la maison*.

Agenda

16.12	Visit H.R.H. Prince Guillaume Lycée Bel-Val
26.01	Visit H.R.H. Prince Guillaume Lënster Lycée
28.01	Training Award Leader Eindhoven (English)
28.01 + 04.02	Workshops preparation for expeditions

08.03	Award ceremony
11.03-12.03	Training Award Leader (Luxemburgish)
25.03+01.04	Expedition training
28.04-30.04	National practice expedition
19.05-21.05	National qualifying expedition



Dear Participant...

Registration

If you are interested to register for the Award as a new participant or for another level, don't forget to hand in your registration form to one of the Award Leaders of your Unit. Furthermore before beginning your program it is important to let the Leader know about your chosen activities and your goals.



Set goals within reach



Dear Award Leader...

Meeting 22th March 2017

The topic of the next Award Leader meeting will be about how to encourage youngsters with a more difficult social or school-based background to participate. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting the 22th March at 5 p.m. in the Forum Campus Geesseknäppchen.

Record books

The Record books of the participants who finished their level have to be handed in to the national office by Monday 17th January.