

# MGSE2016 Leuven

The MGSE is one of the 3 structured action programmes of the Pentangular Rotary clubs. The other programmes are the Pentangular Meeting and the Joint Pentangular Projects.

MGSE brings together young people for a week of interesting cultural, political, economic, historical and educational discoveries in a loose and amicable atmosphere and at the same time enjoying local Rotarians' hospitality.

MGSE is organized every year, alternatively by each one of the Pentangular Rotary clubs. Every club delegates 2 local youngsters, students or young professionals between 18 and 25 years of age and participates in the costs of organizing the event.

From August 21, 2016 on, the MGSE event was hosted by Rotary Club Leuven. The programme included a discovery walk through Leuven, visits to the Museum of the Oppression (kazerne Dossin), to the European Parliament and to the Atomium, as well as visits to companies like Biocartis, Imec and Stella Artois. An exclusive visit to the biomechanical laboratories of the Leuven Uni was also part of the programme, as well as cultural (lunch festival "Boterhammen in het Park", Brussels and "Maanrock", Mechelen) and even culinary activities (chocolate work shop). The event ended with a BBQ on August 27.

Some impressions of some of the participants:

*"Merci pour cette semaine, c'était vraiment génial, tout le monde s'est vraiment bien entendu et nous sommes devenus amis. Le programme était vraiment varié et très intéressant et tous les Rotariens qui nous ont accompagné ont été super gentil avec nous."* Théophile R. (FR)

*"It was a brilliant programme with many interesting points. I liked to see the group growing together from day to day. I am convinced that we will stay in contact beyond the end of MGSE. I learned a few Dutch words, practiced my English, had nice talks with everyone and learned a lot about Belgian culture, cities and the university."* Timo V. (DE)

*"I had a wonderful week. I felt thoroughly looked after and really enjoyed seeing different things and meeting loads of lovely people! It was my first time in Belgium and I intend to return as I had such a good time. The week's itinerary had something for everyone and I enjoyed learning new things and experiencing opportunities that not many people will have experienced. Everyone was so welcoming and the Rotarians who came with us during our itinerary ensured we had everything we needed and helped make the week even more fun."* Grace D. (UK)

*"Ik vond dat de planning super geregeld was en heb me goed vermaakt tijdens de verschillende activiteiten. Er was een goede balans tussen vrije tijd en tijd die we kwijt waren aan activiteiten. Naast dat we ontzettend veel leuke dingen hebben gezien en gedaan, ben ik ook positief verrast door het feit dat ik binnen een week met zoveel verschillende mensen een band heb kunnen opbouwen. We spreken elkaar eens per week en het staat zeker op de planning om nog een keer af te spreken."* Ilona (NL)

*"Thank you for a brilliant week! I had a great time getting to know everybody and I hope to stay in touch with all of them. The hospitality of our host families was very good. The generosity of all the Rotarians who gave up their free time was very impressive. I am very grateful to everyone in Leuven who helped to organize the week to make it as enjoyable as it was."* Alex (UK)

*"Grace au MGSE j'ai pu rencontrer des personnes de différentes nationalités et avoir un partage de cultures. Ensemble nous avons passé une excellente semaine et avons pu élargir notre culture grâce aux nombreuses visites. Nous étions très bien logés. Le groupe ainsi que les hôtes ont été très accueillant et toujours à l'écoute des besoins de tout le monde. Cette semaine aura été une bonne expérience culturelle ainsi que linguistique."* Elisabeth (FR)

*“It was an unforgettable and very interesting week! I met with a lot of interesting people from Rotary and also the other participants. The programme was really well organized and also the spontaneous activities went very well. Personally, I really liked that you tried to adjust the programme so that everyone did something they were interested in.” Nora B. (DE)*





