

## **General Assembly - meeting to plan contribution, 26th March 2024, Gipsenzaal**

**Present:** Maaike, Dirk-Jan, Omid, Sonya, Alina.

Things are moving. Maaike shared the letter last time of DJ. SU has some hesitation in the sense of the initiative being taken from us. The Israeli students have been invited to participate in this discussion. They said they don't want to be part of organizing and they do want to be invited to the Assembly.

### **Some questions:**

Who do we include in the audience?

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A special reach-out was done for the Israeli students since they expressed concern throughout time and they felt excluded.

It is worth noting that in the past when we suggested inviting more people to think along and we had Photography students show up to a meeting with management they were not made to feel welcome. Lara was included in the conversation without prior warning. Also could have been a better strategy. In the end, it's about managing expectations. If more people want to join this organization, they need to be announced in advance and they need to catch up with what has been discussed.

BA heads can add ideas if they want to bring them along.

Let's not make it too open, since then it's too hard to organize it.

See this as a first attempt.

**Important note:** people who signed the petition should be invited or let know this is happening.

The aim for the Assembly: to bring this together through a format that is with a moderator and sharing from the community as well as having a few experts.

### **The overarching questions:**

How do we ethically position ourselves as a community? How do we deal with these sorts of topics?

### **What is then the follow-up?**

It could be that the collaboration with Bezalel, which is already on the table of Huug, ends. He has to decide. If we come to a general opinion, this puts pressure on him. We can also decide that we as a community will act on it, by sending questions to Bezalel or the Dutch government. Can we influence these sorts of things?

## **Who do we invite?**

### **How do we communicate this?**

The space of conversation doesn't really exist. But this Assembly can initiate a space of conversation. A tradition to facilitate conversation. People are usually full of emotions, try to come together, but it is usually out of control. How can we facilitate this? There is a list of suggested invited guests and moderators.

**Another suggestion:** XR Justice Now! - someone from them.

**Point from DJ:** Whether we're an academy in the middle of society, it would be nice to invite people who are not just artists.

It would be nice to invite someone to reflect on human rights. We would then get more background on human rights. We can also show the world, and country, that there's another way of making decisions.

This is an event for the community. And it would be nice to invite externals. If people who come here to share their insights can share their experiences to their communities.

This is already quite challenging. My main concern is our community. And let's see where we can bring it. It all started with us. Huug is the main decision maker.

After today there should already be a save the date, 25th of April.

How about KC Students? There is no communication with management and them.

How about individual students speaking? How about creating the container and teaching people how to work in the assembly?

### **Worst case scenario:**

- we lose our autonomy. The attitude of "Keep your head down because it's going to be a heavy wind". Right-wing government.

### **Best case scenario:**

- if we have an assembly in which we have a conversation with the community, it will allow us to grow in thinking about this topic and having a position that we can take. This can then be repeated for other ethical questions (climate etc.).

### **Actionable points:**

- Invite 4 people;
- Get: people with a legal background;
- Code of conduct for the event. Everyone is aware of what the rules are. Rules should be clear in the beginning.
- Check-in with Iliada for this, if she can moderate and set the rules of engagement.

- Getting: someone doing the notes for the meeting and summarizing things. At the end of the day there is a timeframe set for management of Huug comes with a conclusion.
- School Newspaper - publish a report from the event? Mushroom Radio - broadcast the speakers, but not the conversation?
- Budget: 500 Euros from SG. What is the management's budget to this - Maaïke checks this.
- Clarify: why we choose for an Assembly? What is this format?
- Inform people that signed the petition.

**More suggested speakers:**

Michiel Bot.

Eric Ader.

Berber van der Woude

<https://soundcloud.com/goedegesprekken/gaza-lex-bohlmeijer-in-gesprek-met-berber-van-der-woude>

**What do we stand for? What is our baseline? We don't really have an ethics.**

**Curating representation.**

Heads, teachers, students, DMR, SPC, it's clear that everybody is there.

Actively ask individual people.

It won't be a black box. People get invited.

This is a general assembly. It's a space of vulnerability.

**Meeting next week:**

2nd of April, 16:00.