

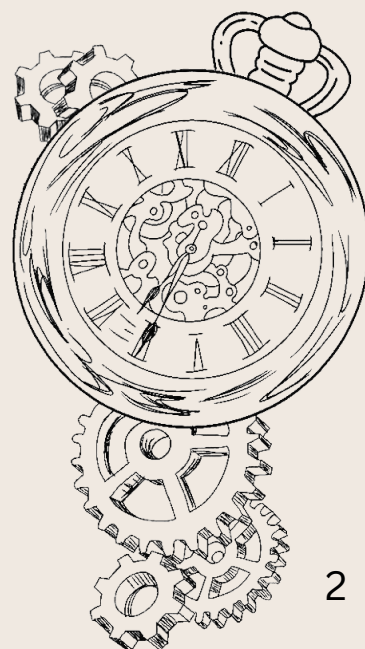
INFORMATION BOOKLET

INTROWEEK STORM 2023: INTHROWBACK



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PREFACE

Dear first year,

My name is Jens Waltmann, and this year I had the honour of being the chair of the introduction committee! You are about to embark on an exciting journey. Whether you are going to be studying at university for the first time now, or already have some prior experience, September 5th will be the start of something new. Though you might be nervous about this new chapter in your life, know that plenty of students have walked the same path before you, and that these students are eager to help you turn your coming years as a GSS student into the best of your life!

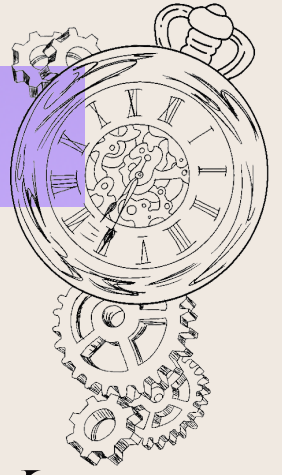
The introduction week is a time full of new friends and experiences. This booklet contains everything you might want to know about this week and much more! Reading through it, you will find the schedule for the week and the weekend, and everything else you need to know before the intro week. You can also read up on some interesting facts about Utrecht, and get your first introduction to all of Storm's active committees. Who knows, maybe you'll join one in the coming year!

For the past year, the introduction committee, consisting of 8 incredibly enthusiastic, funny, and hardworking people, has been busy organising all sorts of fun and interesting activities for you during the week that will help you to get to know your fellow students, Storm, and Utrecht. Though we will probably be working hard behind the scenes during the week, we would love to get to know you all, so don't hesitate to have a chat with us and ask us anything about student life, Storm, or whatever else you might want to know when you see us! You can recognise us by our beautiful lavender hoodies and T-shirts :) For now, enjoy your well-deserved summer break! You have an exciting time ahead of you, and we cannot wait to spend the first week of your university life with you!

Greetings, Jens (on behalf of Intro committee)



INTRO THEME 2022-2023



INTHROWBACK: REWIND THE CLOCK

The theme of this years intro week is **INTHROWBACK: REWIND THE CLOCK**. The theme refers to traveling back in time. This refers to the fact that global climate change is not an issue of this century, but is originated in the many centuries before. This is ofcourse very relateable to the study you will be following. Though those centuries from the past are not only bad, they all have their unique and fun elements. Think of disco, ABBA, dino's, romans and much more.

During this coming week, we will go back in time, but also look at the future. And more importantly build on your future in Utrecht. Like building a social network and exploring a lot of possibility that you can do with and druing your study. All acticities have some fun elements from the past or from the future...



SHORT PROGRAMME



Monday

09:00	Introduction	Uni
11:00	Registering for Storm	Uni
12:00	Computer practical + Almanac picture	Uni
13:00	Lunch	Uni
14:00	Bonding + Storm	City
18:00	through the city	
20:00	Griftpark	City

Tuesday

09:00	Talk study advisors and Klaas van Egmond	Uni
13:00	Duurzame	T.B.A.
17:00	Introductie Tijd	
19:00	18- activity	City
21:00		
23:00	Poema (18+)	City

Wednesday

09:00	Lecture Sustainability Challenges	Uni
13:30	Staff-Student activity	Minnaert Cafe
15:30		
16:00	Low-key park chill	City
18:00	Bison Bowling	City
21:00		
21:00	Walden	City
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Thursday

09:00	Lecture Mathematics	Uni
13:00	Toastie Thursday	Vagant

SHORT PROGRAMME

Friday

09:00	Travel to location	Central station
13:00	City Game	Lievelde
15:30	Settling in	
18:00	Dinner	
21:00	Beerlympics	

Saturday

08:30	Breakfast
10:00	Intrournament
12:30	
13:45	Excursion +
16:45	Committee talks
18:30	Dinner
22:00	Party

Sunday

8:15	Waking up + Gymnastics
9:15	Breakfast
10:15	Cleaning up
12:00	Leave Accomodation



PROGRAMME DAY TO DAY

Monday

We will start the day at the Utrecht Science Park in Koningsbergersgebouw, Pangea with introductory talks from us, the committee, from the board of Storm and Margien Bootsma the head of Department. After this it is time to meet your intro group and mentor parents! Then you will get some time to register for Storm and for taking the yearbook pictures. Here after there will be an IT practical, so **make sure to bring your laptop**, to introduce you to the programmes and websites that will be used in the courses and to keep track of your study progress. By then it is time for lunch with your intro group, this will be at science park, there is plenty of room and grass fields where you can eat and chill for a bit, by then you will get to know your group. In the afternoon there will be a city game in Utrecht, Storm through the city (crazy 10), where you can win a vegan apple pie! We end the day by having a chill evening in Griftpark, where we will play a famous game within Storm "Flunkyball".

Tuesday

On Tuesday we will start with a talk by one of the favorite teachers of GSS. After which there will be a talk by the study advisor(s). Then you will have some time off to have lunch with your group. We will continue the day with the DIT! This is the 'Duurzame Introductie Tijd' or 'Sustainable Introduction Time'. There are multiple activities arranged, so your exact activity will be a surprise! We will end the day with a less educational activity: first there will be a surprise activity and then we will go partying at Club Poema (18+)!

Wednesday

The day will start with a lecture, you can find the location in My TimeTable. After, at 13h30 we will start with more information and instructions about the weekend, **make sure you don't miss this if you want to join the weekend!** After, there will be a student- staff activity, which will be a surprise! This is the ideal moment to get to know the staff and your fellow Stormers ;). Then we have a lowkey activity planned in a park for the people interested to kill some time. After which we will go with all of us to bison bowling, where we will also get dinner!! This is often said to be the best activity during the week. And lastly we will have drinks at Walden, the pub where you can often find Stormers.

PROGRAMME DAY TO DAY

Thursday

Thursday will also start with a lecture, after which you can grab lunch at the Storm room, it's Toastie Thursday! Toastie Thursday is organised by the charity committee of Storm (kolokolo), you can find out all about them further in this booklet ;) On Toastie Thursdays you can get vegan toasties in the Storm room to support the good cause of Kolokolo. This toastie thursday you can bring the toastie to the vagant where you can enjoy some live music from the music workinggroup of Storm and where you can sign up for the sleeping rooms in the weekend. The rest of the day you can relax for a bit and start preparing for the weekend!

Friday

This is the first day of the amazing intro weekend where you will get a chance to get close with the other first years! We will arrive around 13h in Lievelede, how and precise timing will be communicated later on. Here we will enjoy some surprise activities. We will stay the weekend at the group accomodation Beusink.

Saturday

Lots of fun surprise activities! Like a sport activity but also more information about the committees of Storm.

Further there is an amazing "through the decades" party, so try to bring an appropriate party outfit.

Sunday

We will clean up and pack our stuff. And leave the accomodation around 11:45, details will again be communicated in the intro week.

PACKING LIST

Packing list:

Week

- ☐ A bike (**very important!!!!**)
- ☐ Wallet (including OV-chip, ID, and bank card)
- ☐ Mobile phone (+ charger)
- ☐ Laptop + Solis login (Monday!)
- ☐ Pen and paper
- ☐ Lunch (except for Monday)
- ☐ Water bottle to stay hydrated
- ☐ Sleeping necessities (optional)
- ☐ Green item (shirt) for poema
- ☐ Sunscreen (if very sunny)

Weekend

- ☐ Wallet (ID, bank card, OV-card,...)
- ☐ Mobile phone (+charger)
- ☐ Towel and toiletries
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Clothing for both warm and cold weather
- ☐ Clothing for partying
- ☐ Group Item
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Sleeping bag, pillow case, fitted sheet
- ☐ Flip flops
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Lunch box
- ☐ (Board) games
- ☐ Hint: gift for your mentor parents and the committee ;))



STUDY ASSOCIATION STORM

You probably have received a ton of information about different student organisations, study associations and other groups you can join as a student. All this information might be a little confusing, therefore you will find a bit more information about who we are in this booklet. You can find even more information about Storm on our **website!**

Storm is a study organisation for all who follow an environmental study programme here at Utrecht University. Our members are either in the bachelor programme 'Global Sustainability Science' or in the master programmes 'Sustainable Development' or 'Water Science and Management'.

Who are we and what do we do?

Storm has 23 active committees, that will be elaborated on later in this booklet. These committees organise all kinds of fun activities ranging from parties, sports and foreign trips, to excursions and career related activities. Storm has its own room where you can relax before, "during", and after classes. The Storm room is located in the Buys Ballotgebouw and it is open from 9:30 to 16:00 (BBG 2.79). During this time you can chill and play games with other Stormers from all different years whilst enjoying free coffee and tea. Being a member of Storm will also give you a discount on multiple things, for example for ordering your books if you do this via our website. Whether or not you plan on becoming active within the association, everyone is always welcome! Storm is there for every type of student, providing you with tools for your studies and future career, but also with plenty of events that enrich your student life!



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Selma Toker (she/her)

What is your age?

20 years old

What year are you in?

I am now in my second year of GSS

What is your hometown?

I'm from a really small village in Friesland

How do you spend your spare time?

I love to read books, take photos, Play tennis and other sports, travel and explore beautiful places, hang out with my friends, and ofcourse to party!

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

I think my favourite moment was bison bowling because it is a really funny and great evening where you have a lot of fun with your whole intro group (The large amount of shots help for sure ;))

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

When my friends call me to have a movie marathon! Especially the maze runner :)

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

Hmm this is a hard question, but I would love to chill in the 60s and enjoy the most colourful decade! Maybe even travel in my own little hippie bus :)

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

I still want to do the Crossing border committee. I think it is really cool to organize such a memorable trip for your fellow Stormers. And of course enjoy the trip yourself as well, because it will be really great!

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I first thought about studying nature science and innovation managment before finding GSS so probably that. However I am really happy with my choice and would never switch.



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jens Waltmann (he/him)

What is your age?

20 years old

What year are you in?

I just finished my second year

What is your hometown?

I am from the great Julianadorp!

How do you spend your spare time?

I love to cook and spend time with friends. I also binge-watch a lot (a lot = way too much), and I love spending time with my girlfriend (of course)!

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

I think the first day was the most special for me, especially in the evening in the park you really start to get to know the people who will later become your best friends :)

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

Where there is food, there is Jens.

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

Would be pretty neat to see some dinosaurs, but since I would then instantly die I think I will choose for the time of the Roman Empire. Not that I would survive there for long, but there would be some hope.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

I did the SusChefs (cooking committee) last year and if I could I would do it again. I would love to do the career committee once and will join a few different ones next year as I will be on the board. I think I would like most committees actually :)

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I was always looking at biology or something ecology-related. However with what I know now I would have probably done something Social-Political, such as European studies. I am very very happy with GSS though, so I would not change it ever!



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carolina Goddard (she/her)

What is your age?

I'm 20 years old

What year are you in?

I will be starting my second year

What is your hometown?

That is a tricky question. I was born in the city of Volkswagens, Wolfsburg in Germany. But lived 18 years abroad, for the most part on the sunny island of Cyprus!

How do you spend your spare time?

I love spending my time outdoors, hiking, biking, walking my dogs. But I also do enjoy catching up on my F1 races, and cooking creative dishes in the kitchen :)

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

I really enjoyed the evenings of the intro weekend. They were chill yet fun. You really get to bond and know the others, I even met my closest friends there for the first time.

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

For a spontaneous all paid holiday!!

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

To the 1900s to meet Marie Curie, a pioneering scientist and the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, not once but twice (and that is impressive)

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

Like most Uni students, I question what field I wanna work in. That's why I'd would join the Career committee, to help explore the opportunities out there. Otherwise I would also like to be part of the cooking committee, as the monthly dinners always have such a great atmosphere, and I love hosting.

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I was always very interested in Natural Sciences and Human Geography. So if GSS hadn't existed I would have studied either Geography or Public Relations. But, I am glad that GSS exists, because it combines both!



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nardi Rosier (she/her)

What is your age?

21 springs young

What year are you in?

I'm about to start my third year!

What is your hometown?

I am from Geldermalsen, train travellers from brabant know it as the train station where there is always problems.

How do you spend your spare time?

If I would have some spare time, I love to spend it with friends, family and my girlfriend. I love having casual drinks and playing games.

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

The fact that some of my best friends are originated from the intro week. Though during the park evening I had the longest conversations with random other students.

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

For my friends and family. I would instantly drop anything and everything.

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

I think the 15th century would be awesome. Traveling the world with Christopher Columbus. Yeah that sounds pretty good to me. Except for the slaves part of course.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

I would love to be the first on the moon and see the Earth from far away. And see all of its beauty from above. To me, that would be the most amazing view.

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

Before GSS, I studied Chemistry in Nijmegen. It was not my time to shine then but I still would love to do anything chemistry related.



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ella (she/her)

What is your age?

I'm 19 years old

What year are you in?

I just finished my first year!

What is your hometown?

I was born in Amsterdam and grew up in Leiden, you could almost always find me at the beach doing watersports such as surfing, kitesurfing, sailing and simply swimming.

How do you spend your spare time?

When I have spare time I like to draw, sail or spend time with my best friends, Marie, Olle, Lise and Abel who also study GSS.

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

My best memory of the intro week are the parties during intro weekend since I met a lot of new people! I met people in that week that I have formed friendships with that will last a lifetime so I am very grateful for it.

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

For a fun trip with my friends!

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

I think traveling to the future would be pretty interesting, could earn a lot of money predicting the future.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

So far I have only done the intro committee and loved learning how to plan such a week and met a lot of friends through this committee. I am now considering joining the kolo kolo committee (charity) or the pixie. However, organising the sailing weekend as sports and games committee sounds like a lot of fun as well.

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I always said I want to be an engineer except I'm too lazy. So in another world I would get my ass up and study mechanical engineering in TU Delft.



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cato Oosterink (she/her)

What is your age?

I'm 21 years old

What year are you in?

I'll be a third year GSS students after the summer

What is your hometown?

Velp, a town bordering Arnhem in the east of the Netherlands

How do you spend your spare time?

I spend most of my time with great friends :) Additionally, I play field hockey at SCHC and work in caregiving for elderly people. I'd say I'm pretty busy ;)

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

I loved meeting so many new and different people. I still have good friends from GSS, of whom some I have met on the first day of the intro week :)

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

I am a sucker for a picknick, especially when it includes specialty beers and sun!

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

The 70's! Disco and ABBA, what a time to be alive.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

I did the first year committee last year, which is great if you are looking for a low key, chill committee! As the intro committee is more busy, I would go for a more chill committee again next year. The Bata committee would be awesome, as I really enjoyed the Batavieren race this year!

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

My interests lie in the more climate-related and biological side of processes, so I would probably study biology with some additional earth sciences courses.



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rosalie Seton (she/her)

What is your age?

I am *cough cough* years old

What year are you in?

I just finished my second year of GSS and will be doing board next year :)

What is your hometown?

The beautiful Betuwse town of Tiel

How do you spend your spare time?

During the busy year, I enjoy hanging out with friends, playing tennis, working and going out to Poemondag. Whenever I have a bit of extra time I also truly enjoy reading a good book and playing the piano.



What is your best memory of your own intro week?

I met my very best friends during the intro week!!! I mainly enjoyed socializing with everyone, since GSS'ers are truly amazing people. Whenever we were chilling in the park was definitely my favourite time.

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

You can always wake me up if my friends need anything.

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

I would not dare to mess with time travel to the past, since I am way too afraid to create time loops and a myriad of other potential unseen consequences. Therefore, I would love to go to the future.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

As future Commissioner of External Affairs, I am very excited to be in the Career Committee next year. The PixCie Committee will also always have a special place in my heart <3.

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I considered medical school, physics, history, engineering and English literature before deciding on GSS. So probably one of those.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ilvie (she/her)

What is your age?

I'm 19 years old

What year are you in?

Just finished the second year

What is your hometown?

The always alive and bustling Hardinxveld-Giessendam

How do you spend your spare time?

The two things I love to do most are traveling and simply hanging out with friends. When the sun's out you will find me in a park with music, a book or a pic-nic.

What is your best memory of your own intro week?

Meeting a lot of cool people and being immediately thrown into the student life. The evening at Griftpark was the best one of the week.

For what would you drop everything you are doing?

Anything fun really, I have the attention span of a two-year old and love taking breaks.

To which time period would you jump if you had a time machine?

I'd go to the last half of the 20th century (60s-90s) and spend my summers hopping from one concert to the next.

What other Storm committees would you consider joining?

I was in the first year committee last year, which is great because it's not too much work and you can organize anything you want. I think the career or wellbeing committee would be fun to join as well.

If GSS did not exist, what would you be studying right now?

I honestly have no clue. Before I started I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to study. I picked GSS because I wanted to start at least something and this had a little bit of everything I liked: social, economics, and the environment. 1000% could not have made a better choice! I love this study and the people. I also love that it's internationally oriented.

And guys: if you're doubting during the first few weeks give it some time, you'll definitely find your place :)



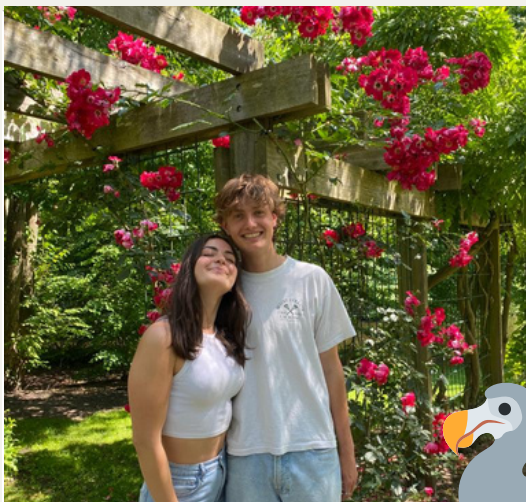
INTRO PARENTS!



LYSI & MAXIME
SPICY SPHINXS



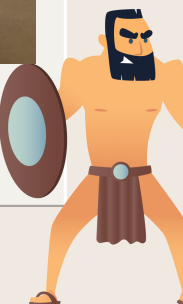
MARTINA & JOB
FIERCE PHILOSOPHERS



ALICE & ARNE
DOMINANT DODOS



KAROLIEN & RIK
MIGHTY MIDDLE-AGES



INTRO PARENTS!



MARIE & OLLE
MASSIVE MAMMOTHS



NYNKE & FINN
PREHISTORIC PRINCESSES



MILA & JOUKE
HAPPY HIPPIES



ANNIKA & PAUL
ARTSY ARCHAEOLOGISTS

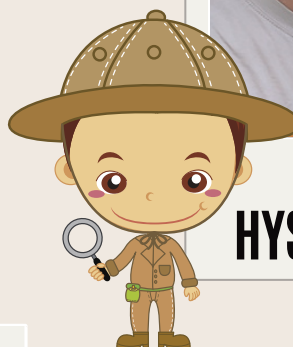
INTRO PARENTS!



SOPHIE & VALENTIJN
CLUMSY CLOCKS



MIRA & RUBEN
HYSTERICAL HISTORIANS



LISE & ABEL
BIG BANGERS



GIULIA & TWAN
HORNY HUNTERS



INTRO PARENTS!



ROSA & STEFF
ROARING ROMANS



ENZA & JACEK
TROUBLED TIMETRAVELERS



BRECHTJE & JOEP
VICIOUS VIKINGS



MARINA & GUILLAUME
JOLLY JAZZERS

INTRO PARENTS!



JULIA & PEIJN
TICKING TIMEBOMBS



GIOVANNA & YEJUN
DANCING DINOSAURS



EEFJE & NOAH
DAZZLING DISCOBALLS



ANNA & PIET
PARTYING PIRATES



CURRENT CHAIR OF STORM

CLÉO DOREL-WATSON (SHE/HER)

Dear soon to be first-years,

First if all, I would like to welcome and congratulate you for choosing Global Sustainability Science! This is one of the most exciting new phases you will start in life - the beginning of your student life. The upcoming years will be filled with new experiences and opportunities, as well as creating wonderful relations with your peers. My name is Cléo and I am the Chair of Study Association Storm. I hope you will soon feel at home in the lovely Storm community.

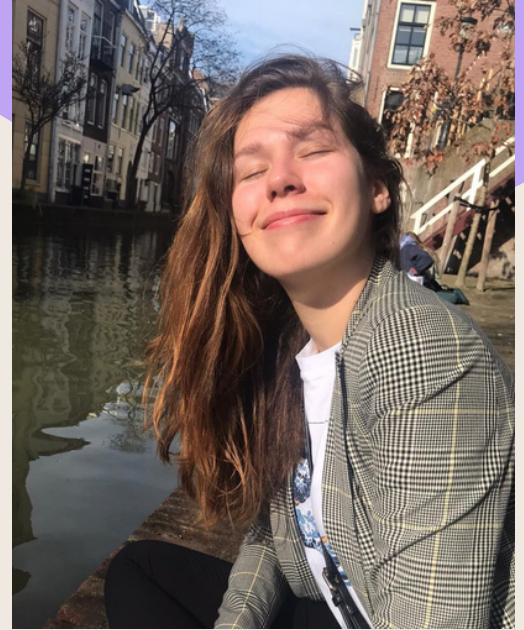
Study Association Storm is the study association for the bachelor Global Sustainability Science and two masters, namely Sustainable Development and Water Science & Management. Storm aims to give you the best student time possible by supporting you in developing with regards to your social life, education and future career. We do so by hosting events and activities organised by our 24 committees! Throughout the year, we have around three activities per week, which can range from drinks, dinners/parties, sports, excursions, a ten day bus trip abroad, panel talks, weekends away (for example the famous Sailing Weekend) and way more! Plenty of events you can go to, to firstly meet life-long friends and to make memories you will never forget.

As cliché as it may sound, the start of studying for sure is a new chapter within life. There are so many opportunities and possibilities to experience new things, learn new skills, meet new friends and change as a person. It can be nerve-racking but also thrilling! I would therefore urge you to sometimes take a moment to stand still by all the new things that are coming into your life. I promise you it will go faster than you think; suddenly you are three years in and have to think about masters.

I hope that, even during your filled student life, you will find a connection within our amazing association Storm. Either by joining a committee, or by participating at the activities. I can only highly recommend doing this, as for me personally it enhanced my student life a lot. But for now I wish you a wonderful intro week that our lovely Intro Committee has organised for you! Hopefully until soon!

All the best,

Cléo Dorel-Watson



CANDIDATE BOARD

2023-2024

To make sure Storm keeps running well, we have a board that consists of six people. You will see them a lot at events and in the Stormroom, and you can always come to them with questions. Every year at the end of September, a new board is installed. Below, the 33rd candidate board, which will be the new board during your first year, introduces themselves.



Jens Waltmann
Candidate chair

A proud resident of J-Town who loves to cook, but is too lazy to cook, manages to watch 26 hours of netflix in a day and forgets the whole night after one beer

Ruben Kraaij
Candidate secretary

Always chill and real Rotterdammer, with a passion for the outdoors, food and bad humour



Pepijn Verhaak
Candidate treasurer

A try hard travel lover but someone who does not take the time to do so. "I put my priorities at dancing the night away in Poema!"

Piet van Leeuwen
Candidate commissioner of educational affairs

A Randstadter that just finished his first year and wont stop talking about korfbal



Rosalie Seton
Candidate commissioner of external affairs

A happy Betuwse girl, who is half-French yet afraid to actually speak it and whose happy place is taking long walks, listening to music, going out on a Monday and reading books.

Nynke Stomp
Candidate commissioner of internal affairs

A limburgse and cali girl in one, who loves the outdoors, taylor swift, and is always in for a good time.



CANDIDATE CHAIR

JENS WALTMANN (HE/HIM)



Welcome on behalf of the upcoming board of storm, Lutum!

I will start by introducing myself, I am Jens, 20 years old, and I am candidate Chair for the board of Storm in your first year! It is a bit confusing, since I am also the chair of the introduction committee. However this just means you will see more of me, yay! A new study is of course very exciting, but no worries it will be a great year, trust me. Storm will be your study association, we will organise many events, among which this introduction week, and we (the next board) will spend the next year of our lives to make your year as great as possible! We will introduce ourselves on the first day, and please ask us anything, we will be there for you! (Almost) Welcome to Utrecht and Global Sustainability Science, enjoy!

The first year is always exciting, for me too. New friends, new city, new courses, which might be a bit scary even. Before I arrived at my own introduction I was nervous, but as soon as I got a group (where my best friends eventually came from) the best week of my life started. Storm became a lifestyle for me, and I wish everyone of you the same! Storm organises about 2 or 3 activities per week, from career symposia to parties. I strongly advice you to try a few activities after your introduction is done, to try Storm out for yourself! You will most likely find me there, just ask me about Storm and hopefully the stupid laugh which then appears on my face will convince you that Storm is great.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Jens, Candidate 33rd Chair of Storm

CANDIDATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS PIET VAN LEEUWEN (HE/HIM)



Heyhey First-years!

I hope that you are enjoying reading the booklet at the moment! I would like to introduce myself, as I will hopefully see you all more during the coming year! My name is Piet, a very typical Dutch name for old people (I was named after my grandpa). Last year, I was a first-year as well. I look back at the introduction week as one of the most fun weeks of my life, where I met fun people I still am friends with today. So, I hope (and think) that you will also have great introduction week filled with fun activities!

In my free time I like to play the, also very typically Dutch, sport korfbal. As of last year, I am active at the student korfbal association of Utrecht. I was very lucky to get a room at the Sterren (a SSH studentcomplex) in a very great house with 14 amazing housemates! I love to hang out with friends, go out in Utrecht's Nightlife, cook (and eat), travel and meet new people. Next to this, I am the candidate commissioner of educational affairs of Storm. This means that I will be responsible for issues and questions related to education and the university in the Storm board. So, if you have any questions regarding uni (university) or ordering books, don't hesitate to talk to me (I will be in the Storm Room a lot), message me (+31610485049) or send me an email (onderwijs@stormutrecht.nl). Also if you have any feedback on courses, the program in general or something else, just reach out to me, because I love to hear it, so we can improve GSS!

Now before thinking about all this, enjoy your well-deserved summer break! I can't wait to meet you all during the Introduction Week!

Cheers,

Piet van Leeuwen

Candidate Commissioner of Educational Affairs of the 33rd Board of Storm

CANDIDATE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS NYNKE STOMP (SHE/HER)



Dear future GSSrs,

My name is Nynke Stomp, and I will be the next Commissioner of Internal Affairs for the 33rd Board of Storm "Lutum" 🌿. I am super excited for you to start off your studies and student life this September during our Introduction Week!

This time last year, I was also receiving a booklet similar to this one, back then I was living in sunny California with my family getting ready to move to Utrecht all by myself! I know from firsthand experience how exciting but scary moving away and starting a new study can be. I can assure you, however, that at least for me my worries quickly went away. I met many amazing people during the Introduction Week some of whom I am still close friends with today :). I was also amazed at how easy and fun it is to get involved with the study association Storm through committees and all the events we organize! In addition to this, I know the Storm Introduction Committee has worked very hard this past year to make it an unforgettable experience! I really can't wait for the start of the year and to help you discover all that Utrecht, the University, and Storm have to offer! I hope you are as excited as I am!! ✨

Please feel free to contact me or any of my fellow Candidate Board members with any questions or concerns, now or in the future! We are always happy to help with anything! For WhatsApp, my phone number is +1 (408) 455 0493. You can also find me at Storm events, or in the Storm Room (BBG 2.79).

See you soon ❤️

Nynke Stomp

HONORARY MEMBER: DETLEF VAN VUUREN

I have a confession to make and that is that I am extremely happy with the decision I made after high school to pursue the study of "Environmental Science" (as GSS was called at the time) at Utrecht. Interestingly enough in those days, environmental awareness was already on the rise, but with a very strong focus on various local pollution issues (around that time, the first National Environmental Program was also developed). In 1991, the opportunity finally arrived for me, my first year going to do "secondary university programme" Environmental Science, after enduring two years of "basic training" in a random other discipline (in my case, actually two studies – chemistry and public administration).

However, it's worth noting that compared to the current state of GSS, everything was still quite amateurish. This not only applied to the study itself but also to the organization surrounding it. It was the study itself that organized the introduction in the form of a camp (so teachers) and obviously, it had a nice valuable content-focused program, but as students, we realized that a social program was completely missing. And this marked the beginning of Storm... A group of students decided that it was worthwhile to seek connection as environmental science (now sustainability) students, and we came together to contemplate the idea of a student association. We envisioned an association that could assist us with social activities, facilitate connection through a newsletter, offer engaging lectures, and more. Within six months, Storm emerged as the association for Environmental Science students in Utrecht.

Personally, I had the privilege as the first Chairperson of Storm to lead the process of building Storm and witnessing its growth over the years. I believe that Storm can be an invaluable resource, extending beyond the formal curriculum during study time. It provides an avenue for connecting with like-minded students, offering relaxation, and fostering a pleasant and stimulating environment for personal development. At least, that's how I experienced it.

HONORARY MEMBER: DETLEF VAN VUUREN

By the way, I have gotten very far in my career since the Storm days – at least in the literal sense. One of the reasons I chose to study environmental science was due to the reports of the Club of Rome, which as early as 1972, addressed issues like pollution and resource depletion using computer models. I found opportunities to conduct such research at the RIVM (in Bilthoven, near Utrecht) and later at the PBL. This enabled my involvement in IPCC, IPBES and various other UN organizations. These experiences also allowed me to reconnect with the department and study in Utrecht as a professor of Global Environmental Problems. In my opinion, my sustainability studies have proven to be valuable for me, not necessarily because of the precise knowledge gained, but mainly due to the interdisciplinary research skills and solution-oriented thinking fostered.

Therefore, I also believe you have made a wise decision to pursue a sustainability course in Utrecht. In fact, now, more than ever, we need well-trained and motivated individuals to address the current sustainability challenges facing our planet. We are confronted with (at least) a triple crisis related to climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion/pollution. But we are still inequity and poverty at the same time. However, studies have also shown that there is much that can be done to manage these crises, which is why fresh and brilliant minds are essential. I hope to see you in the years to come. Make the most of your time as a student by learning from your studies themselves, but equally important, by developing yourself through Storm and regularly enjoying yourself



HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: MARGIEN BOOTSMA

Welcome to Global Sustainability Science!

We're living in unprecedented and challenging times. The past three years have shown once more that humanity can only achieve sustainability when the environment, society and economy are in balance. Due to our far-stretching impact on environment and ecosystems and globalisation patterns, the coronavirus could rapidly cause a pandemic that has changed our way of living and economic activities drastically. Countries in lockdown have shown a remarkable drop in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, indicating that it is indeed possible to improve environmental quality. However, the quick return of air pollution in for example China also indicates that, from a sustainability perspective, 'back to normal' is not the preferred way to go.

At the same time, according to the World Economic Forum, the Russian invasion into Ukraine is having far reaching consequences in a variety of areas: the situation has evolved into a humanitarian crisis, has turned food and energy security volatile and raises questions about the architecture of global security. From a sustainability perspective, the Ukraine war could actually accelerate adoption of renewable energy and thus could stimulate the energy transition that is necessary to combat climate change.

This picture on this page was taken in Costa Rica, one of the biodiversity hotspots in the world. Biodiversity is important for sustainability of our natural world as well as for human health, and biodiversity experts warn that it is likely that pandemics like COVID-19 could occur more frequently unless we stop destroying nature.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: MARGIEN BOOTSMA

These are just a few examples of the many sustainability challenges that you have decided to devote your (professional) life to. We will meet each other regularly during your participation in the Global Sustainability Science programme. First of all, in the introductory course Sustainability Challenges we will explore the main causes of sustainability challenges and their solutions. Personally, I have been involved in teaching introductory courses in environmental and sustainability sciences for quite some time now, and I am happy with this course that will introduce you to the field of sustainability science as well as several important academic skills. Second, as the programme leader, you can always approach me with questions about or remarks on the programme.

You're about to start your new adventure of becoming a sustainability scientist. You will meet new people, and make friends – some of them will turn out to be friends for life. So, again, welcome to Utrecht University and Global Sustainability Science. Have fun, be inspired, challenge your peer students, your lecturers and, most of all, challenge yourself!





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Almanac Committee

Hey everyone! Do you want to know all the of tea during the year? Do you want to see all of the amazing and ugly pictures of everyone? Do you want to make a yearbook which summarizes the entire year within the Association? Well, then the Almanac Committee is the committee to join! With a group of eight enthusiastic people you will embark on the journey of making that years almanac. You get to be very creative with your own theme, design and layout of the book. Furthermore, making questionnaires for people to fill in and selecting only the best pictures are very rewarding tasks. The Almanac Committee is one of the most important committees in Storm as your fellow Stormers all want to see the answers from te questionnaires and see the summary of their year in one beautiful book. The Almanac Committee is not one of the most time consuming committees, but it does require some pro-activity and it is quite an active committee aswell!

Batavierenrace Committee

Hi there! The Batavierenrace Committee prepares Storm's participation in one of the most exciting student events on earth: the Batavierenrace! This is a student relay race, where student teams run different stages from the campus of Nijmegen to the campus of Enschede. The total distance is 175 km, and more than 8000 students participate! In the committee you will make sure Storm participates with one (or two?!) enthusiastic, well-prepared teams. Things you will do for the race are for example dividing the stages, fixing the van that transports the runners, and making sure everyone knows what to do. Last year we also organised an info night and track training earlier in the year! During the Bata weekend we will camp in Enschede and the weekend always ends with a big party!

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Career committee

The career committee organises super cool events that are all career-related. What do we mean by that? We help our fellow Stormers figure out what they want to do after their studies by giving them the opportunity to explore the possibilities through events. Think of a career week, in-house days, panel talks, workshops, or a dinner: you can name it all. As these events are super instructive and help students to figure out their future career paths, the career committee is very important. Being a member of the career committee is also very useful for yourself, as you get the chance to understand the job market and possibilities better after your studies.

As a member of the career committee, you will acquire the speakers/guests of the event. You will be the one in contact with researchers pretty high up in the field of sustainability, project leaders, consultants, and their co-workers, which is kind of cool, isn't it? This is super helpful for your networking and soft skills. Don't worry, you do not have to do this all by yourself, as you are in an amazing team!

Consultancy committee

The Consultancy Committee is a committee that was created last year that will keep itself occupied with acquiring consultancy cases for Stormers to work on as student consultants. The committee will also be in charge of finding Stormers for the cases, and will maintain oversight of how the cases develop. It is a very cool opportunity to broaden your network and acquire more professional (organisational) experience. Next to which, you assist in preparing Stormers for working in the world of professionals that follows! The exact interpretation of the committee is still very open as we still do not know the exact role of Storm within student consultancy, which means you can influence this!

Cooking committee

Dear Stormers, thinking about joining the cooking committee? If you like cooking and having a great time with your friends then you certainly won't get disappointed! You can expect to meet up around every 2 weeks as you will organise dinners every month. All dinners are vegan (of course ;) and then it's up to you and the other Stormers to enjoy the delicious food! Our committee organised events with up to fifty participants!! Such as buffets, cycling dinners and even at our own housing people were welcome :)

A stylized graphic of a large eye with a blue iris and a yellow-orange outline, positioned in the top left corner of the page.

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Crossing borders committee

Hello new Stormers! The task of the BC is to organise the yearly Crossing Borders trip, on which 60 enthusiastic Stormers go on a trip across Europe, always together with our lovely bus driver Ton. You might have already heard the beautiful song that we dedicate to him, and if not you will recognise it soon enough #jumpforTon. During this trip, you make tons of new friends, see new places, create inside jokes, play lots of flunky and make the bus bounce (literally) because of all the jumping. We are one of the most active committees of Storm, which means we meet every week, since there is lots to do and organise for the trip. It is a bit of a commitment, but it is so worth it! Firstly, because the trip is one of the highlights of the year for Stormers, and it is super fun that you get to make sure this year's trip will be even more legendary than the last. But next to that, you and your committee see each other a lot, share the experience of organising such a trip, and will inevitably become good friends as well <3. BC is always a popular committee (for a reason;)), but don't be hesitant to sign up!

Education and promotion committee (EdProCie)

Whether we are walking in halls of the Koningsberger and Buys Ballot buildings or out and about doing fieldwork, your experiences about your GSS courses matter! And that is exactly what we are here for: after every period, we invite you to evaluate your courses with us during the Course Evaluation Panels (CEPs). It is a low-key way to give feedback about the courses you followed. But we do not only organise the CEPs. We are also here for Parents' Day! On this day, you can invite your parents/family members to join you on campus to experience what it is like to be a GSS student! Fun right?? And last but not least, we organise activities that bring together staff and students. Having drinks or playing games with your teachers is a fun way to get to know them and for them to get to know you outside of the classroom! Do you like to be involved with your education?

Do not hesitate to join the Education and Promotion Committee!

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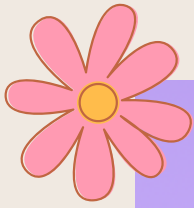
First year committee

Dear First Year Students, it can be overwhelming to start a new study in a whole new city with new people. But, to make sure that the integration with all the nice new people goes as smoothly as possible, you can sign up for the First Year committee! The First Year committee consists of 7 first year students and 1 board member and its goal is to make the first years integrate with all other students from GSS. Your task is to organise all kinds of fun activities to meet new people and to have a lot of fun of course. You can organise activities such as a karaoke night, bowling or a pool activity or anything else that you can think of! We will have a meeting roughly once every 2 weeks, and when there is an upcoming activity we'll meet roughly once a week. We can guarantee that you'll love it so be sure to sign up for this lovely committee!!!

International Committee

Hi there! Are you interested in culture exchange and inclusivity? Do you want to help new students integrated within university and Storm? Then the International Committee is for you! The committee organises 4 activities a year, which can include a language exchange, a panel talk about women in sustainability or a salsa dance workshop. Next to this, you are in charge of the buddy system that aims to help first years starting their first year at university. You will meet with your committee approximately once every other week to organise all of the above. It is therefor not a super busy committee





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Introduction committee

Hi first years! We are the intro committee and we organise your first week at Utrecht University, which will hopefully become one of your most memorable weeks at uni and with Storm!

Now, this first week will be your intro week, but what does that mean? Well, it is the first week in your academic year in which we try to introduce you to all that the uni life has to offer. You will get a taste of life in Utrecht, life as a GSS-er and life as a Stormer! This week is filled with fun activities, interesting lectures and it will be closed with a (hopefully) unforgettable weekend where you'll get a chance to get to know your fellow students and have lots of fun! The intro week will also have a theme, but this remains a secret until the week almost begins. ;) Are you interested in also organising such an amazing week for the next first years, then make sure to join the introduction committee this year! If you have any questions about the intro week or anything else, don't hesitate to contact us, we will help you out! We can't wait to meet all of you!

Much love, The intro committee

Kolokolo committee

Kolokolo is a very special committee, as it is fun and meaningful at the same time! This is because the main goal of Kolokolo is to raise as much money as possible for charity, by organising several exciting events! Every year Storm members can vote for a new charity, and last year the elected charity was Stichting Oasebos, which is a small foundation that raises money to protect the rainforests in Costa Rica! Some important events are organised each year, including the Kolokolo merchandise, the New Year's Dive and the Kolokolo Auction. Besides, Kolokolo sells their home-made vegan toasties every week in the Storm room at Toasty Thursdays. But be creative, there is enough space in this committee to come up with your own ideas. Since the last committees raised so much money, you can expect the next Kolokolo committee to be very motivated to raise even more, hopefully with your help! ;)



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Lectures and Excursions committee (LEX)

Hi future Stormers! We are L'Explosion, the Lectures and Excursions committee, and we would like to tell you a bit about what we do. As our name mentions, we organize fun and educational events. This year, for example, we organized an excursion to Amersfoort where we visited an art exhibition and had a sustainable lunch at a local restaurant. Our most remarkable lecture this year was about sustainable wine, and we also had a wine tasting! LEX is a great committee to join as a first year because our events often attract people from all years, so it is a great way to get to know Stormers! Moreover, LEX gives you the opportunity to engage with many different projects inside and outside of university and broaden your connections. LEX is an amazing committee as you get the best of both worlds, organize fun events with your friends while also growing professionally. So, what are you waiting for? Become the next member of the Lectures and Excursions committee!

Media committee

Just as the name says: MEDIA! Everything is possible with regards to media. Write a monthly blog or even weekly. What about daily vlogging, become the next Mr Beast or Emma Chamberlain. You can use the YouTube channel as well to make game videos or something more sustainability related. Hell, you can do whatever you feel like and post how much you feel like. Though there is the requirement to at least create two magazines in the academic year. But there are unlimited possibilities with the topic or the layout. It is all up to you.

Maybe writing is not the way to go for you. Then you can use the media platform to create music and post them on Spotify or SoundCloud. Don't want to sing, then create a podcast! Maybe you feel like Storm is missing a TikTok account or a different media, then suggest it and maybe create it!!





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Outdoor committee

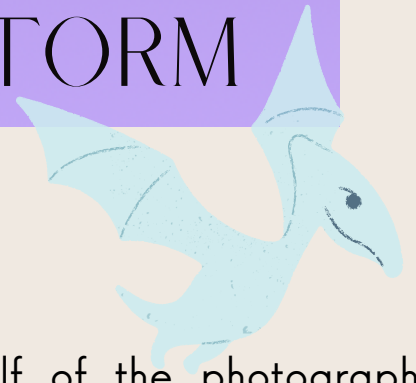
Hi there! The outdoor committee is a very fun committee to join for various reasons. The name kind of already reveals what we do: we organise fun activities and events in the outdoors. The activities can really be anything you imagine. For example, over the past years we have organised ice skating days, musical campfire nights, a dance marathon, Christmas lights walking tours, and hikes in nature reserves! Furthermore, each year we organise our iconic surfing day/weekend and camping weekend, which are very popular among Stormers. The outdoor committee is important for Stormers, as we encourage them to go outside and get that serotonin and vitamin D boost; this is especially important for students to do during stressful exam periods. Lastly, the outdoor committee is quite active, but also gives you plenty of time to do other things. It does not require as much time and effort as, for example, the introduction and crossing borders committee. Hopefully this gives you an idea of what we do.

Love, The Outdoor committee of 2021-2022,
The Finding OutDorys

Party committee

If you like organising (and going to ;) parties, the party committee can be something for you! Every month we have monthly drinks, where we can be creative with the themes and just get Stormers together at our favourite café Walden. Next to this, the committee organises some bigger parties throughout the year, where every Stormer can have an awesome night of dancing! At the end of the year, the garden festival takes place, which is also organised by the party committee. The committee meets every two weeks approximately, so it is pretty easy to do next to the studies and other activities.

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Photography committee (pixcie)

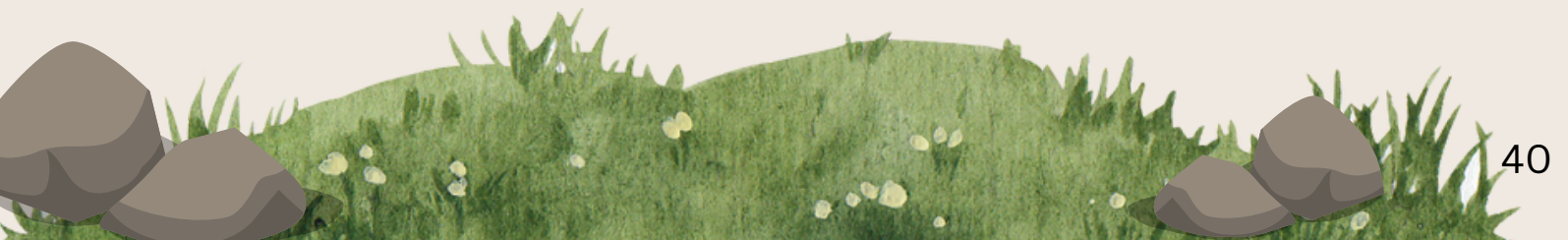
Hi Stormer,

Welcome to this little introduction talk on behalf of the photography committee! We try to make sure that all fun Storm activities are captured and can be found on the Storm website. Last year we had the opportunity to organise our own Storm event. We organised a photo tour through Amelisweerd which was a lot of fun. We presented the 20 best photos of the whole year and after we had beers and snacks. Our last meeting was in the park and after the meeting we got ice cream. This represents our committee very well as Pixcie is chill, relaxed and a lot of fun!

Good luck this year, and you might spot one of us with a camera!! (smile and pose ;)

Sports and games committee

Dear First Years, we are the Sports and Games Committee 2021-2022 and we are excited to show you what we do and who we are. We are a group of 8 (Samuel, Lois, Lieke, Ammar, Annika, Chris, Julia, and Caio) and are responsible for organizing amazing sporty and fun activities for all of Storm. Our group is a good mix of 3 third years, 1 second years, 3 first years, and one board member who all have gotten closer to one another by planning and organizing events together. In the 2021-2022 academic year we faced a few challenges especially due to covid restriction, nevertheless we were able to organize some amazing events. Our first event was a "high school sports and games event" where we rented a school gym and played football, basketball, volleyball and dodgeball in a competition form. We also organized a day with squash, ping pong and ice skating. In march we rented a party room to host a casino night and towards the end of the year the sailing weekend and battle of committees took place. As a committee we also valued connecting with each other and therefore we had several bonding events where we went bowling, played pool at the pool bar, and went out for drinks.





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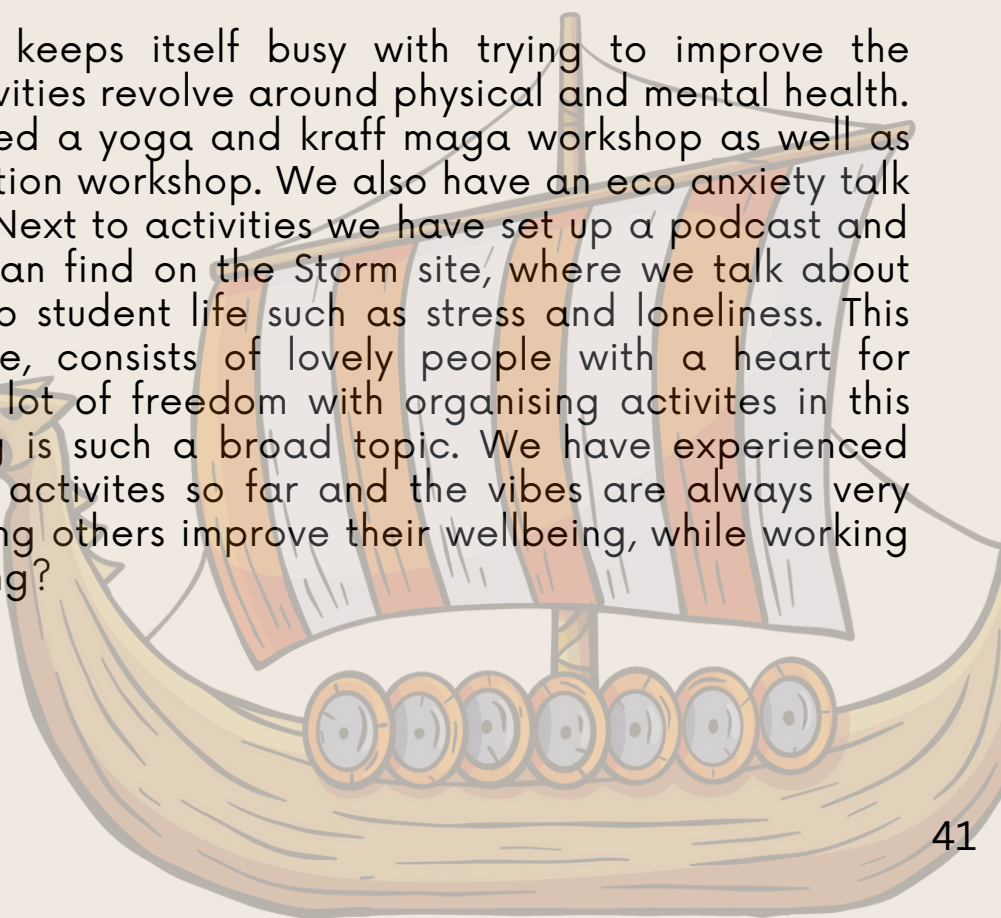
Sustainability committee

In the sustainability committee, we try to inspire other Stormers to implement sustainability outside of the classroom as well :) Over the year, we organise 2 challenge weeks, filled with fun sustainability related activities, as well as daily challenges with prizes to win! We also run the committee challenges, which is a sustainability competition between all committees that is up during the whole year. Alsooo we are the only committee with an instagram account!! Here, we try to stay active and provide Stormers with nice recommendations and fun glimpses into our own daily lives. It's a very chill committee with not too much work, but still really relevant!

With green regards, the Optimistic Otters

Wellbeing committee

The wellbeing committee keeps itself busy with trying to improve the wellbeing of Stormers. Activities revolve around physical and mental health. This year we have organised a yoga and kraff maga workshop as well as an eye gazing and meditation workshop. We also have an eco anxiety talk and workshop coming up. Next to activities we have set up a podcast and several blogs, which you can find on the Storm site, where we talk about wellbeing topics related to student life such as stress and loneliness. This years wellbeing committee, consists of lovely people with a heart for helping others. There is a lot of freedom with organising activites in this committee since wellbeing is such a broad topic. We have experienced great enthousiasm for our activites so far and the vibes are always very relaxed. Do you love helping others improve their wellbeing, while working on topics you find interesting?



BUDDY SYSTEM



Dear first-years,

During your first year, you might feel a bit lost with all the new things coming into your life. Therefore you may need some help or support! You may have moved to another country of which you don't speak the language, or you struggle with finding things to do. This is why the International Committee of Storm created the Buddies! They are GSS students just like you that probably faced the same difficulties as you, so don't be afraid of contacting a buddy in case of troubles. You can find different buddies from different countries. Also from non-EU countries (if you for example don't know how to solve visa problems)

So, if you think that talking with someone about moving out of the house, getting to know the university or whatever issue you are facing can help you, do not hesitate to fill in the form! Important to note that you can also apply for a buddy if you are Dutch!

Fill in this google form if you want to get a buddy:

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LIFE IN UTRECHT

Now that you will be studying in Utrecht (also known as UUUUU) you will also get to explore the city and discover all the beautiful spots it has to offer. On this page you will find some of the highlights to start with, after these we encourage you to go explore on your own this wonderful city!

Oudegracht

First off, there is Oudegracht. This is a canal that goes from north to south of the city centre. If you take a walk alongside of it you will come across many cute shops, café's and terraces where you relax for a bit and enjoy the view. If you go to the southern part of Oudegracht you will see the beautiful older houses of the city, and don't hesitate to wander around a bit, there are many small but wonderful streets and cute places to be found!

Dom

The Dom of Utrecht might be one of the buildings you first noticed in the city, as it is the highest building in the city centre (112m). Unfortunately it is currently under construction, but it is still open for tourists to climb the many stairs and take a look at the breathtaking view!

Neude

Neude is a square pretty much at the centre of the city with plenty of café's, restaurants and the city library. This is also a common spot to meet friends at as it is so central.

Tivoli Vredenburg

Tivoli is a place with many purposes. For example, studying in the café, going for a beer on the terrace, or going to a concert in one of the stage halls. They also often have parties, like the weekly Dondernacht ;)



LIFE IN UTRECHT

On this page you will find some of our own favourite places in Utrecht.

Kluts

kluts is a lovely little vegan cafe, where you can enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or other drinks combined with one of the many homemade cakes. As Stormer you get a discount here if you order a drink + a cake!



Amelisweerd

Amelisweerd is located outside of the city centre, close to Science park tho ;), and has beautiful nature and grass fields, ideal for taking a walk and unwind, or to meet up with friends for some drinks or games!

Walden

Walden is a special place for us Stormers. As here we can get a discount as Storm member ;). Here we organise monthly drinks, pub quizzes and many more fun activities happen here, as well as announcements like for BC, for Intro and the board of Storm.



Roxy 79

Could you not take everything to Utrecht and are you desperately in need of some clothes? or do you just want some new (vintage) clothes? Then Roxy 79 is the perfect place to go. Roxy 79 is a nice vintage shop with a lot of variety in clothes :) As Stormer you get a 20% discount at Roxy 79, So make sure to check it out!





STUDYING AT UTRECHT

Blackboard, Osiris, and other platforms

The first one sounds like a thriller series and the second one is an ancient Egyptian God. However, these two platforms will provide vital information for any student at UU. If you had an online platform in your high school (for dutch students; magister, Som, itslearning, etc.), it is probably comparable to Blackboard. You can also find an app in the AppStore or Playstore for Blackboard.

Blackboard will be your primary source of communication from your teachers. Here you will find all the things you need, hand in your assignments, and, most importantly, find your course manual. As an older student to an inexperienced one: "READ YOUR COURSE MANUAL!". This provides all the useful information you can wish for at the start of a semester. Second, to this, there is Osiris. This platform provides information about the courses and enables you to subscribe to them. Make sure to keep an eye on the subscription dates to make sure you can follow courses. Do not worry about the first period, the university already arranged that for you!

Other platforms useful for your time as a student are the myUU app and your Outlook account. Every student has an Outlook account which can be helpful to get in touch with each other and teachers. The myUU app shows your student card, study progression, and timetable for courses.

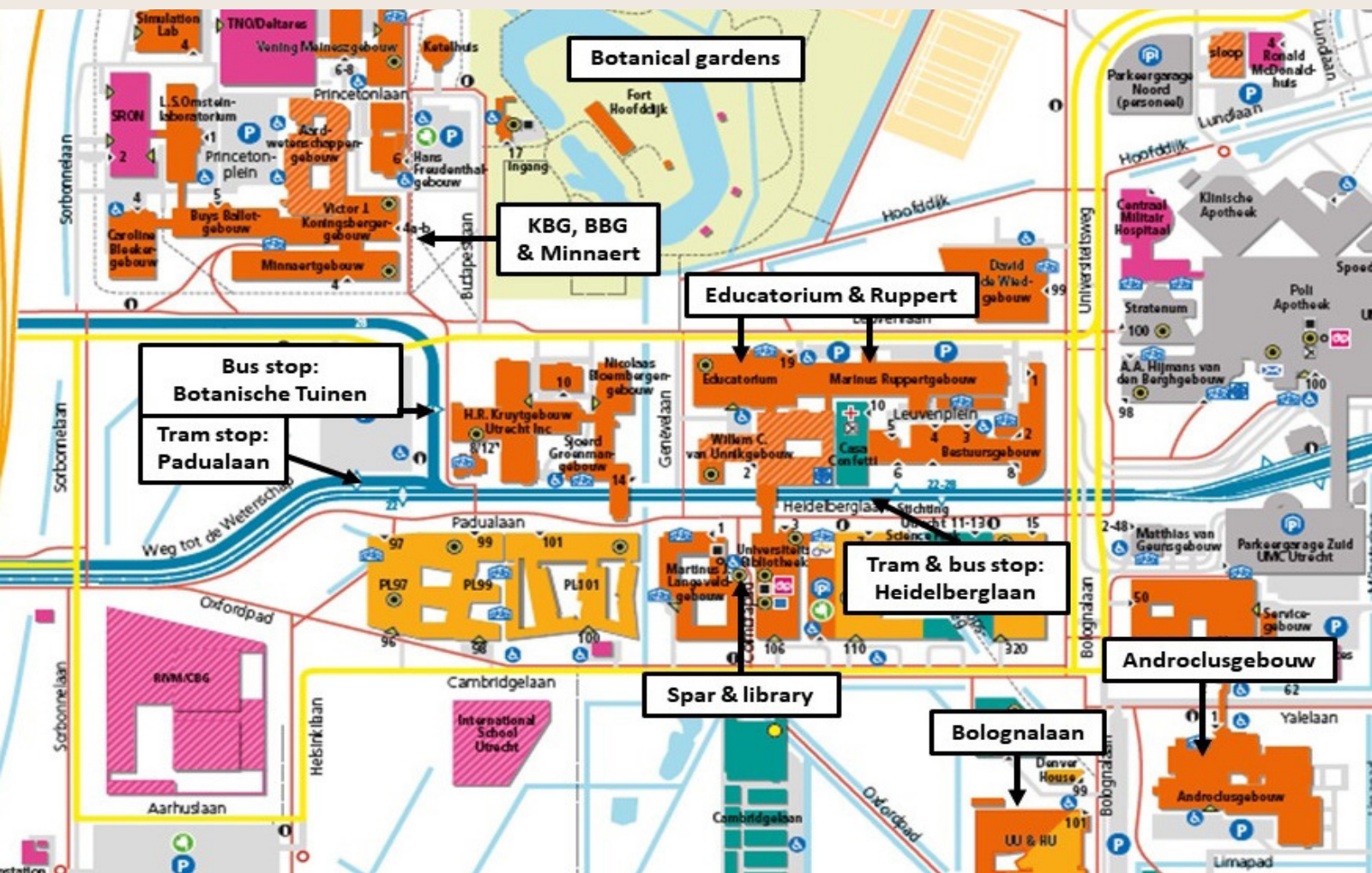
Important buildings and transport

There are many buildings in the Science Park, which will probably feel like a maze at first. But luckily you don't have to be in all buildings, in the first year it is mainly the **Ruppert building, Educatorium, Koningsbergergebouw (KBG), and Buys Ballotgebouw (BBG)**. The nice thing about the science park is that many buildings are connected and you can therefore quickly move from one building to another. On the map below you can see where everything is. If it is not completely clear for you yet, do not worry. During the intro week, your mentor parents will give you a tour so that you can find everything quickly. From Utrecht Centraal, you can either go by bus 28 or by tram 22 towards Science Park. The bus and tram can be found at platform A and right next to it, which you can find by following the signs at the station. For both the bus and tram you can get out at stop 'Heidelberglaan' and the bus also stops at 'Botanische tuinen'.

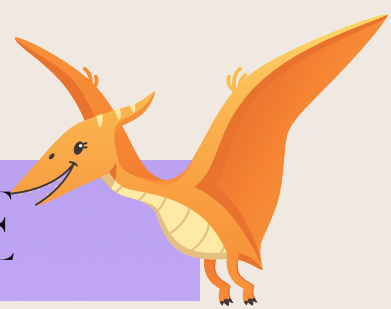
STUDYING AT UTRECHT

Nice places to study

Unfortunately, being a student is not just fun, sometimes you will have to learn for an exam or do an assignment (could also be fun!). The university has many great places for you to study in a good environment. We have the UB (the university library), where you can find a seat in the 'free area', but you can also reserve rooms here to work on a project with multiple people. Book these in advance, otherwise, they will probably be occupied! KBG also has many nice study areas: there are places on the second floor where it is hushed, on the ground floor and on the first floor there are long tables which you can sit at, there are also group rooms and study booths here. In BBG and Minnaert there are different types of study rooms as well, and next to these in the Botanical Garden, you can find La Tentina, also a pretty and chill place to study while enjoying the weather! So all in all, there is more than enough, and you will soon find out what your best place to study is :))



HOW TO GET A BIKE



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Bike

For the introduction week, it's really important that you have access to a bike. If you don't have a bike, you can rent an OV bike from the NS. You can get these at the station or in the bicycle shed next to the Library of the Science Park. Make sure you have a personal OV-chipcard registered for OV-bike rental.

STEP 1: A personal OV-card

In order to register for the OV-bike rental you need a personal OV-card, which can also

be used for all public transport in the Netherlands. A personal OV-card just means that

the card directly correlates to you, with your name on the card. It will cost €7,50 once,

and after that you top up the balance on your card to travel with it, or to rent a bike, the card is valid for 5 years. It will take a few days to arrive, so make sure you have the card before the introduction week. With this link you can apply for a personal OV-card: [https://](https://www.ov-chipkaart.nl/purchase-an-ov-chipkaart/apply-for-personal-ov-chipkaart.htm)

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STEP 2: Register for OV-bike rental

To rent an OV-bike, you need to have a season ticket. By visiting the site [https://www.](https://www.ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets/how-it-works.html)

[ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets/how-it-works.html](https://www.ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets/how-it-works.html) you can easily download this free OV- fiets season ticket online, and link it to your personal OV-card. Just follow the directions on the site. After this, you will be able to rent an OV-bike.

STEP 3: Renting the bike

Using the OV-bike costs €4,15 per 24 hour period. If you keep the OV-bike for longer,

then you are charged for additional rental periods (up to a maximum of 72 hours).

For time exceeding 72 hours you pay a 5 euro surcharge per 24 hours. Furthermore, if you

return your OV-bike to a different location than where you rented it, you will be charged a 10 euro fee. So make sure you return your bike on time and in the same location where you rented it.

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or more locations, please visit <https://www.ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets/rental-locations/>

HOW TO GET A BIKE

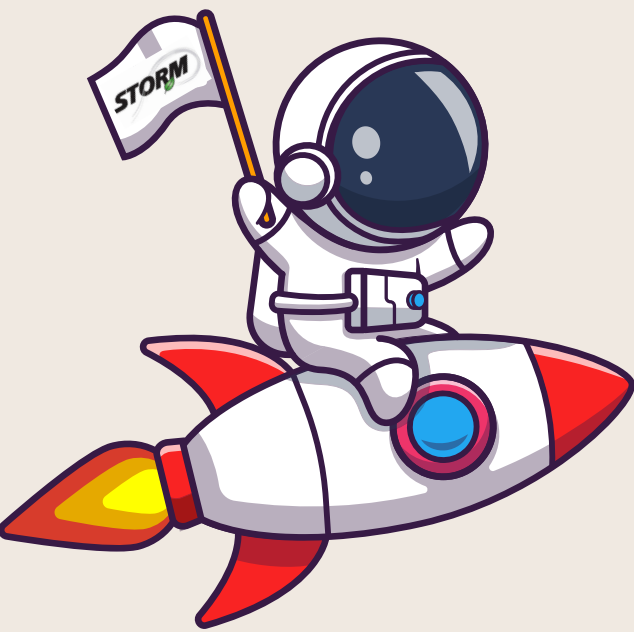
Swapfiets

If you do not have a bike yet and would want to rent one for a longer period of time, one option would be the Swapfiets where you can monthly rent a bike for a decent price. You can rent a normal bike with a student discount for €16,90 per month and for a deluxe bike you will pay €21,90 per month. You will have to show your student card, which you can see in the MyUU app. Swapfiets is trustworthy and reliable, and the advantage is that whenever the bike is in need of repair or gets stolen, Swapfiets will ensure that you have a (new) working bike within 48 hours.

Some notes regarding Swapfiets:

- You can choose to pay an extra €19,90 once to be able to terminate your rent monthly, otherwise you have to rent for 6 months at a time
- The reparation costs are free
- They are available between 08:00 and 22:00 on weekdays, and between 09:00 and 18:00 on weekends.

You can sign up at <https://swapfiets.nl/utrecht> and find more information on the site or visit them at their shop close to Neude!



GREEN STUDENT INITIATIVES

The Green Office

We as sustainability students would love to attend a real sustainable university, right? Luckily, the University of Utrecht has a special department to make sure that the university lives as sustainable as possible. This is the Green Office. You can find them on the Uithof at Heidelberglaan 8 or in the city centre at Drift 13. The Green Office has many projects that introduce students to a sustainable lifestyle such as the pop-up thrift shop in the canteen of the Educatorium.

More information: <https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/green-office-utrecht-university> Or visit their instagram: [@greenofficeuu](https://www.instagram.com/greenofficeuu)

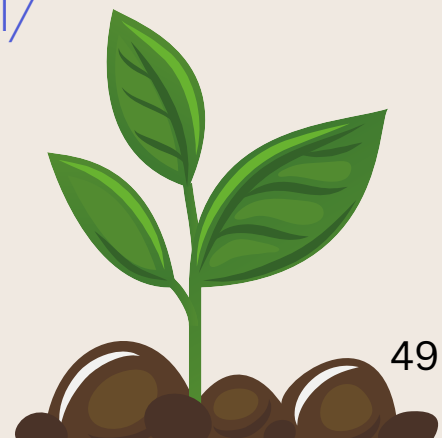
Groentetas

Groentetas is an initiative that provides weekly bags full of locally produced vegetables and fruits that are seasonally grown. For only 7 euros per week, you can get this weekly “vegetable bag” and you can order and pick up your groentetas in the Educatorium canteen every Wednesday between 12:00 - 14:00. You should order your groentetas the latest Sunday evening for the following Wednesday. It’s also possible to order the groentetas online! The groentetas is a great place to get all your locally grown, sustainable vegetables. It could even be the case that you discover vegetables you have never tried before or of which you didn’t even know the existence of. If you like cooking it is a great way to get inspiration for new recipes. At the groentetas you always pay in advance so they order the right amount of bags, thus reducing food waste. So go and visit the Educatorium on a Wednesday and have a look at the groentetas!

If you are interested in helping out the groentetas and supporting local, sustainable vegetables you can always apply to be a volunteer or maybe even join the groentetas board. Both are a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people who are also interested in sustainability!

And also visit their website at <https://groentetasutrecht.nl/>

Or visit their instagram: [@groentetasutrecht](https://www.instagram.com/groentetasutrecht)



ORDER YOUR BOOKS

A new study also means new books! In your first year you will start with the courses Sustainability Challenges and Mathematics and Systems Analysis. The books needed for these courses are:

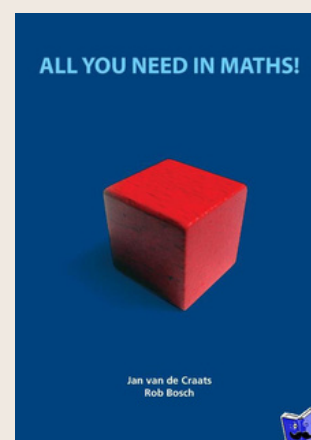
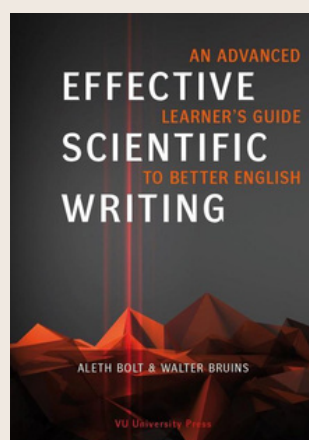
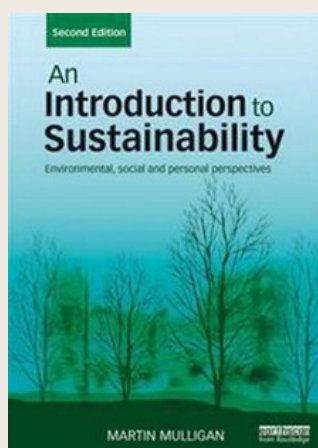
Sustainability Challenges (GEO1-2410):

- Mulligan, M., 2018. An introduction to sustainability. Environmental, social and personal perspectives. 2nd edition. Routledge London and New York. ISBN: 978-1-138-69830-7
- Effective Scientific Writing van Aleth Bolt en Walter Bruins (VU University Press, 2016).
ISBN: 9789086596171

Mathematics and System Analysis (GEO1-2411):

- Jan Craats, All you need in maths, 2014.
ISBN: 9789043032858

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FAQ

Do either the intro week or weekend cost any money?

Unfortunately, yes. To ensure we deliver you the best possible week of your life, a small contribution is necessary. For the week, this will be €25. Since the week is obligatory, this contribution is also obligatory. The weekend is not obligatory and will cost a bit more as 2 nights and food and drinks are provided this weekend, this will be €35.

What if I don't have a place to stay in Utrecht throughout the week?

Don't worry! You can always stay at one of your mentor parents' places. But make sure that you inform the committee and your mentor parents on the first day of the introduction week.

What if I have food allergies or specific dietary requirements?

Don't you worry! All meals prepared at Storm activities are 100% vegan, with vegetarian options. Besides that, you will need to fill in an information form when you arrive in your introduction group, where you can clarify any food allergies, so we are aware and can offer other options.

Where can I find the schedule of my courses?

You can download the free Utrecht University app (MyUU) where you can find the schedule of your courses. These will be available a few weeks before the course starts. When the schedules are not available on the MyUU app you can always check the course manuals on Blackboard. The course guides also provide a good overview of how the courses are planned and other information.

What if I suddenly fall ill during the week and cannot continue the Introduction Week activities anymore?

Let one of your mentor parents or one of the Introduction Committee members know the day before. If you miss one of the lectures or working groups from your university courses, you can look up the course manual on Blackboard to read what to do.

How can I find a room?

You can find a room by reacting to advertisements on Facebook. There are many groups on Facebook which you can join where people offer rooms in Utrecht. One of these groups is called 'Kamer in Utrecht', I would definitely recommend joining this one! Furthermore, you can register at www.sshxl.nl, which also offers rooms and has a one-time registration fee of €20,-.

How much do I have to study?

We cannot tell you how much you have to study because this is different per person, but the university bases its curriculum on 20 hours a week per course. Each period you will follow two courses at the same time, so it will be about 40 hours per week.

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Questions

You can message any of us about and during the introduction week or send an email to our email address!

The Storm room

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Groupchat!!

