JUST SPEAK!

To prevent conflicts we have to solve challenges by working together.

In an open, inventive and inclusive way.

But how do we do this?

We're asking students age 15–30 to express themselves, Just Speak! in their part of the world. And, more importantly, we're asking this generation to come up with ideas and solutions to prevent or resolve conflicts for the future. Ideas on how to mitigate climate change, create gender equality, fight hunger, strengthen peace processes, battle fake news and stay connected, tackle health issues or achieve justice for all.

Together, we can set peace and justice in motion, creating a global debate about global challenges that will involve editorial cartoonists and students from around the globe.
How to participate?

We are asking Dutch missions abroad to participate. The only thing you will have to do is to participate in a guest lecture on one of the many challenges of the 21st century. You can pick the topic that is relevant to you and the students.

For this guest lecture the cartoon project will team you up with a professional editorial cartoonist. The cartoonist will explain how cartoons and free media in general contribute to the free exchange of ideas, a prerequisite for peace and justice. They will also provide a local perspective on the topic that you address that day. We are aware that political cartoons are sensitive in some countries, and will therefore discuss with you how to tailor the project accordingly.

After the lecture, the students will come into action. In a workshop, we encourage them to visually express their own opinion by sketching their cartoon ideas.

The students' ideas are uploaded to the project website of Cartoon Movement, an online community of over 600 cartoonists from more than 90 countries. Professional cartoonists choose the best, most inspiring ideas and turn them into 'real' editorial cartoons.

These cartoons, and the ideas that inspired them, will become part of a cartoon exhibition which will be made freely available to participating embassies and can be used on websites and in books or other print materials. Previous projects resulted in hundreds of cartoons based on a many ideas from students.

To join the project, please email project coordinator Ingrid de Beer at Ingrid-de.Beer@minbuza.nl

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