



# VFN Youth



Since 2006, the Youth and Student Branch of the United Nations Association Flanders Belgium (VFN Youth) has brought together young people

who are passionately committed to a strong, credible and effective UN.

Our goal is to spread the ideas of the UN and to engage young people to play a prominent role in international affairs.

VFN Youth has local chapters in different cities in Flanders, including in Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent and Leuven. In each chapter a dedicated and dynamic team of young people works together on activities and projects.

VFN Youth members organize a range of UN-related activities: lectures, workshops, diplomatic training sessions. They participate in local and



international Model United Nations (MUN). Other projects include a MUN for high school students and UN Day. VFN Youth also offers support to the UN youth representatives.

VFN Youth is always looking for active and dynamic young people who are willing to participate at the local and Flemish level. Join VFN Youth, commit yourself to one of our local chapters and get involved in the organization. At the same time you will boost your networking, presenting, management and leadership skills.



# VFN at a glance

The United Nations Association Flanders Belgium (VFN) informs citizens of the work of the UN, the principles of international cooperation, and how the UN family addresses and resolves contemporary global issues.

Through activities such as conferences, seminars, lectures and its annual inter-university Model United Nations (VFN MUN), as well as through the publication of a quarterly on-line periodical and various monographs, VFN raises awareness about the need for international cooperation.

VFN Youth, the Youth and Student Branch of VFN, has been active since 2006 and creates opportunities for young generations to participate in this process. VFN Youth has chapters in the cities of Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent and Leuven, where they organise lectures, workshops, diplomatic training sessions, and even a Model United Nations for high school students.



Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters (President VFN) together with former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Ambassador Werner Bauwens, Honorary Ambassador Jan Grauls

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*'We the Peoples'*  
of the United Nations

## VERENIGING VOOR DE VERENIGDE NATIES

## UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FLANDERS BELGIUM



Since 1945 the United Nations (UN) has been working for a better world. The operation of the UN, a unique organization comprising almost all nation states

in the world, has had a variable course. The UN is a key actor in the pursuit of lasting peace, respect for human rights and sustainable development. In our ever more interdependent and globalizing world, many issues can no longer be solved at the national level only.

The United Nations Association Flanders Belgium (VVN) is a grass-roots, non-profit organization which aims to disseminate the principles and values of the UN and to make the population aware of the need for international cooperation. VVN aims to bring a better knowledge and understanding of the operation and goals of the UN and of the UN family. VVN also seeks to understand the role of Belgium, Flanders and the European Union within the UN and those organizations.

VVN aspires to nourish the debate on international cooperation and the role of the UN and the UN family, in an objective, critical and constructive way.

With its activities and publications, VVN informs its members and the wider public about - and sensitises them for - the work of the UN and of the UN family.

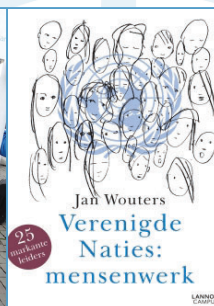
Our association works in partnership and close interaction with several other actors, including UN (liaison) offices, other UN Associations, NGOs, the Belgian Federal and Flemish Governments, and EU institutions.

## Become a member and get plenty of benefits!

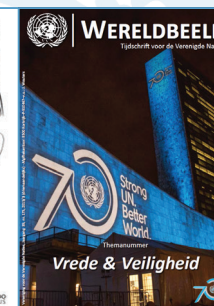
VVN members receive invitations to our activities, as well as our on-line periodical "Wereldbeeld. Tijdschrift voor de Verenigde Naties" and enjoy a discount when purchasing our monographs.



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'Verenigde Naties: mensenwerk' monograph

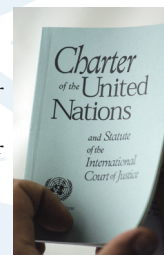


'Wereldbeeld' on-line periodical

## Annual contributions:

Adults	€ 25,-
Young people < 25 years	€ 15,-

*'We the peoples of the United Nations Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.'*



Charter of the United Nations

## VVN Activities

- Conferences, seminars and debates on specific UN themes
- Lunch lectures with UN and other experts on topical problems
- Annual inter-university VVN Model United Nations (VVN MUN)
- Educational and pedagogical initiatives (educational files, workshops, ...)
- Lectures on UN internship and job opportunities



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## Periodical: Wereldbeeld

A quarterly on-line on four UN themes: economic and social affairs, sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights.

## Educational files

VVN publishes regularly educational documents on topical UN issues such as human rights, sustainable development, migration, ...