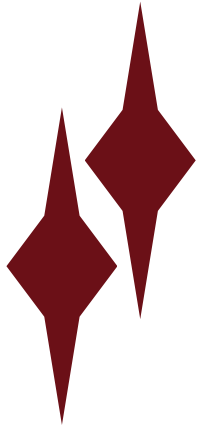


# HAGA *MUNDUS*



Second edition  
28th of February  
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# Foreword

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Dear reader,

*Eva van Dijk, February 28th 2026*

Time flies when you're having fun, so it is no surprise that the second day of the Hagamun has come to an end. Today was a lot of chaos, so we invite you to wind down with this second edition of the Hagamundus. Tonight it's time to party, so gather all your new friends and dance the night away. It's the perfect opportunity to talk to that Spanish stud, or that adorable Dutch boy. It will be super gezellig!

In this edition, you can read articles about current events, media recommendations and an interview with the one and only SG: Tadgh Stockman. Furthermore, there will be a puzzle and a horoscope. In our lookbook, we give you a taste of what goes on behind the scenes and our HagaMUN staff, that is full of goobers. Lastly, we will provide you with the juiciest gossip from the committees :)

Tomorrow is already the last day. It will be the final stretch, so if you desperately want to do a speech, or ask a hard-hitting question, tomorrow is the day to do it. We, as the press team, hope you have a lot of fun!

XOXO,  
The HagaMUN Press Team,

Heads of Press: Eva van Dijk, Noor Stockmann  
Press Team: Dagmar Baas, Ela Demir, Josabina Emmink



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# Announcements

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**Party:** The party is tonight! So wear a fun little outfit. The theme is 2016. 8:00 - 12:00. It will take place in Club Joli in the Kettingstraat 12b, 2511 AN Den Haag. It is very hot in this club, so please make sure to PUT ON DEODORANT.

**Merch:** If you would like to purchase very cute HagaMUN merchandise, there is a merch stand in the main hall.

**Closing Ceremony:** the closing ceremony will be on Sunday from 4:45 to 5:45 PM in the Elandkerk.

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## Sponsor

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This year's noble sponsor for HagaMUN is O'Casey's Irish pub. This pub, established in 1993, has quite a few titles to its name: after claiming the titles of best community pub globally in 2017 and best sports experience Europe in 2018, they could proudly call themselves the best Irish pub in the world in 2019!

No one's ever bored at O'Caseys, they make sure of it. The pub holds weekly pub quizzes, frequent live music and even occasional comedy events.

The pub is located at Noordeinde 140, a very short walking distance from Hagamun.

In 2025, the pub opened a Mexican place right next to the pub itself, called La Patrona, a place where authentic Mexican flavors meet the spirit of Irish hospitality. Definitely worth the visit after a long, hard day of debating!



# Lookbook: Staff



Today we wanted to honour our staff <3.  
Everyone of these people have worked hard to  
make this conference the best.

If you want to speak to a Staff/StOff, but are too  
shy, this is a great pickup-line:  
You might not be the head delegate but there  
might be another head you can deleGET.

# Media rec: Blade runner

## (1982)

Loosely based on the book 'Do Androids dream of Electric Sheep?' by Philip K. Dick, this sci-fi movie follows the adventure of a retired cop named Rick Deckard who gets assigned to hunt down and kill four mutated creatures called 'replicants'. The movie plays in a futuristic and dystopian setting in November 2019. As a fun fact, the re-release of the movie in cinemas actually took place in November, 2019, which also counted as a tribute for the actor, Rutger Hauer, of the main antagonist (Roy Howard). One of my favourite aspects of the movie is the music that was used, made by Vangelis and the immersive visuals like the dark and rain-slicked atmosphere. This type of techno-future mise-en-scène has also inspired countless other films. The film discusses topics like identity and the meaning of life.



Especially now, in a society where the differences between human and machine become less and less distinguishable, the matters discussed about artificial intelligence, memory, and what it means to be a person, are very topical. If you love science fiction, or movies in general, I think this is one of the best movies to watch.



# Supermarkt rec: Appie

The Albert Heijn might be the most Dutch thing ever. It isn't just a grocery store but a cultural phenomenon and a way of life. The storechain's blue-white shopping bags are a fashion statement that you can miss while walking through a Dutch street. But what products does this store offer? As staff we've already prepared some recommendations for you.

## Frikandelbroodje

We'll start with an absolute banger. Het 'Frikandelbroodje' is a staple of the school year. This great snack pairs light dough with meat. Back in the old days, different meat scraps would be combined to be used in the snack. Right now, it's still combined meat, but not just leftovers.



## Appelsapje

After you've bought your 'Frikandelbroodje' the ONLY appropriate drink to pair it with is Red Bull. Frikandelbroodje and Red Bull is a classic Dutch combination that's definitely worth trying. Another great drink to try is apple juice. As Press Team we identify as apple juice experts and advise you to keep the juice at room temperature before drinking.

## Tompouce

If you're craving pastries you have to try the classic 'tompouce'. This famous Dutch snack combines pink glaze with light cream and tasteful dough. Nobody really knows how to eat the dessert without spilling, but multiple 'techniques' are possible, like cutting it, stacking the layers or just stuffing it in your mouth as fast as possible. Good luck trying to eat one.



# Stripes, stars and secrets

## Why is your national flag the way it is?

We see them in Olympic podiums, government buildings and even on the moon, yet we rarely truly see them. Why is purple almost non-existent in national flags? Why does one country reject the rectangle entirely? And why did a specific shade of blue become the universal symbol for a thousand lakes? National flags are the ultimate shorthand for identity, blending ancient myths with modern politics. If you've ever wondered why your national flag looks the way it does, it's time to look closer at the stripes, the stars and the stories they've been hiding in plain sight.

“A flag is not just a cloth, it's a country's signature written in the sky.”

### Bhutan:

Bhutan's flag is a visual representation of *Druk Yul* (which is the name of the country in the language they speak: Dzongkha), the land of the thunder dragon. The diagonal split isn't just for style, the yellow upper half represents the king's secular power while the orange lower half symbolizes the spiritual strength of Buddhism.



The dragon itself, known as the *Druk*, is white to signify purity and the diverse ethnic groups that make up the nation. What truly sets it apart are the sparkling jewels in its claws. These are *Norbu*, representing the wealth and security of the country. Notice the dragon's snarling mouth? It's a message to the world: the protective deities are ready to defend the kingdom's sovereignty at any cost.

### Nepal:

Nepal's flag is the world's only non-quadrilateral national flag. Its double-pennon shape (two stacked triangles) mirrors the jagged peaks of the Himalayas. The crimson red background is the colour of the national flower, the rhododendron, but it also represents the fierce bravery of the Nepali people. The rhododendron isn't just a pretty flower in Nepal, it is a symbol of the nation's rugged identity and deep-rooted history. Nepal is defined by its verticality, and the rhododendron is the king of the high altitudes. These aren't just small bushes, in the Himalayas they grow into massive trees that can reach up to 20 meters in height.



The white symbols inside are the moon and the sun. While they represent the calm nature of the people and their fierce resolve, they carry a deeper hope. That Nepal will exist for as long as the sun and moon remain in the sky. The mathematical instructions for drawing this flag are so complex, that they are actually written into the country's constitution.



# Stripes, stars and secrets

## Nicaragua:

At first glance, Nicaragua's blue and white stripes look like many other central American flags, but the secret is hidden in the tiny triangle at the center of the flag. Inside this coat of arms, you'll find five volcanoes, representing the five original members of the United provinces of central America, surmounted by a rainbow.

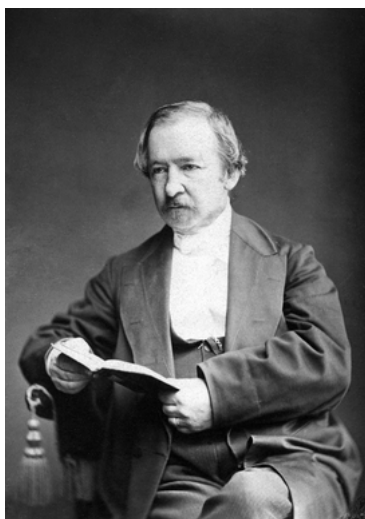
Because of this rainbow, Nicaragua is one of the only two countries, alongside Dominica, to feature purple on its flag. For centuries purple was the most expensive dye on earth, harvested from sea snails. This method was used by the Phoenicians and Romans. It is the reason purple is associated with royalty. Predatory sea snails, specifically the *Bolinus brandaris*. To get the dye, you would have to extract a tiny gland from the snail that secretes a clear mucus. When this mucus is exposed to sunlight and air, a chemical reaction occurs. It turns from clear to yellow, then green, then finally a deep vivid purple.



By the time Nicaragua officially adopted this design, synthetic dyes made the color of kings accessible to everyone, allowing them to include it as a symbol of peace and bright future. It was so expensive because it would take roughly 12,000 snails to produce enough dye for the trim of one single robe.

## Finland:

Finland's flag, the Siniristilippu, uses the Nordic cross, a design shared by Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland. However, Finland's specific colors were inspired by a 19th-century poem by Zachris Topelius.



The poem was titled *Lippumme*, meaning our flag, written in 1863. Zachris wasn't just a poet, he was a giant of Finnish literature and a fierce advocate for a unique Finnish identity. At the time, Finland was not yet an independent country, it was a Grand Duchy under the Russian Empire. Most Finnish flags used at the time were red and yellow, based on the lion from the ancient coat of arms. Topelius, however, wanted a flag that felt like the land itself, rather than a flag that felt like a battlefield. In his poem, he famously wrote that the colors of Finland should be: "The white of our snow and the blue of our lakes."



# Stripes, stars and secrets

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Historically, this blue-on-white combo was a way for Finland to distinguish itself from Russia and Sweden, creating a symbol that felt uniquely rooted in the Finnish wilderness.

As we have seen, a national flag is never just a piece of cloth. It is a country's signature, written in a language of color, geometry and myth. Whether it is the complex mathematical triangles of Nepal, the expensive purple hues of Nicaragua or the snowy poetry of Finland, these banners serve as a shorthand for a nation's soul.

So the next time you see a flag fluttering in the wind, look past the simple shapes. Look for the secrets hidden in the seams, the dragons protecting the mountains, the rainbows promising peace, and the ancient poems reflected in the blue of a lake. In a world of nearly eight billion people, these vibrant symbols remain our most powerful way of saying: "This is who we are, and this is where we come from."

## Trivia: National Flags

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### Test your knowledge!

1. Bhutan
  2. Nepal
  3. Nicaragua
  4. Finland
  5. Switzerland
  6. Mozambique
  7. Lebanon
  8. Canada
  9. Argentina
- A. Centered with a green cedar tree, symbol of eternity
  - B. The only flag with a modern AK-47 rifle on it
  - C. The only perfect square national flag (besides Vatican)
  - D. The only national flag that isn't a square or rectangle
  - E. Features the sun of may with a human face
  - F. A snarling dragon holding jewels of wealth
  - G. Features a maple leaf
  - H. Features a rainbow with a rare touch of purple
  - I. Colors inspired by a 19th-century poem



# Gossip

During the day the delegates and other participants in the committees have put their juiciest gossips in the gossip boxes. Here are some of the best!

## GA 3

'Can the chair tutor me or will he just let me get that D later?'

'We should all just be lesbian'

'The male chair looks nerdy but is lowkey hot'

## SPC 1

'I think the guys that chose these issues have good taste'

'The delegation of Afghanistan looks effortlessly powerful- calm, sharp and main character energy'

'The delegate of Argentina looks very polished confident and is absolutely stealing the spotlight'

## HSC

'Guys everybody come to the party tonight it's gonna be fun and def ask your MUN crush to go as well 😊'

'Hamilton prime would beat Max Verstappen prime (sorry USA)'

## SPC 2

'Döner kebab <3<3<3'

'I've heard form reliable sources that Egypt is playing a game on his computer' y'all should confiscate it'

'I smell chatGPT...'

# Interview with the SG: Tadhg Stockmann

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**Name:** Tadhg Stockmann

**Age:** 16 years old

**Nationality:** Irish and Dutch

**Height:** 6'7

**Status:** Single

**Amount of MUN experiences:** 16



**How did your MUN journey start?**

So I started at the leMUN as Montenegro and the NAC. I remember behind me was Slovenia, and it was Martin. He helped me through my first MUN and later he also became Secretary General at leMUN, and now I'm Secretary General at Hagamun, so it was a great start to my MUN journey.

**What are your duties as Secretary General?**

As SG it's mostly delegating and putting out fires. I make sure that everyone does their job, i do these types of interviews and if i dont wanna do something i tell someone else to do it.

**What has been the biggest struggle/stress moment so far?**

The moment I heard that we were late for some registrations and sending some emails, and that we weren't sure if everyone would register on time. But that all came good in the end, and as you see were all the delegates very happy with how that went.

**What is your favourite MUN experience?**

When I was at crisiscommittee, also at leMUN i and my friend Job, we were doubledelegate of Yemen and we let the states fall, we let other states take ourselves over and we planned terrorist attacks. It was so much fun acting as a real nation head I have never felt more in my role as an MUN before.

### **Most embarrassing MUN experience?**

Well, probably when I, also at MUN, had to do couples yoga with Job as a punishment for constantly talking and instead of 27 punishments, I had to do couples yoga with job, dat was interessant.

### **Any MUN role models?**

As I said at the start, Martin was my first one at my first MUN. Also last year Secretary General Crawford was too. Of course I constantly asked him for help and he also was there at the opening ceremony yesterday, so that was very nice. And of course also my sister. She let me start the MUNs and I wouldn't have been here without her.

### **What's your favourite part about being the SG?**

The power. I can tell anyone to do anything and they usually just do it. It's amazing, so much fun.

### **What have you learnt from being an SG?**

That a lot of people have no idea what they're doing and that they're just faking it till they make it, including myself, and that that's just how the world works.

### **If you could choose any country in any committee, which country and committee would you choose?**

I would have to say, China and the Security Counsel. It's amazing; you have all the power, you can say controversial things, even though i dont actually believe them and i dont agree with them. It's so much fun being a devil's advocate.

### **Kiss, hug, kick; Simonas (head of procurement), Camilo (infodesk), Job (head of media)?**

Kiss camillo, hug job and then kick simonas for printing the badges wrong.

### **Who's your favourite family member?**

WHOS MY FAVORITE FAMILY MEMBER? They're all my favorite. Oh uh Noor Stockmann then.

# Puzzle

## Brain teasers:

1. I am taken from a mine and put in a wooden case, from which I am never released. And yet I am used by almost every person. What am I?
2. A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he's bankrupt. Why?
3. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?
4. The more of me there is, the less you see. What am I?

## MUN seating chart:

Six delegates (Brazil, Kenya, China, India, Mexico and Egypt) are seated in a single row at the summit. Can you determine their exact seat order from left to right?

1. China wants to sit at one of the two ends of the row.
2. India is sitting exactly in the middle of Brazil and Egypt.
3. Kenya is sitting directly to the left of China.
4. Mexico is sitting somewhere to the left of India, but not at the far end.
5. Brazil is not sitting next to Mexico.

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## Sudoku:

A Sudoku is a logic-based puzzle where you fill a 9 x 9 grid with the numbers 1 through 9. The goal is for each digit to appear exactly once in every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 block. You begin with a few pre-filled numbers and use elimination and logic to complete the rest.

# Horoscope

ARIES



21 March - 20 April

Your energy is peaking, tackle that impossible project now.

TAURUS



20 April - 20 May

Luxury is calling, treat yourself to that high-end coffee or cozy meal.

GEMINI



21 May - 20 June

A random chat on Saturday triggers a brilliant new business idea.

CANCER



21 June- 22 July

Trust your gut, staying in will recharge you more than going out.

LEO



23 July - 23 August

The spotlight finds you, expect a compliment that makes your week.

VIRGO



24 August - 23 September

Clean space, clean mind. A quick declutter unlocks total relaxation.

LIBRA



23 September- 23 October

Balance is your superpower, choose rest over social obligation.

SCORPIO



24 October - 21 November

Intensity wins, a deep conversation leads to a major breakthrough.

SAGITTARIUS



22 November - 21 December

Adventure awaits, say yes to a spontaneous trip or new path.

CAPRICORN



22 December - 19 January

Hard work pays off, look out for a small win or thank you note.

AQUARIUS



20 January - 18 February

Creativity is flowing, pick up that dusty hobby and make something.

PISCES



19 February - 20 March

Dream big, a coincidental meeting opens a very interesting door.

# The Digital Tongue

## On Internet Language, Online Communities and Communication

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“Our fingers now type faster than tongues utter.”

In an age where communication unfolds in likes, shares, and hashtags, language finds its meaning digitally. What once required ink, paper, and patience now travel the globe in milliseconds. A few years ago, letters were drafted with careful grammar and punctuation. Fast-forward to the post-COVID era, and we see that messages often have this maze-like look to them: abbreviations, emojis, and trends that circulate overnight. Somewhere in between ‘brb’ and ‘FOMO’, between a detailed paragraph and whatsapp sticker, our communicative voice has changed.

So, the question is, has social media made communication more efficient, or more complicated?

### **The Rise of Digital Dialect**

Online platforms like Instagram, Whatsapp and X have become our primary fields for interaction. In these spaces, language isn’t just written; it is visualised, simplified and reinvented daily/

Terms like rizz, delulu, and simp easily mix into everyday youth language. Abbreviations such as idk, tbh or POV are no longer quick types – they are used in spoken conversations. Emojis are being used as emotional punctuation. GIFs, memes and stickers deliver reactions faster than words ever could. Hashtags give phrases whole other meanings.

As much as some would like to call it linguistic decay – it is linguistic evolution.

Internet slang creates new vocabulary, grammatical structures and more. It thrives on efficiency and velocity. The digital tongue is witty and often sarcastic. It prefers relatability over stability and, just maybe, that isn’t a bad thing. Regional dialects and the expressions of the young often gain global recognition. Bilingual hybrid convo’s – from Spanglish to throwing English terms into your own language – show increasing global integration.

At the same time, it challenges traditional rules of grammar. Trends shape language into weird distortions. To be heard online, to be considered cool, media users and consumers adapt to the algorithm. Words go viral overnight and rot away just as quickly. Something that’s ‘lit’ today is probably outdated over a week. The struggle to keep up...

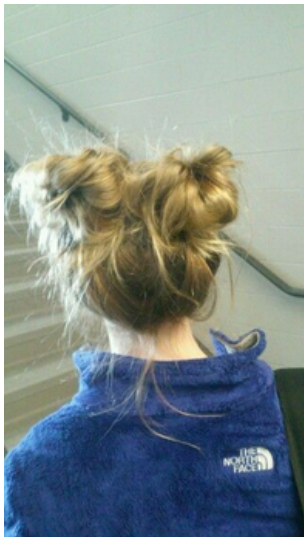
# Lookbook



# Outfit info: 2016

Honourable chairs, dearest delegates and hardworking staff,

Tonight is the highlight of the MUN for a lot of us: The HagaMUN party! As many of you already know, the theme is 2016. Because this is quite a time ago (and sadly many of you have a shortage of creativity), we thought of reminding you of some essential 2016 party items. Hopefully everyone is dressed their best!



# Music rec

We all know that MUN'ers have great taste in outfits, but is their music taste just as great? We've asked them thorough questions ranging from their favourite artist to their favourite music videos. The answers were surprisingly interesting and funny, so get ready to read!



## Favourite artist?

Thijmen: Dave  
Melina: Artemas  
Stacy: Straykids  
Tadgh: Ed Sheeran  
Jan: The Beatles

## Which song would you recommend all MUN'ers to listen to?

Thijmen: Marvellous, Dave  
Melina: Devil's Advocate, The Neighborhood  
Tadgh: Three Little Birds, Bob Marley  
Eva: Kingpark, La Dispute

## Favourite music video?

Tadgh: Bad Habits, Ed Sheeran  
Julie: Believer, Imagine Dragons  
Hannah: Take Me To Your River, Leon Bridges  
Eva: Happier, Marshmello  
Daan: Penny Lane, The Beatles



## An album you recommend?

Thijmen: Utopia, Travis Scott  
Melina: Yustyna, Artemas  
Stacy: 5-STAR, Stray Kids  
Tadgh: Dak Side Of The Moon, Pink Floyd  
Cornelis: Debut, Björk

## Favourite Dutch song?

Thijmen: Waar was je? Qlas  
Melina: Zonder liedjes, Froukje  
Eva: Krantenwijk, Lil Kleine  
Abel: Liefde In De Nacht, Gerard Joling

# HagaMUN

## *Schedule*

DAY	For Delegates	Times
Friday	Arrivals and Registration First Timer Workshop Committees in Session / Lobbying Opening	13:00 - 14:00 13:30 - 14:00 14:00 - 15:30 16:00 - 17:00 (Elandkerk)
Saturday	Committees in Session / Lobbying Staggered Lunch HagaMUN Party	09:00 - 17:00 11:30 - 13:30 20:00 - 00:00
Sunday	Committees in Session GA & SPC Plenary in Session Staggered Lunch Closing Ceremony	09:30 - 16:00 09:30 - 16:00 11:30 - 13:30 16:45 - 17:45
DAY	Directors & Staff	Times
FRIDAY	<i>Student Officer Briefing</i> MUN- Director Meeting <i>Student</i> <i>Officer Debriefing</i>	13:00 - 13:30 14:15 - 14:45 17:15 - 17:45
SATURDAY	<i>Student Officer Briefing</i> MUN-Director Lunch MUN-Director Historical Tour MUN-Director Meeting <i>Student Officer Debriefing</i>	08:30 - 09:00 13:00 - 14:00 14:00 - 15:00 16:30 - 17:00 17:00 - 17:30
SUNDAY	<i>Student Officer Briefing</i> MUN-Director Meeting <i>Student Officer Debriefing</i>	09:00 - 09:30 15:30 - 16:00 18:00 - 18:30