



Dear friends of Water is Life,

The Water is Life Conference is back in 2026! After the incredible success of previous editions, we are thrilled to once again host an inspiring and international conference. This special event brings together high school students and teachers from around the world to collaborate on innovative solutions for global water challenges.

We are proud to announce that Maurick College will be hosting the Water is Life Conference from **June 8 to 12, 2026, in Vught, the Netherlands!**

Why participate?

The Water is Life Conference offers a unique platform for young researchers to showcase their ideas, work together on solutions, and build international friendships. Participants can look forward to:

- A conference **by students, for students**
- Inspiring keynote speakers and expert panel discussions
- Scientific symposia where students present their research to an international jury
- Workshops and Model UN discussions on global water issues
- Cultural exchanges and collaborative projects with schools from different countries
- Field trips to cutting-edge water management sites such as the Delta Works, water treatment facilities, museums, universities, and Amsterdam!
- A unique homestay experience with local families

Our goals

During this conference, we work together towards a future where water and sustainability take center stage. Our key objectives are:

- Raising awareness and urgency about global water challenges
- Encouraging scientific innovation in water technology and ecology
- Strengthening international collaboration and networking for future research projects
- Developing leadership and diplomacy skills through interactive workshops and group activities

Who can participate?

Each school may register up to six students (ages 15-19), divided into one or two research teams. Each team is accompanied by one or two teachers. Schools will be invited through the Water is Life network and Erasmus+ partnerships across the EU.

Research theme

The 2026 theme is "**Local Solutions for Sustainable Water Management.**" Research projects can focus on scientific, political, or economic approaches, or combine them in an interdisciplinary perspective.

Registration

Pre-registration is open until May 15th, 2025. Schools that pre-register will receive Info Pack 2 with the 'Full Registration Link'.

Full registration opens in June 2025. The conference fee is approximately €200 per participant.

The pre-registration link is available **now!**

<https://forms.office.com/e/b9dZiy3tFg>

More information

Leading up to the conference, we will provide multiple **Information Packs** with practical details, program schedules, research guidelines, presentation tips, and additional instructions.

Got questions or requests regarding the number of students? Feel free to contact us at waterisliveschools@maurickcollege.nl or visit www.waterisliveschools.com for research examples and impressions from previous conferences.

For a great impression of the Water is Life event of 2024, check out our latest video.

2024 - Oak Bay, Canada: [YouTube Link](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to the Water is Life Conference 2026 at Maurick College in the Netherlands!

Best regards,

On behalf of the organizing team

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