



European Foundation for the Advancement of Doing Philosophy with Children

network meeting 1, 2 and 3 November 2013 in



Birthday party

SOPHIA is the European Foundation for the Advancement of Doing Philosophy with Children. Founded 1993 in Amsterdam we celebrate SOPHIA's 20th anniversary. <http://sophia.eu.org/>

Theme

The general theme of the meeting is **DIVERSITY** referring to differences in ethnicity, religion, age, sexual preferences, ways thinking and being, and in the tradition of SOPHIA: ways of doing philosophy with children.

Program general

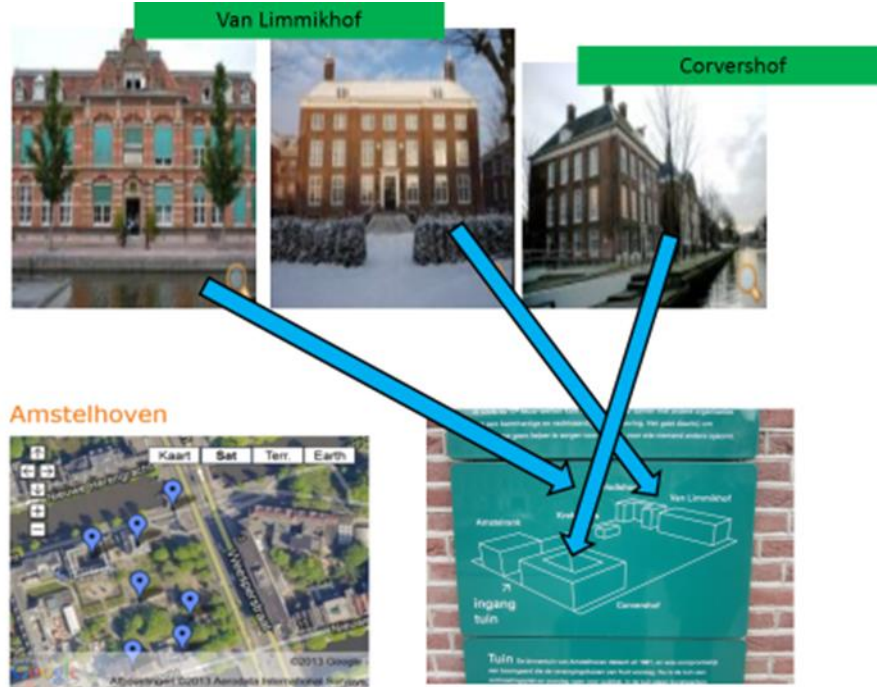
Friday 1st of November there will be a public day for everybody (inside and outside of SOPHIA) with workshops where people present what they do, did, created, wrote etc. On Friday there also will be a whole day SOPHIA mini-course to introduce people who are interested into the field of PwC (by SOPHIA board members).

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd will be the official SOPHIA network meeting. The character of those days is that members of SOPHIA present what they do and are willing to discuss with a 'critical friend-attitude' with colleagues their practise. Don't hesitate to become a member, everybody interested in doing philosophy with children is welcome. If you, as member of SOPHIA, want to do workshops/presentations send a mail.

The three days have also cultural elements. And there are plenty of high standard cultural things to do and see in Amsterdam. See [Program details](#)

Location

The meeting Friday will start 09:00 and will end Sunday around 18:00. The meeting will be in the centre of Amsterdam in two old buildings of the Protestant Diacony, next to The Hermitage Amsterdam.



Address

Van Limmikhof (main building) en Corvershof (hall for plenary meetings)

**Nieuwe Keizersgracht 1A
1018 DR Amsterdam**

For people who want to participate on Friday it is € 80. The SOPHIA network meeting on Saturday and Sunday is - as always - low-costs. That means you have to be member (and have already paid € 25 for yearly fee) or have to become member. And we ask € 15 organisational fee. Everybody has to pay for their own travel and stay. Relatively cheap joined lunches, dinners will (probably) presented, you have to pay for those extra as well as for cultural events. For the three days (including SOPHIA membership and organisational fee) we ask € 120 (again exclusive travel, stay, food and drinks). See also [Costs](#) and [Registration](#)

We have some suggestions for cheap stay in Amsterdam, see [Stay](#). And [Transport](#) information.

We hope to have informed you with this enough at the moment to plan to come, register and buy your tickets. Bring as many people with you as you can. We hope to have a wonderful, interesting, exciting meeting with many people from Europe to create a stronger and even more interesting European network of people interested in and doing Philosophy with Children. Let's give it a boost.

Don't hesitate to write if you have questions!

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Program details

Friday November 1st 2013: Public day – workshops & minicourse				
time	SOPHIA Minicourse (English)	Nederlandstalige workshops (Dutch spoken)	Nederlandstalige workshops (Dutch spoken)	Engels- / Nederlandstalige workshops
09.00 - 09.30	Registration of participants			
09.30 – 10.00	Opening plenary: Catherine McCall (president SOPHIA): 'Diversity and SOPHIA'			
10.00 – 11.30 session 1	1st session minicourse	Rob Bartels	Nanda van Bodegraven	Peter Worley
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee/tea break			
12.00 – 13.30 session 2	2nd session minicourse	Kristof van Rossem	Joke Jongejan	Catherine Mc call
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch break			
14.30 – 16.00 session 3	3rd session minicourse	Nanda van Bodegraven	Rob Bartels	Emma Worley
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee/tea break			
16.30 – 18.00 session 4	4th session minicourse	Fabiën van de Ham	Kristof van Rossen	Ed Weijers / Bruno Curko
18.00	Informal closing of the day			
	Possibility for joined dinner			
	Night city walk Amsterdam			

Saturday November 2nd 2013: SOPHIA Network meeting day 1	
time	activity
09.00 - 09.30	Opening plenary: Catherine McCall (president SOPHIA)
09.30 – 11.00	Session 1 & discussion
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 – 13.00	Session 2 & discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	Cultural activity
15.30 – 17.00	Session 3 & discussion
17.00 – 17.15	Coffee/tea break
17.15 – 18.00	Meta session
18.00	Possibility for joined dinner
20.30	SOPHIA board meeting

Sunday November 3rd 2013: SOPHIA Network meeting day 2	
time	activity
09.30 – 11.00	Session 4 & discussion
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 – 13.00	Session 5 & discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	Cultural activity
15.30 – 17.00	SOPHIA inventarisation ('Bingo-method')
17.00 – 17.15	Coffee/tea break
17.15 – 18.00	Meta session
18.00	Closing of the meeting

SOPHIA mini course on Friday

The mini course is meant as an introduction in Philosophising with Children. With concrete examples of what you can do. Gives impression of what is done in Europe. Helpful if you also want to attend the network meeting Saturday and Sunday.

1st session:

Exercise four 4 tables experiment (30 minutes). Board member explain why is it philosophy (15 minutes). Questions/ Experience of Board members with children (45 minutes)

2nd session:

Exercise four 4 tables experiment (30 minutes). Board member explain why is it philosophy (15 minutes). Questions/ Experience of Board members with children (45 minutes)

3rd session:

Reading story with philosophical topics. Discovering these philosophical topics after introduction. Plenary questions about use of texts and the nature of Philosophical Inquiry.

4th session:

Video with real children in workshops. Analysis of video (15 minutes). Questions/ Experience of Board members with children (45 minutes). Plenary questions about Philosophy with Children with all mini course teachers.

Workshops on Friday

Rob Bartels: Philosophy for democracy

Presentation of the PhD Theses Philosophy for democracy, thinking, dialogue and diversity in primary school.

Dealing with diversity is one of the main challenges in democracy. The research project Philosophy for democracy aims to investigate the contribution of Philosophy with Children to development of democratic skills and attitudes. The recognition and the appreciation of diversity is one of these.

Kristof van Rossem: Philosophy with children – the socratic style

In this workshop, I will demonstrate a style of leading a philosophical conversation that is inspired by the Socratic method. More specifically, I will show 6 movements in the facilitation style that make a philosophical dialogue a Socratic one.

Diversity as dealing with differences is the core activity of a Socratic dialogue.

Nanda van Bodegraven: Filosoferen op het bord

Het bord is een geweldig hulpmiddel bij een gesprek met kinderen, bijvoorbeeld voor overzicht, om dieper in te gaan op sommige uitspraken, om te kijken of alles gezegd is wat er over te zeggen valt, of om te kijken of er een nieuwe vraag gesteld moet worden. Verschillende gespreksstructuren worden onderzocht met bijpassende filomappen voor op het bord.

Levensvragen komen op een open manier aan bod, en vanuit onderwerpen die alle kinderen herkennen, zoals vrienden, vijanden, dieren, voedsel, normaal zijn, natuur, je wil, de aarde.

Verschillende culturele en levensbeschouwelijke achtergronden ontmoeten elkaar op een vrije manier in het gezamenlijk onderzoek.

Fabiën van de Ham: Kikkerpoep & Saharazand – filosoferen met boeken / philosophizing with books

Voorlezen wordt in de klas meestal ingezet als moment van ontspanning maar na de ontspanning is er echter ook weer ruimte voor inspanning, bijvoorbeeld door het voorgelezen boek als aanleiding voor een filosofisch gesprek te gebruiken.

De meeste, wat betere, boeken hebben immers een dubbele laag in het verhaal. In die diepere lagen zitten vaak filosofische thema's verscholen waar je met de klas over kunt filosoferen.

In deze workshop wordt een voorbeeld gegeven aan de hand van het verhaal Kikkerpoep & Saharazand dat over Afrikaans bijgeloof gaat. Ook zullen er kort tips worden uitgereikt hoe je 'filosoferen met boeken' verder in de klas uit kan bouwen.

Joke Jongejan: Working with volunteers in a multicultural school environment

Exchanging methods, successful practices, pitfalls and changes. Five years of experiences of doing philosophy in Amsterdam schools.

Peter Worley: The If Odyssey

The book 'The if Odyssey' combines storytelling with philosophical inquiry. In this workshop the author will show the strength of the book, how it can be used in the classroom and what effects it has.

Emma Worley: The Philosophy Foundation working in London Suburbs

The Philosophy Foundations works in schools and other places with a diversity of children. How they deal with diversity is the main topic of this workshop.

Catherine McCall: Fallacies

Learning to recognise and deal with fallacies is an important skill when facilitating a philosophical inquiry. Examining critically reasoning is main goal in Philosophizing with Children. The workshop will help you to deal with fallacies in an inquiry with children.

Bruno Curko: Philosophy with Children in Croatia

The 'Petit Philosophy' – 'Mala Filozofija' group works with different groups of children in Croatia. We work also with groups with mixed background and regional nationalities. Some of our projects doing philosophy with children has been very successful in overcoming sensitive issues in our region. The workshop will show how we worked.

Ed Weijers: Fruitful differences in thinking

In some methods doing philosophy differences in thoughts and ways of thinking are essential for the philosophical inquiry. Searching for opposite philosophical positions can even be a goal. The workshop will demonstrate such a method and will be followed by an exploration of the inquiry in terms of differences related to the moving and deepening of the inquiry.

Workshops on Saturday and Sunday

The program for workshops during the network meeting is depending on the members of SOPHIA. Members who want to do a workshop/presentation/discussion related to the theme 'diversity', can send a short proposal to ed@kinderfilosofie.nl before October 15. The final program will be send before the meeting.

Costs

① The whole 3 day event: € 120

(or with Lunches/coffee/tea on Sat & Sun: € 150)

Including Friday workshops or SOPHIA mini-course, lunch/coffee/tea on Friday, participation in the SOPHIA network meeting Saturday and Sunday, SOPHIA membership for 2014 (€ 25) and organisational fee (€ 15).

Excluding travel, stay, dinners, breakfast, coffee/tea/lunches on Saturday and Sunday and costs of cultural events.

② The public day on Friday: € 80

Including Friday workshops or SOPHIA mini-course, lunch/coffee/tea.

Excluding travel, stay, dinner.

③ Saturday & Sunday SOPHIA network meeting for *new* members: € 40

(or with Lunches/coffee/tea on Sat & Sun: € 70)

Including Saturday and Sunday workshops and discussions, SOPHIA membership for 2014 (€ 25) and organisational fee (€ 15).

Excluding travel, stay, dinners, breakfast, coffee/tea/lunches on Saturday and Sunday and costs of cultural events.

④ Saturday and Sunday SOPHIA network meeting for members: € 15

(or with Lunches/coffee/tea on Sat & Sun: € 45)

Including Saturday and Sunday workshops and discussions, organisational fee (€ 15).

Excluding travel, stay, dinners, breakfast, lunches on Saturday and Sunday and costs of cultural events.

Registration

① Send an email to ed@kinderfilosofie.nl with:

- Your name
- Email address
- Your option (1, 2, 3 or 4 plus or without extra)
- 1st choice workshops or 'whole day SOPHIA mini course'
- 2nd choice workshops
- 3rd choice workshops
- 4th choice workshops

② transfer the appropriate amount to Stichting SOPHIA

- IBAN: NL58ABNA0463466195
- BIC: ABNANL2A
- Add your name and email address

When your email and contribution is received you are registered and you will receive additional information.

We register in chronological order. There is a limited number of participants for workshops and mini course. Register asap.

Stay in Amsterdam – suggestions

Cheap hostels:

Hotelboot behind train station see: http://www.vakantieveilingen.nl/hotels/steden-hotels/boot_amsterdam.html?gclid=CKCNupCluLYCFcdX3godgFoAAg or <http://www.amsterdamhotelboot.nl/>.

Or wooden houses in the camping in the Forest 'Amsterdamse bos' (<http://www.campingamsterdamsebos.nl/>)

Or in Amsterdam-noord (<http://www.vliegenbos.com/>)

In private houses: <https://www.airbnb.nl/> (also very helpful to find other places/hotels via maps)

Transport

From Schiphol Airport to Location of meeting

Link to map and public transport (train and metro) <http://goo.gl/maps/kWeAb>

From Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Central Station:

Link to map and public transport (train): <http://goo.gl/maps/oNfCB>

From Amsterdam Central Station to Location of meeting

Link to map and public transport route with Metro line 54: <http://goo.gl/maps/U7TOI> (9 minutes travel)

Link to map and walking route: <http://goo.gl/maps/u4pYw> (24 minutes' walk through old centre)

General Public Transport website NL in English: <http://9292.nl/en>

Tourist Information Amsterdam

<http://www.iamsterdam.com/en-GB/Experience>

<http://www.amsterdam.info/>