



Press Release

AWDC and AIA to support second edition of International Day of Yoga in Antwerp

Antwerp, 2 June 2016 – On Sunday 19 June 2016, the second International Day of Yoga will be celebrated in Antwerp. The Antwerp Indian Association (AIA) and the Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC) will again join forces to support and organize this event.

Last year, the first edition ever of the International Yoga Day took place, inspired by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi's speech urging the world community to celebrate yoga on an international level. It was a worldwide success and no less than 192 UN member states participated in the event. Yoga enthusiasts all over the globe simultaneously participated in one global yoga session.

Antwerp, welcomed 1,500 participants last year. Due to this enormous success, the AIA and the AWDC decided to join forces again for the second edition of the International Yoga Day. Margaux Donckier, spokeswoman of the AWDC; "For this second edition, we hope to welcome even more participants than last year. An event like this brings people together in solidarity across the globe".

We warmly welcome everyone on Sunday 19 June at the field above the Craeybeckx Tunnel on the Middelheimlaan in Wilrijk, Antwerp, 8 AM.

Program:

8:00 Start registration
9:45 Inaugural lighting of diva lamp
9:50 Welcome & Introduction
10:00 Start yoga session
11:30 End

[Visit the website for more information and to register!](#)

Namaste!

AWDC, short for Antwerp World Diamond Centre, is an industry-established foundation, whose mission is to serve and support the diamond business in Antwerp, the world's most important diamond trade hub. AWDC is the coordinating body and the official representative of the Antwerp diamond sector, and as such are recognized internationally as the host, spokesperson and intermediary for the Belgian diamond community. In this capacity, AWDC liaises on behalf of the Belgian diamond sector with governments and actively promotes support for the diamond sector at home and abroad.

84% of all rough diamonds and 50% of all polished diamonds pass through Antwerp. Diamonds represent 5% of the total Belgian exports and 15% of all Belgian exports outside the EU, making diamonds the most important export product outside the EU.

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