# Good green education is a team effort

#### Reaping the fruits of the training in professional practice

The values of green are crystal clear to us by now. We are aware that green plays an important role in the quality of our living environment, biodiversity and human health. The opportunities within the circular economy are also becoming more and more apparent. The green trade is in full swing. We work on green and sustainable solutions.

This development has a major impact on green craftsmanship in the future. The industry needs people who can contribute to the conceptual design, creation and maintenance of green space at all levels. Cooperation with the business community is crucial in order for education to link up closely with practice.

The VHG trade association seeks to bridge the gap between education and industry. We want to ensure a sufficient intake of young people and adults, so that we can continue to have the proper professionals at our disposal in the future. We want to help schools and companies work together even more, so that the benefits of training can be reaped in the field. Together we make good green education.

"The power is in the encounter." - "Those who graduate always have work."

#### Involvement is crucial

The projects we have started show that we can do it: make good green education. Companies and schools welcome the initiatives and are willing to invest time and energy in them, inspiring each other and others, because the group of participants is growing. Obviously, the quality of a project depends on the involvement of all parties, which helps create great added value for education.

"Gold for my company" - "Using more practical knowledge at school."

### Follow-up

Good green education is not developed overnight, which is why we are continuing along the same path with the educational institutions and the business community – a path on which we expect a lot from all parties involved and we hold each other to that.

"Students and teachers are enthusiastic and motivated." - "You can apply the theory learned immediately."

### **Regional hot spots**

It is important to embed the results in the curriculum of the participating schools. We are looking to expand the current educational projects, in which we, together with the educational partners and the business community, want to set up a number of hot spots for professional development and education for green professionals throughout the Netherlands. This idea stems from the conviction that good green education benefits from a concentration of training locations where expertise is available, where the entire industry sector is served and where there is a close link with the regional business community.

"Such a continuous learning line is vital for the industry." - "As soon as you start working together, you get a better product."

#### The future.

The VHG trade association promotes the interests of its members. Craftsmanship and good vocational education have always been core values of the companies and hence of VHG.

This Green Paper on Education is designed to paint a picture of the efforts we are making to promote the intake in and quality of green education.

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