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## HELP ME





Dear Students,

ALAN is a theatre project by the Belgian theatre company De Eenzamen (<u>www.deeenzamen.be</u>). Actor and director Jordi Möllering will create a play with and about A.I. He works together with students from different universities in Belgium and the Netherlands to make this sci-fi dream possible.

Sci-fi?

Yes, we are trying to create a play in which an A.I. learns about human behaviour and maybe... ooops, he will try to take over the world. A bit like Westworld or Terminator or 2001: a Space Oddyssey.

Except, you can actually touch ALAN, the A.I. actor, who is now a colourful sphere that hovers around on scene. Well, not really, at a certain point he will take over the theatre lights and sound. And eventually he will start replicating.

Besides creating a cool play, we want to address serious questions around A.I like: what is existence? What responsibility do we have towards our own creations? What if our creation is better than us? What if our creation starts creating? Does ALAN deserve to hold the copyright of this play? Will we use our audience's data so that ALAN can interact with them?

We need you!

We are trying to create a diverse group of students from different backgrounds to be the thinkers behind the play.

What are we looking for:

- Students that are interested in A.I. and what it means for our present and future
- Students that are interested in finding a theatrical code to tell a story about A.I. and share it with a broad audience

What could you do?

- Be a part of the technology behind ALAN, building and programming.
- Be a part of the ideas behing ALAN, phantasizing and speaking about it
- Be a part of the organisation behind ALAN, helping out with workshops and lectures
- A combination of the above or any other contribution you think would be valuable.

When could I do it?

- We organize a makeaton in Enschede, in collaboration with Utwente and Concordia theatre on April 23 and April 24
- We organize a makeaton in Hasselt on May 21 and May 22
- Makeatons will be organized in August and September.
- The play will be created in September and October 2022.

What do we offer?

- When you participate in activities we arrange food and a place to sleep
- We work together with IBM, you have access to their technology and know-how
- A chance to meet other students in Belgium and the Netherlands
- Some students participate in ALAN as a part of their study programme, we can talk to your school about this

For more info check: www.alanai.info