



Train World awarded during European Railway Award

Brussels, 18 February 2016 - Train World, where the railways of yesterday, today and tomorrow are showcased, was honoured during the European Railway Award on Tuesday evening. The railway museum received a cheque of EUR 10,000, which will be used to extend its educational offer.

Since 2007 the European Railway Award is awarded annually to significant achievements in the railway domain in the political, technical or economic field, or in the field of sustainable development. The prize includes an amount of EUR 10,000 that the winners can use for a project of their choosing.

The European Railway Award 2016 was awarded to Eric Fontanel in the technical category, and to Isabelle Durant in the political category. She chose to support Train World in its educational offer, by donating the cheque linked to the European Railway Award to the museum.

Honoured by the choice of the former Minister, Train World plans to extend its educational offer and to develop new educational projects. *"In less than 5 months more than 100 classes have already visited Train World. Schools are very interested in Train World and we need a programme suitable for younger children to complete our educational offer"*, says Pieter Jonckers, Director of Train World. Train World already offers different educational packages aimed towards students from 6 to 18 years, adapted to the needs of different educational levels. *"By developing games and workshops, pre-schoolers will be able to discover Train World's magic. At the same time it stimulates their cognitive development, they will enrich their (railway) vocabulary and they are encouraged to express their emotions"*, according to Pieter Jonckers.

Train World opened its doors on 25 September, and has been highly successful since. Already more than 87,000 visitors have made their way to Train World. The museum showcases the most beautiful and unique pieces from the history of the Belgian railways. For every age Train World brings the historical train equipment, railway objects, archive records, photos and film material to life in an interactive way. Train World does not only offer the general public a spectacular insight into the past of Belgium as a railway pioneer on the European continent, but also a captivating story about the current and future role of the railways.

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