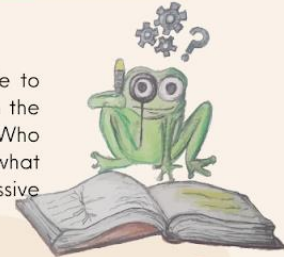


# CHART OF BOERENGROEP PRINCIPLES

Boerengroep is a critical yet constructive association that connects students and farmers striving for sustainable food landscapes. Through different disciplines and a hands-on approach, Boerengroep addresses the resilience of our food systems, food sovereignty, the empowerment of local territories, farmers' rights and justice in the agrarian sector together with farmers, farmer organizations and educational institutions.

## 01 CRITICAL THINKING

We aim to awaken the critical mind, a voice that asks 'why'. We engage people to question the dominant power structures in society, in the agricultural sector and in the university. What are the main paradigms? Who chooses what we are taught? Who decides how we farm? We are not passive, but in a position to critically think about what we learn. From there grows the knowledge that we can actively help change oppressive structures.



## 02 CURIOSITY AND COMPREHENSION

We look at the agricultural sector and the university with a curious mind. How do these systems work? What are obstacles for a transition in the food system? In order to prompt change, we must first observe, ask and understand. We interact with people from different fields and perspectives and strive to understand a little bit more every day. We build upon scientific knowledge as well as traditional knowledge.



## 03 PRACTICE FIRST

We focus on embodied learning and are foremost practice oriented. We don't start from an idea that has to be brought to the world. Rather, we go to the farmers and get our hands dirty to see what reality is like before approaching its challenges from a theoretical view. Avoid becoming indoctrinated by a theoretical frame.



## 04 CONNECTING THROUGH DIVERSITY

We aim to bridge gaps between theory and practice. We want to foster collaborations and connections between groups of people and networks of farmers, across ideological divides. To find solutions for healthy food systems and sustainable food landscapes, we need to cross borders and open up our bubbles. We seek inclusiveness and empathy in approaching different visions for agriculture. Diversity is key, both in terms of building (agro)biodiverse systems as in bringing the right people together to foster creativity and resilience.



## 05 CREATIVE EXPRESSION

We share a safe space: a space to discover, to be vulnerable, but also to confront. We are a solidary group and seek to bond with each other on different levels: head, hearts and hands. We come together, working outside or studying our passions. Creative freedom and expression - for instance through Inspiringtheater - offer us another source of insights as well as an outlet.



## 06 POSITIVELY PASSIONATE

We are a passionate group and we harbor that energy. We are critical but we approach challenges as opportunities for positive change.

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