

SALON MESTREECH

For everything high-profile



From September, Maastricht will have another debate venue. Then *Salon Mestreech* will start a series of meetings on themes and tricky issues that are important for the city and the region. Not always political or policy-oriented, no monologues but dialogues, but always with a keen eye for everything that moves and makes the city and the southern part of Limburg special. The wide range of culture, society, art, lifestyles and current developments are discussed in six city talks per season.

The constituent team comes from the world of organisation, creativity and journalism and guarantees a varied and also surprising approach to the selected topics. *Salon Mestreech's* editorial formula offers a mix of exploratory interviews, cabaret-like expression, multimedia and appropriate music. The editors look specifically for guests who guarantee unexpected angles, stimulating statements and inspiring examples. The visual element will have an important place with video, streaming and online chats.

The audience will always be challenged to take a role as a co-player. Besides a fixed core of visitors, specific audience groups, appropriate to the theme, will be invited to each session.

Home location is the **Fireman's Canteen**, heart of the city. Every third Sunday of the month, from 1pm to 2.30pm, we get in on the action. Admission is free.

Three city talks are planned for this autumn.

The first, on **Sunday 15 September**, focuses on the **theme of culture**. The table guests, all responsible for a regional company or stage, outline the state of the cultural climate locally and name the must-go's of the upcoming season. We highlight the city and region's forgotten theatres, and ask the audience to suggest great destinations for them.

On **Sunday 20 October**, **Maastricht fashion city** takes centre stage. The table guests ask: what is so special about the local dress code? Is there a difference between past and present? Do we opt for fast fashion or sustainable wear-through? What will this year's FashionClash bring? And for the coolest, most original outfit we will award a public prize.

On **Sunday 17 November**, we explore the theme of **citizen participation**. Strongly on the rise, this form of direct democracy. Think referendums, citizens' councils, residents' platforms. We speak to the creator of the concept. Our table guests consider how this movement relates to representative democracy, and what is to come in this area in Maastricht. With the audience, we conduct an online opinion poll.