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Antoine is an urban planner and entrepreneur. He co-founded Molenbike, a bike delivery company focused on horizontal decision making, fair wages for bike messengers and the environmental transport of eco-friendly products. Antoine has a Bachelor’s degree in History of Art and Archaeology from Vrije Universiteit Brussels, and a 4 Cities Master’s degree in Urban Studies, across Brussels, Vienna, Copenhagen and Madrid. Additionally, Antoine develops civic participation trajectories for public space planning, like the E411 collective which revitalizes underused spaces around an urban highway through community action. His latest project is the creation of a cultural events centre and bed & breakfast in an abandoned art nouveau house in the city of Charleroi. Antoine is an ASEFEdu alumnus.

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Founder
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The ASEFYLS Navigators Training invited 20 ASEFEdu alumni and partner-nominated youth leaders to undertake a 2-leg training: 16-20 May 2018 in Pune, India, and 10-14 July 2018 in Warsaw, Poland. The trainings aimed to hone the Navigators to take on the role as group facilitators at ASEFYLS3. Learn more about the ASEFYLS Navigators Training here.

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