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The Protestant Youth Amsterdam is set up to share and experience the love of God to young people and encourage them to love God. The youth work focuses on children and adolescents up to about 25 years and their leaders or educators. The Protestant Youth Amsterdam helps people who work with youth. Furthermore, it supports young people whose experience and skills are useful in church and society. Finally they develop urban youth for the Protestant Church Amsterdam and coordinate youth programs and activities. For any questions, ideas and desires around children, youth and church / diaconal volunteering we would like to make an appointment with you.

The Protestant Youth Amsterdam has dozens of volunteers and four paid employees. They are Sjaak is Teuwissen youth advisor and coordinator. Veronique Lindenburg, pastor and youth worker, Iain Majcher project coordinator for the Amsterdam Volunteer Year and Elianne Schultz project employee Social work internships.

The Protestant Youthwork Amsterdam is part of the Protestant Church Amsterdam and is located in the Protestant Centre Amsterdam where the Diaconie, the church office, World House, Mission House and Timon House are located. There are many facilities which youth can use and take advantage of: a large youth loft, a huge courtyard, an attic space, youth-boxes with documentation methods, children's bibles, song books and magazines, and more is available.

Some of the youth programs that the Protestant Youthwork has are

- Diaconale working holidays with young people 'Expedition'
- Diaconale youth excursions across Amsterdam
- Inspiration grants for children work
- Teen platform / website Blikveld
- Protestant Youth Team Amsterdam

There are of course many more places to volunteer.

Amsta (Formerly known as De kleine Johannes)

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Description of organization

Amsta is a young, dynamic organization that is committed to, among other services, to people with intellectual disabilities at locations throughout Amsterdam. They can live in one of the houses of Amsta and spend their free time there. Currently the organization has about 200 clients.

In Amsta the client is always at the centre of attention. Everyone is seen as individuals with their own lifestyle and life expectations, which he or she is supported by staff from Amsta. The clients take a full part in the society. There are very different types clients in Amsta, with people aged between 8 - 80 years. The clients are people who are vulnerable because of their mental or multiple disabilities, and also may have further behaviour problems.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

Our residents go regularly to the neighbourhood church services, once a month they go to an ecumenical church service in one of the churches in Oud-West and celebrations in the port, the nursing home. We also have in house services for the multiple handicapped residents. And of course celebrations around the holidays.

Volunteering

Volunteer by a residential house, Go along once a week or every couple of weeks and make contact with the residents. Volunteers who assist in an activity, such as a disco or a church service. Volunteer with a client living independently and build up regular contact.



Amsterdams Buurvrouwen Contact (ABC)

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Description of organization

The ABC is a voluntary organization for language and meeting. The aim of the ABC is that women who are not able to speak Dutch and are often house bound are helped on the path to independence. Dutch-speaking women go to the house of the immigrant women and teach them Dutch and introduce them in Dutch society. The ABC offers one-on-one contact and can therefore offer lessons tailored and highly targeted to the individual. ABC offers Dutch women the opportunity to come into contact with women of different cultural background than their own.



Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

The ABC was established as an initiative of two religious organizations: the Protestant Diaconie of Amsterdam and the Roman Catholic Dekenaat of Amsterdam. Since 2004, it has been an independent foundation. From the flow of the lessons to outdoor activities, the ABC has built up contact with other language service providers and community centres. To find new potential learners, ABC has contact with welfare societies, etc. For the purpose of self-cooperation in many fields, ABC has contacts with women's organizations, affiliated organizations in Amsterdam and other major cities, church authorities and municipal authorities.

Volunteering

The project is supported by English-speaking volunteers (the "neighbour"). The volunteers themselves speak good English and make a weekly session time available. The volunteer group consists of a diverse group of women (from about 18 years), young and old, single, married, student, mother, grandmother, indigenous, immigrant, working, non-working etc.

Volunteers are asked to volunteer for one year once a week at home by specially developed methods for this contact. You yourself have lessons from ABC in order to know how to teach the language. They are made up of 5 half days lessons during the week and 2 Saturdays all day.

AHA (Amsterdammers helpen Amsterdammers)

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Description of organisation

AHA is an inter-religious drop in centre for homeless in the city centre. Other visitors are also very welcome, especially from the neighbourhood. We try to invite residents and people who reside in the neighbourhood to come and enter AHA. This is one of the volunteers tasks, to be at the front door inviting people in. AHA has a small interview room, and a drop in centre, the rear of our building was renovated in early 2008. We are very pleased with the result: a new kitchen, a space that we can use for all purposes and a repair

Centre was built. This workshop is used to repair bicycles and for wood-work.

Each visitor is welcomed with coffee and tea, at midday a lunch is provided for the visitors. We offer assistance to visitors from home and abroad. Many hear the gospel and word of the Lord for the first time. With others we focus on education or existing beliefs. We hope that each visitor will discover that he / she needs Jesus in his / her life as Lord and Saviour. AHA has many activities, for more info contact Pieter Visser

Volunteering

Volunteer are needed in the following ways: as host: receiving visitors, talking and assisting them with the Authority and the Neighbourhood: hot meal, transfers within the service itself, providing coffee, helping the woman beauty afternoon, and helping in wood work, bike repair or creative work.

We are looking for motivated people who have heart for the target Group, have Faith in God the saviour and want to do more. AHA wants its visitors to move on, We therefore ask each volunteer to try to get to know and give attention to a couple of visitors (Buddy) to provide them with a little more personal "support "(in quotes because there is no real guidance at this moment but it is something being worked on in the coming months...!).



't Arendsnest

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Description of organisation

The Arendsnest (Eagles nest) offers pastoral and psychological counselling to people between 19 and 45 years, with the aim of allowing them to live independently in society. The house has the ability to have a maximum of 11 adults (where up to 6 women can live with a child). In addition, there is the possibility of outpatient counselling. Together with a personal tutor, residents look together for a possible solution to their problems. The residents may have dealt with or be dealing with depression, violence experiences, solitude, faith and life, emotional, identity and relational problems. They may have had to deal with guilt and anxiety. At Arendsnest practical learning is an important part, such as cooking, washing, daily living, budgeting, (volunteer) work, etc.

After Arendsnest residents can move to the supervised independent living project Hilmanhof. Here is space for 10 people where they can live for up to 1 year.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

Arendsnest has good relationships with GPs, mental health, psychiatrists, crisis services, pastoral workers, churches, religious communities and other agencies. The assistance of Arendsnest is based on the life principles as they see preached in the Gospel. It is central that the (broken) relationship with God and the nearest neighbour is restored. Arendsnest falls under the umbrella organization "Federation of Evangelical care (FEO).

Volunteering

In addition to interns there are volunteers, they can do a number of tasks. For more information please contact us.



De Cleft (Youth with a Mission)

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The Cleft - located in the Red Light district - is a community, home and body for the homeless, addicts, prostitutes, sexually broken people (people with gay sexual lifestyle or people with sex addictions) and children around the Red Light District. The community's goal is in different ways to show the love of Jesus Christ and bring it to a domestic situation for those who are homeless or otherwise in need, to hear and proclaim the Gospel and demonstrating through friendship evangelism and practical help.

Relationship with church and umbrella organisations

The Cleft is part of the international missions from the organisation Youth with a Mission. Volunteers and staff are part of many different churches. In various churches the Cleft has built up contacts.

Volunteering

The Cleft / Youth with a Mission is for the most part run on volunteers. They are (mostly young) people involved in one or more activities, or for shorter or longer time volunteering full-time with Youth with a Mission. As an international organisation, many of the volunteers are non-Dutch.

There are many volunteer positions, such as, evangelistic work, and work around church, working at the shelters for the homeless and addicts, Bible Group, the street team for women, women's team for window prostitutes, child control, Compass Zion (for the sexually broken man '), the men street team, prison work, refugees, administration and technical service etc. The composition of activities is always adapted to the needs and qualities of the volunteers. A prerequisite for the work that you are convinced Christian and a plus if you speak English (and some Arabic, French or Spanish is useful).

Stichting Drugspastoraat

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Inloophuis Makom, Van Ostadestraat 153, donderdag 13.30-16.00 uur

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Service in 'De Crypte' In the Salvation Army room Oudezijds Achterburgwal 45,

Every Sunday 16.30 doors open 16.00-18.00 uur

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Description of organisation

The purpose of Stichting Amsterdam Drugspastoraat (Chaplaincy) is the preservation of human dignity for drug users. The chaplains and volunteers are there for the drug users by way of personal attention for them and their past experiences. They help the users in a dignified way, providing company for the ill and a fond, dignified farewell for the dead. The pastoral work of the Drugspastoraat is highly focused on the person and on the growth of a living community. Every Sunday and on special occasions there is a celebration held in the Crypt located in the red light district and in the integrated drug post in Amsterdam Zuidoost. The celebrations are for and by users.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

Amsterdam's Drugspastoraat is a member of the Council of Churches. Much of the work is made possible by the Foundation Drugspastoraat Amsterdam.



Volunteering

There are over 40 volunteers who provide various supportive functions, such as personal talks, individual aid, visiting the ill, office work, services, and trips.

For the coming year the Drugspastoraat is looking for volunteers for:

Helping with the services on Sunday in the Crypt and during the week for open question time.

Stichting Exodus Amsterdam

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Description of organisation

Exodus has spread across the Netherlands, houses with a number of (ex-) prisoners aged 18 and older, both men and women live after their discharge from a judicial system. The counselling is provided to residents in order to help them return to society and ultimately lead an independent life without crime. The program focuses on the four stages: living, working, (recovery of) relationships and giving meaning (to their life). The time varies from 6 to 12 months.

Essential for the provision of Exodus is that the program is a comprehensive and structural approach which seeks to intervene in all aspects of life of the (ex-) prisoners. It is also the personal, small-scale parts of time. The cooperation between the house and volunteer work is an integral chain where pastoral and guidance can be offered at the beginning of detention and free life thereafter.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

Exodus is the result of the work of the Roman Catholic and Protestant spiritual care in the facilities of Justice. In 1981, thanks to their initiative the first Exodus house in Den Haag was established and started to develop the methodology that are still applied in the various houses. There are still contacts with churches.

Volunteering

Within the work of Exodus Amsterdam volunteers can play an important part for both the current residents inside the house and in the aftercare programs.

One of the leaders, Mr Jacob Meinders, is responsible for the volunteers and coordinates the various activities. Please contact Jacob for more information.

Hebron, Missionair project

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Description of organisation

In the Amsterdam Spaarndammerbuurt, you will find the Hebron community building belonging to the Noorderkerk. From here, the evangelist couple, Peter and Conny Smits, together with parishioners make the gospel know to the residents.

In many ways, the gospel is shared in word and deed. An important means of sharing the gospel is through various activities: youth events, kids clubs, open meals, special activities for women and men, and more.

For a couple of years every Sunday in Hebron a neighbourhood services has been held. These meetings are the heart of the Hebron community. The missionary policy of the next few years is aimed at further growth of this.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

The missionary project of the Noorderkerk. The evangelist couple is employed by the IZB, association for placement within in the Netherlands and the Protestant Church in the Netherlands.

Volunteering

In Hebron, many volunteers are needed to organise different activities. Depending on your talents and time there are many opportunities for you to employ your time and talents within Hebron. For example, you can participate as a volunteer with a children's club, an open meal, a womans group, a teen night, or support the evangelist couple in administrative and organisational tasks.



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Omschrijving organisatie

HVO-Querido wil toegankelijke en professionele hulpverlening bieden op het gebied van opvang, wonen en dagactiviteiten. Hierbij staan de wensen en mogelijkheden van de cliënt centraal. Wij zetten ons in voor iedereen die zich maatschappelijk of psychosociaal niet zelfstandig staande kan houden. Het gaat dan om mensen met een verslaving, daklozen en mensen met een psychiatrische beperking van alle leeftijden.

Op ongeveer 40 vestigingen verspreid over Amsterdam wordt aan bovenstaande vormgegeven. Dit gebeurt onder andere in woonvoorzieningen, door middel van begeleid wonen, gezinsopvang, door ambulante hulpverlening en in Dag Activiteiten Centra. Ook heeft HVO-Querido een prostitutie informatie centrum en het Amsterdams coördinatiepunt mensenhandel.

Relatie met kerk en andere koepelorganisaties

HVO-Querido heeft geen directe relatie met de kerk. Bij HVO-Querido werken mensen die zich door uiteenlopende levensbeschouwingen laten inspireren. Het gaat er niet om waar de inspiratie vandaan komt, het komt aan op wat je doet.

HVO-Querido werkt nauw samen met andere hulpverlenende instanties, zoals politie, Jellinek-Mentrum, De Regenboog Groep, Leger des Heils, e.d.

Vrijwilligerswerk

Op ongeveer 10 van de 40 locaties wordt gewerkt met vrijwilligers.

De werkzaamheden van vrijwilligers variëren sterk. Van chauffeur tot maatje van iemand met een psychiatrische beperking. Ook mogelijk is sporten met cliënten, koken met cliënten, mee gaan naar externe contacten met individuele cliënten of met groepen en het organiseren van activiteiten. In overleg is er van alles mogelijk op het gebied van vrijwilligerswerk.

Voor het vrijwilligerswerk moet je minimaal 18 jaar zijn, stevig in je schoenen staan en bereid zijn om training te volgen.

Naast externe vrijwilligers wordt er veel gewerkt met cliënten die als interne vrijwilliger in staat worden gesteld om (vrijwilligers)werkervaring op te doen. Als externe vrijwilliger is het ook mogelijk om een cliënt hierbij te ondersteunen.

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Description of organisation

The Jeannette Noël House is an open house where three Catholic Workers live together with over a dozen people who have not been granted a residents permit from the Dutch government, and therefore the government have provided no shelter or support for them. Together they form a community in which we share and support each other. Nobody receives a salary for their work. The Jeannette Noël House is not entitled to government money, is pacifist and (sometimes) anarchic as it deals with injustice. The organisation wants to show that mankind has the opportunity to live in peace without violence and justice in life. They want a community atmosphere like a loving family and the ancient tradition of hospitality in Christianity and other cultures.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

The Jeannette Noël House works closely with the WOU (WOU, see elsewhere in this folder) of the Amsterdam Council of Churches and the employees feel a part of the universal, ecumenical, mystical body of Christ.

Volunteering

Volunteers do all sorts of work. Some look after the children while their mothers are busy, others accompany one or more residents to agencies and medical institutions, another volunteer does the accounts, another repairs broken things in the house. Some bring food or clothing, some are friends inside the home and do what needs to be done when it needs to be done.

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Don Bosco Jonathan (DBJ)

DBJ is a volunteer organisation dedicated to homeless youth, pregnant girls, young mothers and their kids who are for various reasons needing help and support. All in their own way are vulnerable groups. The youth often in their young lives have to deal with serious problems in many different areas of life. By organising various activities DBJ supports the youth who are already often receiving help from various organisations. The activities focus on entertainment, leisure and the establishment of new social contacts and to a lesser extent on education and the development of talents.

Volunteers

Like the young people and young mothers the volunteers of DBJ are between 17 and 27 years. For them, working in DBJ is a fun and educational way to be involved and commit themselves to helping their peers in a social way.

Activities of DBJ

- Monthly group activities
- Buddy Projects, weekly one-on-one contact
- Visit to Amsterdam shelters, every two weeks a small activity
- Film Spot!, Film for and by young people
- The monthly magazine of DBJ

You can volunteer to DBJ to work if you:

- Between 17 and 27 years are
- Able to speak Dutch
- Available for a minimal of 6 months
- Residence in the Amsterdam region
- And above all motivated to see your commitment to peers for are disadvantaged.

KIWOS (Stichting Kinderwerk op straat)

Contactgegevens

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Omschrijving organisatie

Het gaat in het werk van de stichting er om, om zo goed mogelijk aansluiting te vinden bij het leven van de kinderen in de buurt. De doelen van het werk liggen dan ook niet bij voorbaat vast, maar ontstaan gaandeweg, vanuit de contacten met de kinderen en ook met hun ouders.

In het werk wordt de "presentiebenadering" gehanteerd, een methodiek die is uitgewerkt in verschillende (achterstands)buurten van steden in Nederland in het kerk- en buurtwerk of oude wijkenpastoraat. In deze manier van werken staat niet het oplossen van problemen centraal, maar gaat het vooral om het aansluiten bij de leefwereld van de mensen om wie het je te doen is. Die manier van werken kan ook geslaagd zijn als er geen probleem van betekenis wordt opgelost en daarin verschilt het werk dan ook van het reguliere welzijnswerk. Door "gewoon" aanwezig te zijn op straat en de tijd te hebben kun je in contact komen met mensen en problemen die op een andere manier niet gezien worden. Als het nodig is kan worden doorverwezen, maar ook los daarvan heeft het werk een eigen waarde. In veel diaconale projecten ervaren mensen dat het een weldaad is om niet alleen met een hulpverlener om te gaan maar ook om de gewone dingen van alledag met iemand te kunnen delen. Deze manier van werken biedt ruimte aan verhalen en een plek om op adem te komen. Omdat er daarvan nooit genoeg zijn, zeker niet voor kleine mensen in een grote stad, wil het kinderwerk in de Indische buurt daaraan een bijdrage geven.

Relatie met kerk en andere koepelorganisaties

Het kantoor is in het gebouw van de Elthetokerk en de gemeenschap van de Elthetokerk heeft Stichting Kinderwerk op Straat geadopteerd en levert een kleine financiële bijdrage maar vooral een grote morele ondersteuning.

Verder is er nog contact en ondersteuning van de Protestantse Diaconie van Amsterdam.

Vrijwilligerswerk

Het ondersteunen en vooral stimuleren van activiteiten met kinderen op hun eigen initiatief en verzoek. Ouders/gezinnen en jongeren ondersteunen met allerlei zaken, betreffende administratie, financiën, huishouden, juridische zaken en opvoeding. Deelgenoot en soms metgezel te zijn in hun dagelijkse leven en te delen in de beslommingen, problemen, maar ook leuke en goede momenten die zich voordoen. Een aantal ouders bieden zich regelmatig aan om met name als er uistapjes worden georganiseerd als vrijwilliger te worden ingezet. Ook een aantal gemeenteleden van de Elthetokerk zetten zich in voor de stichting.

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Description seaman church

The staff of the seaman's church are responsible for the spiritual care of seafarers who are in Amsterdam. They come from all 4 corners of the world. An important part of the work is visiting ships. The aim is to break the isolation of life on board the ships. This may be by showing interest to the people on board but also by assisting with all and any practical matters. This could be selling international phone cards to them to call their loves one, bringing newspapers in their own languages, showing them to the city centre or the Seaman's Mission Club.

The work of the seaman's mission has been in existence for hundreds of years in all major ports in the world. It has a good reputation so therefore it is easier for volunteers to get on boats as it is a well known name among the sailing community

Volunteering

The task of the volunteer is visiting ships by bike. In addition to the information already given the other tasks include talking to the seafarers and listening to their story, this is one of the most important tasks. These talks are for the main part done in English, therefore a good understanding of English is needed. If there are difficult situations on board a ship where you feel you require help, then you can always ask for help over the telephone.



Stichting/Hospice Kuria



stichting kuria

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Kuria is a home for people who are in the last phase of their lives. They have their own room, and they may furnish it suit their tastes. Visitors for those staying in Kuria are always welcome.

Our Hospice provides 24 hours a day care. They are supported by volunteers and staff who are available at all times of the day and night.

Volunteers' tasks include: assisting in the care of the residents, the cleaning of the house, shopping, cooking, washing and ironing. Many residents like a walk and volunteers are if required here to help them, or to help them with their personal shopping.

Volunteers can work (morning, afternoon, evening or cooking service) depending on knowledge, experience and command of the Dutch language.



Mission House Amstelrank

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The Mission House is a Christian community for young people. They come from different countries in Europe (and from 2010 outside Europe). They come here after high school or on completion of their studies. They come for ten months full time volunteering in combination with the living together in a community located right in the heart of Amsterdam. There is space for up to seven young people and a house leader. Under the watchful eye of the house leader, who lives in the Mission House and in addition to his/her duties as House leader he/she studies or works, he/she is there to help shape community life. This is done weekly through a 'house meeting', after which there is a faith moment and on Sunday the house just spends the evening together having fun. In addition, each member cooks once a week for the whole house.

Once a month there is a house friends meal. These friends are there to help the young people in Amsterdam and show them life outside the house. A house friend also helps with tasks in house such as language courses, computer repairs and bible lessons. They can also be a mentor for a member of the house and offer support when needed and leadership during the year.

At the beginning of the year the volunteers visit a number of projects from this book and then choose where they want to work during the year.

It is not required to be Christian to live in the Mission House but you have to have an open mind and be willing to explore your faith. In this way, the house tries to live a Christian life. We explore our faith by talking about it, taking part in the faith moments and leading them,, in the form of volunteering and making contact with a church. It is also a unique opportunity to see a lot of other cultures and to be able to learn from them.

The Mission House is part of the Together as a volunteer program. For questions about joining the Mission House or becoming a house friend please contact Iain or Erjo.

De Open Deur

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Description of organization

The Open Door is an ecumenical drop in centre where the Dutch, 'new' Dutch undocumented can go for information and discuss religious and social affairs. There is a;sp the opportunity for a personal talk about questions of faith and life. That may be about the search in relation to faith and church, relationships, sexuality or lost ones. Also we give guidance for financial problems.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

Network with the city in Amsterdam and in particular the city centre, and also with several walk-in centres.

Volunteering

Seven volunteers fulfil the role of hostess / management in the centre. Furthermore, the Open Door Works with contacts (buddies) in Amsterdam resident refugees. As a buddy you maintain friendly contacts with refugees, for example by weekly visits to show them the sites and sounds of the city centre. It is an advantage if you speak English or French.

opvangcentrum Elandsstraat

Contact details

Opvangcentrum Elandsstraat

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Description of organisation

The target Group for De Elandsstraat are youth between the ages of 15 and 23 years old and at times children who come with the youth. The clients have psychosocial problems and are in acute demand for shelter

The problems that lead them to the shelter are very different in nature such as:

Fleeing from their home or residence due to (sexual / physical) threats or abuse trafficking or forced prostitution.

Ran away from home or from a home that the parent(s) put them in.

Relationship problems (with partner, family, roommates).

Forced from the home due to debt.

And many more problems

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

The centre is a project from the organisation 'De Vereniging ter Verbreiding der Waarheid', of the original Protestant Church. Now Elandsstraat is an inter church organisation.

Volunteering

The volunteers work as a group worker in the shelter and provide for bed, bath and food services, creating a safe home, providing a listening ear and focus on individuals as well as the group. Furthermore they provide for the visitors, clients and colleagues.

After a training period (2 months) you sign up for at least one year as a volunteer. This is often one time in the two weeks from 17.00 - 9.00 pm and on weekends shorter services during the day.



Oudezijds 100

Contact details

Gemeenschap Oudezijds 100

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Description of organisation

Community Oudezijds 100 is a group of Christians from different corners of the church who live, work and pray together. Oudezijds 100 provides help to people on the fringes of life in the city of Amsterdam. The community operates as a family and a training school. Oudezijds 100 provides:

Social work help

Medical care for the uninsured and illegal (Kruispost)

Assists people with independent living

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

The individual members Oudezijds 100 have contact with several churches. We regularly go to church groups, people can do an internship with us or a Amsterdam voluntary year in Oudezijds 100. The work is supported by various churches and diaconies. It is also affiliated with organisations such as Platform Reception Amsterdam, MO and more

Volunteering

Oudezijds 100 is looking for people who believe in showing their Faith through their hands and feet and to make people feel at home. We try not to fill vacancies, but to work with the talents of the people who volunteer. In addition, there are things that need to always happen. There are many tasks, such as reception, cooking, cleaning, painting, coffee, accounting, management and in providing a listening ear to people who come through our doors. For the Kruispost Oudezijds 100 also needs doctors / medical students.



De Regenboog Groep

Contact details

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Visiting address:

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info@deregenboog.org; www.deregenboog.org

Contact; Gitta Veraart



Description of organisation

Every day the Rainbow Foundation helps more than 400 homeless people and hard drug users. It welcomes them in centres and user rooms. Our visitors get coffee and tea, can take a shower and exchange their clothes for clean clothing and more depending on which drop in centre they visit. From our low-threshold facilities, the Rainbow Foundation also offers a meaningful way to spend the day with daytime activities.

Additionally, hard drug users can easily get in touch with social workers, and learn about different possibilities for help in kicking the habit. Through the needle exchange, a real contribution to the health of intravenous drug users is realized.

There is buddy care for seriously ill hard drug users. Addicts' parents and family members can also receive guidance.

In addition, the Rainbow Foundation has the task of making wider circles more aware of the problems around addiction and homelessness

Relatie met kerk en andere koepelorganisaties

De Regenboog Groep was in 1975 founded by a church. Her roots are therefore very much within in the church. De Regenboog Groep also works together with many organisations including social workers the police, Jellinek, Mentrum, The Salvation Army to name but a few.

Volunteering

Many of the homeless shelters require volunteers to be able to open their doors to the visitors. The work within the shelters is varied but includes working in the showers, clothing exchange, serving tea and coffee, leading the street cleaning and practical work around the shelters. Being there to listen to the stories of the visitors is an important part of the work and making the time to listen to them and then when needed advising them to go to a social worker or other professional worker.

To work in the shelters you must be at least 18 years of age, and available to follow the introduction training. There is also the chance to be buddy. This is one on one contact with one of the visitors who are now often living in centres or alone. For more information about any of the volunteering work please contact Gitta.

Sant' Egidio Amsterdam

Contact details

We have no fixed location. The monthly prayer evening is in the Nicolaaskerk

Prins Hendrikkade 73

1012 AD Amsterdam (opposite Centraal Station)

Contact: Barbara de Groot, 06-40733684

santegidio@kerkennet.nl; www.santegidio.org/nl

Description of organisation

Sant 'Egidio is an international and ecumenical community of young people. In this community prayer and concrete commitment is central. Worldwide, the communities pray and work for peace and solidarity. This takes shape in schools, restaurants with free meals, language lessons for refugees, a project against AIDS, correspondence with prisoners, and numerous initiatives for dialogue between different religions.

In larger communities, such as Rome, where the community is created and in Antwerp, there is a daily evening prayer.

In Amsterdam there is a monthly evening prayer that takes place in the Nicholas Church at 20.00 pm. Every week we go into the centre of Amsterdam for those who are living on the streets. We offer them something to eat in and a packet of bread and a drink, yoghurt, fruit and a chocolate bar. It's not about "food distribution" (though good food is always appreciated!), But for people to learn and build bonds and friendship

Relationship with church and other umbrella organisations

Sant 'Egidio, is Catholic community in origin, but is very focused on ecumenism. In each country where a community is created, the community takes the 'religious colour' of the country: in Germany there are many Evangelical-Lutheran people in the community, many Orthodox in Ukraine.

Sant 'Egidio is open to anyone who feels used by the spirituality of the community.

Volunteering

Anyone who wants is welcome to join us on the streets. You can first meet with the community at the evening prayer every first Friday of the month at 20.00 pm in the Nicolaaskerk.

Straatpastoraat Amsterdam

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Description of organization:

The street chaplaincy (Straatpastoraat) provides pastoral care to homeless. In addition, we organize activities for this target group, such as a choir, meditation, philosophy and women's evening circle.

The straatpastoraat is a project of Protestant Diaconie Amsterdam

Description of the type of volunteering:

For the above groups, we need volunteers. In addition to this we are looking for volunteers to help with household work. In everything they do we expect the volunteers to get involved and feel responsible for the atmosphere. For those who want more: we are always open for their own involvement in the activities please contact us for more information.



Thuiskomen, Missionair Diaconaal Project

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Organisation

Thuiskomen (Coming home) Project is a project of the Jeruzalemkerk Church and provides individuals and groups a safe and familiar place where they are given the chance to develop and flourish. A place to build relationships between residents with different social and cultural backgrounds. They will serve the city and tell the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Volunteering

Without volunteers, there is no 'Project Thuiskomen'! Thanks to them, the door is thrown open to the many local residents from the Baarsjes.

There are several activities in which the help of volunteers needed. Children and teen work weekly, women afternoons, the celebration on Sunday, special holiday activities, family days and many administrative and facility support



De Tweede Mijl (The second mile)

Contact Details

De Tweede Mijl,
Willemstraat 39
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DE TWEEDE MIJL

Open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 – 15:00

Te: 020 623 28 28

Email: info@detweedemijl.nl

Contact: Johan van Dam, coördinator

Tel. 06- 44 11 77 47

Organisation

Drug addicts, compulsive gamblers, alcoholics and the homeless. A large group of people in Amsterdam have problems. Often they are on the edge of society and looking for a safe haven and help. The Second Mile takes these people in. Three times a week the door to the shelter in Amsterdam's Jordaan opens its door. There is a cup of coffee, a warm meal and volunteers with a listening ear ready for anyone who walks through the door. They can also get clean clothes, take a shower, get a new hairstyle or wash and have their feet attend to. There are also moments of reflection, where visitors and volunteers sing together, pray and read the Bible.

The Tweede Mijl takes its name and ethos from **Matthew 5:41** 'If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.' This is an important ethos for the Tweede Mijl in everything that it does.

Relationship with the Church and other umbrella organisations

The Tweede Mijl is a Christian walk in centre which draws volunteers from churches within Amsterdam and the surrounding area.

Volunteer work

The volunteers in the Tweede Mijl keep the shelter running. Without them there would be no walk in centre. The tasks

available are everything from helping with showers, doing the washing, making the food, being a listening ear and much more. For more information contact Johan, team leader and coordinator.



VROUWENPASTORAAT - LEGER DES HEILS

Contactgegevens

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Omschrijving organisatie

Het Vrouwenpastoraat probeert in contact te komen met vrouwelijke prostituees in Amsterdam. Op onze visitekaartjes staat het zo: "...bij wie kun je je verhaal kwijt als je eenzaam bent, je familie mist? Wie helpt je als er praktische zaken geregeld moeten worden?" Ook willen we graag praten over geloofs- en zingevingsvragen als daar behoefte aan is. De twee vaste medewerksters bezoeken wekelijks de straatprostituees achter het CS met koffie en thee. Een keer per maand helpen vrijwilligers met het bezoeken van de raamprostituees op en rond de wallen. Aan de hand van een klein cadeautje of koffie en thee proberen we contact te leggen. In lijn met de doelstelling van het Leger des Heils wil het Vrouwenpastoraat in woord en daad het evangelie uitdragen aan vrouwen die in de prostitutie werken door het aanbieden van concrete dienstverlening, pastoraat, evangelisatie en recreatieve activiteiten.

Relatie met kerk en andere koepelorganisaties

Het Vrouwenpastoraat valt onder het kerkgenootschap het Leger des Heils. Dit is een protestants christelijke kerk met ongeveer tachtig gemeenten in Nederland. Het Leger des Heils is daarnaast actief op veel terreinen van de maatschappelijke dienstverlening. We werken, waar mogelijk, samen met vele andere organisaties.

Vrijwilligerswerk

De vrijwilligsters gaan één keer per maand (de tweede woensdag van de maand) mee om de vrouwen achter de ramen te bezoeken. In teams van twee gaan ze de straat op. De avond bestaat uit een vroege en een late ronde. De vroege ronde begint om 17:30 en eindigt om 20:00. Voor een hapje eten wordt gezorgd. De tweede ronde begint om 19:30 en eindigt om ongeveer 22:00.

Alleen vrouwen ouder dan 20 jaar kunnen vrijwilligster worden. Verder moet je positief christen zijn, een warm hart hebben voor vrouwen die zich prostitueren, gemakkelijk contact kunnen leggen en Duits, Engels of Spaans kunnen spreken. Daarnaast moet je bereid zijn om maximaal vier keer per jaar deel te nemen aan vrijwilligersbijeenkomsten en/of deskundigheidsbevordering.

Wereldhuis

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Description of organisation

The World House is the world together: The World House is a centre for people without papers (illegal). People who illegally stay in the Netherlands are in a vulnerable situation. They are at risk for exploitation, and often lack sufficient information about their basic rights. In addition to support in acute emergencies, the Wereldhuis gives information and advice, pastoral calls and most importantly the space for activities to develop self-bending and self-possession. There are opportunities for migrants and their friends to hold meetings or courses, cooking or making music together. The World House opened its doors for the first time on September 12th , 2008. It is a young organisation with still a lot of room for new ideas!

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

The World House is a project of Protestant Diaconie Amsterdam in cooperation with the Lutheran Diaconie Amsterdam.

Volunteering

Buddies for emergency visits: To assist people who have just received a residence permit (often for medical reasons) and to help them in any way they can.

volunteer hours, you will support the weekly hours on Wednesday to give coffee and tea, to assist in the Internet and play with children

Play time: You give the women of the Women's meeting point, the opportunity to come together with their children to play and prepare a simple meal for them.

Dutch language: support the teachers during the week and to provide coffee and tea during the lessons.

music: play an instrument? Then come and help a group make music.

organising dinners: help with the shopping, cooking and of course eating.

PR: help maintain and build a website and newsletters.

incidental tasks: help with special events and incidental tasks.

Start your own club: Have you got a talent then come and share it with us and our clients.

WOU (Werkgroep Opvang Uitgeprocedeerden)

Contact details

Werkgroep Opvang Uitgeprocedeerden (WOU) van de Raad van Kerken Amsterdam

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Contactperson: Ingrid Schippers

Description of organization:

The Workgroup for rejected Asylums (WOU) holds daily office hours for applicants who previously received a rejection of their asylum request, but a promising legal chance. In addition, help is offered to applicants who are still in the process, but have no help or support of the government. Finally help is given to those with no option to stay in Holland with their return to home country or region or by migration to another country. Where possible, the WOU helps in meeting future through legal assistance, shelter, money to live, social contact, language courses, volunteer work and guidance for their return.

Reception takes place in one of its many shelters located within church communities and rented places, etc. An important aspect of the work of the WOU is the community of WOU workers and clients. There are trips, games nights, meals and celebrations for applicants and volunteers organized.

Relationship with church and other umbrella organizations

The WOU is a working group of the Task Force of the Refugee Council of Churches Amsterdam. It is housed in the building of the Protestant Diaconie. Therefore, there are many contacts with the (diaconieën of) churches in Amsterdam. The WOU has regular contact with the Oranjekerk, Keizersgrachtkerk, Dominicuskerk, Protestantse Kerkgemeente van Amsterdam-Oost and the Doopsgezinde gemeente. In addition, they receive contributions from the municipality of Amsterdam. The WOU is run entirely by volunteers.

Volunteering

Volunteers provide social contact for the WOU clients. This is in many different ways, picking somebody up, dropping them off, going on a trip or having a talk. Volunteers are also needed for occasional jobs