

Welcome 'new' Apeldoorners

We are regularly confronted with the unsafe situations in parts of the world through the media. It is because of the unsafe and hopeless situation that refugees come to the Netherlands. Hoping for a better life in a safe environment.

It is not easy to integrate into a new society and a different culture. Contact with the Dutch people is very important when building a new life in the Netherlands.

Moving forward together. In the past years we have met many refugees in Apeldoorn and we have been touched by their love for life and their warmth. Despite their concerns they are trying to make the best of their daily situation. Many of them would really like to meet Dutch people and be of significance to others. That is why Present will be organizing 'Meet & Connect' projects from now on. A chance to meet new people and help each other out; and 'Meet & Match' projects where the Apeldoorners and newcomers work together to help someone else.

What can you do for and together with asylum status holders?

Read below for the possibilities.

Meet & Connect: 1 year contact

With the project 'Meet & Connect' we aim to make a durable connection with the Dutch people and the status holders. We are convinced that every human being needs friends in order to make him or her feel at home. This means that we will be linking groups of Apeldoorners to groups of newcomers for a period of one year. In that year you will meet each other, do activities together, share your life, all based on friendship and being equal. Does this sound good? Please contact natalie@presentapeldoorn.nl



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Meet & Match – a Present project with status holders



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For groups of 2,3 people.

Newcomers are looking for useful daytime activities, they would like to expand their network and practice the language. What can be more fun than picking up a Present project with a couple of Apeldoorners? Clearing up a garden of an elderly, sick person, or painting a bedroom so that a girl will have her own space again or taking elderly people for a stroll. In these 'joint projects' we would like to match 2 or 3 new Apeldoorners to your group, for a part of the day or evening so that you both can be of meaning for the Apeldoorners in distress! The preparation will be the same as for an ordinary project. As a group you can suggest a date of preference and let us know what project you would be interested in doing. These projects are usually suitable for 2 or 3 Apeldoorners. Is your group larger? Please contact us and we can talk about the possibilities.

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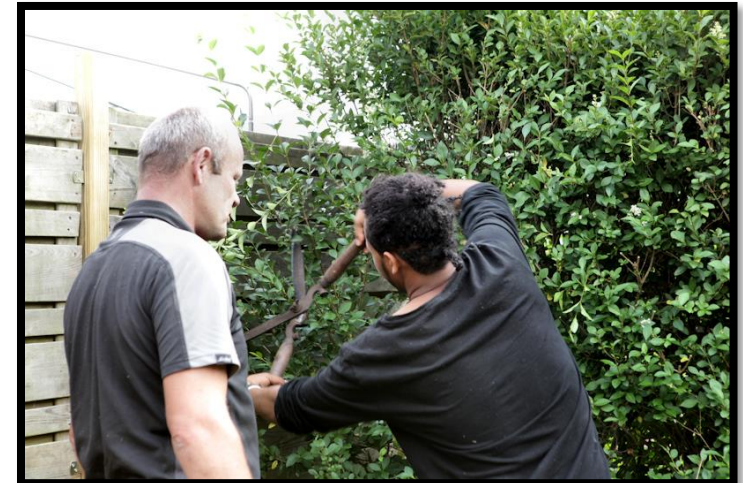
Member of the Flexgroup

We would also like to combine groups of newcomers who would want to do a project together on a set day every 2 weeks. They will be coached by a groupleader. Besides practising the language this form of voluntary work offers so much more. Learning how to paint, putting in floors, fixing up a garden. Offering social support to people who are ill and need extra attention! Coming in contact with other people but also with companies from Apeldoorn and social organisations.

The flexgroup is a group where the members vary and together they do a voluntary project. Examples of projects are:

- Practical projects: helping with a move, fixing or cleaning a house or cleaning up a garden.
- Social projects: drinking coffee or going out for a stroll with lonely elderly people, cooking or organising a nice afternoon for people with a physical or mental disability.

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Welcome to your new home – Doing odd jobs in the first house of a new Apeldoorn

For groups of 3 or 4 people

If refugees get assigned to a house there is a lot of work to be done in a short period of time: the house has to be made livable, a paintjob and maybe some other odd jobs. Sometimes the garden needs some attention. These requests for help are usually submitted by Refugee work to Present. We have been doing these project for almost ten years. The residents also help along. Do you think it is fun and meaningful to give a hand? We depend on incoming requests for help. That is why it might take some time before we can make a match between you and your group and a refugee family who needs help.

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Do you have any other ideas? Please contact us. At Present we specialize in voluntary jobs for groups, on a case-by-case basis, like the initiatives above.

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