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DOKTERS VAN DE WERELD [PHYSICIANS OF THE WORLD]: FREE CONTRACEPTION; AND APPEAL TO POLITICIANS

Dokters van de Wereld provides 100 vulnerable women with a coil (intrauterine device) or contraceptive implant (hormonal rod). We do this because we are of the opinion that a lack of funds must not constitute a threshold for the access to contraception and the desired method of contraception. Registration up to 15 October.

You will find information at: <https://doktersvandewereld.org/campagnes/anticonceptie/>.

Endorse the appeal to political parties that contraception should be accessible for everyone:
doktersvandewereld.org/anticonceptie.

BASIC RIGHTS

Minister of Social Affairs and Employment: no free access to the labour market after losing permit as a partner

The Minister of Social Affairs and Employment has altered the Decree about the Implementation of the Act Labour Migrants after a ruling by the Council of State. The Council of State had interpreted this Decree in such a way that there would still be free access to the labour market after losing the permit. The Minister has considered this to be contrary to the purpose of the Decree and therefore is adjusting it now. Currently only people who have legal residence (with a permit) have free access to the labour market. You will find more information [here](#).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Justice EU: retaining status 'residence as independent EU citizen' during temporary interruption due to pregnancy

According to EU law EU citizens are allowed to live in another EU country if they can provide for themselves. This entitlement will continue to exist if they lose their job involuntarily as long as they remain available for the labour market.

A British judge had asked the EU Court of Justice whether the right to residence as EU citizen would continue to exist for independent migrants who temporarily stop working due to pregnancy. The Court has answered that this is the case, providing that the independent migrant resumes working as soon as she is able to do so. You will find more information [here](#).

Council of State: revocation permit children is legitimate if the father's permit was based on pseudo-employment

This Chinese father had been granted a labour permit in 2011 and had come to the Netherlands with his wife and two small children. In 2017 the children were granted a permit 'permanent humanitarian grounds'.

In 2018 the family's permits, those of the father, mother and children, were revoked because the Inspection had discovered that the company that employed the father was a scheme arrangement. Subsequently the court decided that the children cannot fall victim to this because they had no knowledge of the scheme arrangement. However, the Council of State are of the opinion that the parents, who had submitted the application for the children, did know this and therefore it was justifiable to revoke the children's permit as well. You will find more information [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

European action in relation to the situation at the European Borders, 3 October 14.00 (NGOs) and 18.00 (General Public) Amsterdam

On 3 October *Wij Gaan Ze Halen* organise a campaign to demand attention for the situation of migrants at the European Borders. In the afternoon the programme is specifically for NGOs, politicians, policy makers and experts. The evening is an event for the general public. A documentary will be shown made by a refugee from Ivory coast who has visualised his journey. [Rederij Lampedusa](#) will sail her ships, there will be music, speakers, debate and much more. You will find information at <https://wegaanzehalen.nl/>. [Here you can already check the petition](#) for a European day of Memory and Welcome.

EU-Magazine: 'They are already citizens': What will it take to bring Europe's undocumented out of the shadows?

Innovative ways of supporting undocumented migrants so that they can access vital health, social and emergency services are required so that European countries can properly assist these vulnerable people. <https://horizon-magazine.eu/article/they-are-already-citizens-what-will-it-take-bring-europe-s-undocumented-out-shadows.html>, 9.9.19

Emiel Woutersen: Exploited - the story of the Dutch workplace

Reporters from the Platform for investigative journalism Investico investigated the lower part of the labour market and encountered shocking situations. Labour exploitation is everywhere, as becomes clear from their coverage of such companies as Albert Heijn's distribution centre, the tobacco and meat industry and the hidden world of cleaners and au pairs.

<https://www.atlascontact.nl/boek/uitgebuil/>, September '19

End of monthly women's food pub Amsterdam

The Steungroep Vrouwen zonder Verblijfsvergunning [Support Group Women without Residence Permit] has terminated their monthly food pub. The activities of the Support Group can be found at their site: www.svzv.nl.

3 Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (*Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt*) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.