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SINA OFFERS HELP FOR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN IN AMSTERDAM

Sina helps low-income children and families in Amsterdam to access sports lessons (such as swimming lessons for a swimming diploma) and music lessons, for example, as well as providing support for practical items such as beds, mattresses, airbeds, bikes, cupboards for the home and laptops for school.

We work on the basis of trust. We do not require any documents from people and will never give address details (e.g. for the delivery of household goods or a visit to see what a family needs) to third parties. To reimburse sport and music lessons we do not need personal details in any case.

We especially aim to support undocumented families and children in Amsterdam. See [here](#).

1. ADMISSION POLICY

Court: Guinean government offers no protection against forced prostitution

This woman applied for asylum because her stepmother had forced her into prostitution. Her asylum claim was rejected. The judge finds that the IND has to take into account the fact that she cannot be protected from forced prostitution in Guinea (Haarlem Court, NL17.4393, 13.7.20)

Court: risk of honour killing for single Iraqi woman with child outside of marriage

This case concerns an Arabic Iraqi woman (widow) who had a child with a Kurdish Iraqi man. She asked for asylum as she risks honour killing if she has to return. The IND rejected her claim but the judge finds that the IND has not paid enough attention to the situation of mothers with a child outside of marriage in Iraq. See [here](#).

Court: guarantor declaration for work for 1 year sufficient income certainty for partner to be allowed to enter NL

If the main person does not earn enough money, they cannot bring their partner to NL. For an employee, the contract must have existed for 1 year, but for a freelancer they need to have earned enough for the last 18 months. In this case the main person is a freelancer, but he has guaranteed work for the coming year. The judge finds that this is enough for the person to bring his partner to NL. See [here](#).

Court: as partner no longer works, dependent partner loses residence permit

The IND decided not to extend the residence permit of a dependent partner, as she and her partner are now living on a social security payment. The judge agrees with this decision. See [here](#).

Council of State: to invite children born outside of marriage, a genuine relationship is needed

This Ghanaian man wants to bring his children from Ghana, born outside of marriage, to NL. Two conditions for this are that he proves legal or biological fatherhood, and a relationship of care. He showed that he regularly transfers money and regularly travels to Ghana, but the IND found that this was insufficient evidence and the judge agrees. See [here](#).

Court: anonymous reporting is insufficient for rescinding a residence permit

The IND had decided to rescind this woman's residence permit, as it was suspected that she lived abroad. This suspicion was based on an anonymous report, which the judge finds is insufficient evidence. An anonymous report may be used for further investigation, but in this case no investigation had been started, so the residence permit cannot be rescinded. See [here](#).

2. ACTIVITIES

Theatre: The Suppliants, 20 Sep, 2-4pm, Tolhuistuin Amsterdam

The Suppliants, Aeschylus' classic tragedy, recounts the story of a group of women fleeing forced marriage and domestic violence, seeking asylum in a city unknown to them. The king of the city is in doubt: should he let them in, and what are the consequences?

<https://cultureforum.eu/event/the-suppliants-2/>

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organizations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.