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CONCLUDING SYMPOSIUM MINOR ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOGESCHOOL ROTTERDAM

From September 2022 students from all over the Netherlands investigated the nature of human trafficking, its consequences and questioned what we and they can do to make a contribution towards the fight against human trafficking.

During the concluding symposium on 19 January from 9.30-12.30 they will present the knowledge they have acquired. Experts from this discipline will enter into discussions with each other and with students and the audience.

Students will welcome you in the hall of the Hogeschool (across from subway station Dijkzigt). Contact: Gusta Bouwman, a.t.bouwman@hr.nl

BASIC RIGHTS

<u>Court of Appeal: asylum seeker who has exhausted all legal remedies will keep refuge and support in institute for the blind</u>

This Ethiopian asylum seeker is blind and therefore has found refuge in an institute for the blind. However, now that he has exhausted all legal remedies he is no longer entitled to provisions. According to the IND there is shelter and assistance for the blind in Ethiopia but there is no enforced removal of refugees to Ethiopia.

The question is whether the institute for the blind can put him out into the street without any support. The Court has ruled that the refuge and support at the institute for the blind needs to be continued.

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Appeal: tourist visa for integration course in the Netherlands, residence with partner

For a residence permit with partner in the Netherlands the foreign partner has to take a language test in the country of origin. It is difficult to learn Dutch in a foreign country. Therefore, this foreign partner applied for a visa to visit the Netherlands and learn the language here.

Initially the IND had reservations concerning the relationship but because many photographs and WhatsApp messages have been sent, the IND no longer doubts the relationship.

The Court is also of the opinion that there is sufficient reason to issue a visa. The interest of the foreign partner to learn Dutch here and to gain legal residence with her partner by applying for an mvv [authorisation for temporary stay] is adequately convincing.

<u>Court of Appeal: in cases of Chavez application the age of the Dutch child at the moment of application</u> <u>should be taken into account</u>

This case concerned a Moroccan mother of a Dutch child. She used to live with her child in Morocco; the father lived in the Netherlands and died in 2005. Afterwards the mother came to the Netherlands with her son. The IND rejected her application for a residence permit with a Dutch child ('Chavez permit') because in the interim the child had become an adult. However, at the time of the application he was a minor. The Court is of the opinion that the IND should take into account the age at the time of application (Court of Appeal Rotterdam, NL22.14694, 2.12.22).

ACTIVITIES

Job vacancy: Social counsellor LGBTQ refugees through Here to Support Amsterdam, 18 hours per week The project Queer to Support is intended to offer perspective to undocumented LGBTQI+ refugees from the LVV shelter [National Provision for Aliens] in Amsterdam. Once a fortnight Queer to Support facilitates a meeting for this group on Monday evenings and every Monday from 13.00 - 17.00 there is a support desk for individuals with requests for help. Please respond before 28 January.

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.