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NEW ADDRESS AND OPNING HOURS REGISTRATION OFFICE UTRECHT

As from **1 February 2024**, the Utrecht registration centre ('aanmeldloket') of the Tussenvoorziening will have moved to a new address:

Huis van Vrede, Trumanlaan 70-72

tel: 06-18742750

mail: aanmeldloket@tussenvoorziening.nl

The new opening hours are:

- Mondays from 10 until 12.30 hrs
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 13.00 until 15.30 hrs

BASIC RIGHTS

Dutch Administrative High Court: no right to emergency shelter for mother of Dutch child

In this case, the Dutch Administrative High Court finds that a mother of a Dutch child is not entitled to emergency shelter if she is self-reliant. The mother has a status, receives benefit and allowances, but does not have housing. According to the judge there is no reason to assume she cannot arrange housing independently. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ADMISSION POLICY

State Secretary Justice and Security: policy regarding Afghan women has changed

The State Secretary has amended the asylum policy with regard to Afghanistan. The restrictions that the Taliban impose on women are not sufficient reason to grant them asylum. Women must prove they cannot comply with these rules due to their political or religious convictions. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court of Justice EU: domestic violence can be grounds for asylum

In this case, the Court of Justice finds that women can be considered to constitute a 'specific social group'. This is one of the conditions of acquiring refugee status. If a government cannot protect women from domestic violence, this may result in a refugee status. See [here](#).

Work Instruction 2024/1: Human trafficking in asylum cases

This work instruction describes that a grace period for victims of human trafficking can also be offered to asylum seekers during their procedure. Moreover, this work instruction makes clear in which cases IND case decision officers must take into account victimhood of human trafficking when making their decision. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

European Court of Human Rights: income demands family reunification allowable

The European Court of Human Rights has found that European countries may impose demands on income and housing if someone wishes to bring in their family members. These demands may not be so strict as to be unachievable. This case concerned a Syrian status holder who should still be able to find work. See [here](#).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: inspection in restaurant not allowed without reason

This case concerns inspections by the Labour Inspectorate and the Alien Police in an Amsterdam restaurant. According to the official report, the reason was 'information that illegal immigrants were possibly working there'. The judge considers this to be insufficient grounds for the inspection. The source of the information and the basis for the suspicions are unclear. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ACTIVITIES

CEDAW shadow report focus group: Legal position refugee women, 13 Feb 14 hrs Amnesty A'dam

In collaboration with Amnesty International Nederland, the UN Women Network organises a focus group meeting on the position of refugee women in the asylum procedure. The objective is to come up with a list of recommendations for the CEDAW shadow report.

To register, mail to: schaduwrapportage@gmail.com

Vacancies ASKV Peer Counsellor trainees, 16 hrs p/w

- Legal traineeship (16 hrs p/w): <https://www.askv.nl/geen-categorie/vacature-ervaringsdeskundige-juridisch-trainee/>
- Traineeship Right to education (12-16 hrs p/w): <https://www.askv.nl/geen-categorie/vacature-ervaringsdeskundige-projecttrainee-recht-op-onderwijs/>

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