

NEWSLETTER, Volume 14 no. 4
12 February 2024

CONTENTS

BASIC RIGHTS.....	2
ADMISSION POLICY	2
CHECK AND DETENTION	2
ACTIVITIES.....	3

OPENING EXPOSITIE ONGEDOCUMENTEERD EN OP LEEFTIJD, 15FEB A'DAM

On Thursday 15 February 2024 at 15:00 hrs, in the *Mozes en Aäronkerk* church in Amsterdam, theatre, movie and television maker Nora Akacher will open the exposition 'undocumented and elderly', which contains photographs by Mona van den Berg.

Photographer Mona van den Berg followed 23 people who had been living in the Netherlands for decades, but never obtained a residence permit. By giving them a face, we are given an impression of their lives that are normally hidden from sight.

The exposition can be visited very Thursday and Friday, between 12:00 and 16:00 hrs, up to 22 March.

<https://www.santegidio.nl/ongedocumenteerd-en-op-leeftijd/>

BASIC RIGHTS

Dutch Tax Department: no single-parent additional allowance ('ALO-kop') but also no repayment demand for parents with a partner without a BSN number

Persons who have a partner without a BSN number or a partner living abroad are each other's allowance partners. This results in some cases in persons with a partner abroad or a partner who follows later to the Netherlands wrongly receiving an 'ALO-kop' (i.e. single-parent additional allowance) which must later be repaid.

To prevent high recovery amounts, the tax department's 'allowances office' (*Dienst Toeslagen*) decided in 2023 that recovery of child allowance is undesirable if applicants had already reported their marriage to the municipality but this had not been entered into the systems of the allowances office. In those cases, the partner of applicant will only be taken into account from the moment of processing in the allowances system instead of retroactively, as was customary before. In addition, a process will be set up to periodically use data from the BRP to determine the possible presence of an allowance partner. To avoid a repayment demand in the future, these individuals can register marital status with the municipality, communicate in the allowances portal that there is a partner and can apply for a bsn for this partner.

ADMISSION POLICY

District Court: stay of elderly mother at daughter in the Netherlands

In two different cases, the court ruled that the IND must carefully weigh all interests in the case of an elderly mother who needed informal care from her daughter in the Netherlands. There was no longer a safety net in her home country. In both cases, the application was submitted after the mother had travelled to NL for family visits.

This [case](#) is about an 88-year-old South African mother suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

This [case](#) is about an 85-year-old Ukrainian mother with geriatric complaints.

CHECK AND DETENTION

INLIA Foundation (International network of local initiatives together with asylum seekers): Main nationalities in immigration detention with the objective of being deported back to their country of origin

Nationality	Aantal
Moroccan	110
Algerian	20
Tunisian	20
Polish	10
Gambian	10
Surinamese	10

(NB: rounded off to the nearest tens) See [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Pauluskerk Rotterdam: shelter for the undocumented elderly.

The Netherlands needs facilities for the elderly; a place to stay for vulnerable undocumented elderly people who have been in the Netherlands for decades, offering them a roof over their heads, a bed, and any care they may need. From January 2024, the Pauluskerk (church) has a number of places available for this purpose.

Do you know any undocumented elderly (+55) who are needing help, who lack a personal network and who are suffering from chronic medical complaints, then please let us know, so that we can see if we are able to provide shelter for these people.

Please send your email to mahtob.boot@pauluskerkrotterdam.nl & loesknap@pauluskerkrotterdam.nl

ASKV Refugee Support: 'Statelessness in the Netherlands'

Living without a nationality. Did you know that this is reality for at least 6,000 people in the Netherlands? They are stateless and are not recognised as citizens by any country. There are also some 22,000 people with 'nationality unknown' who run into the same problems. Things like going to the doctor, being free to go where you would like to go, or getting an education are not a matter of course for them. More information can be found in this [booklet](#) and from this [website](#).

Kick-off NOO network (shelter for the undocumented), 9 March, 14:00–16:00 hrs, Rotterdam

It is needed more than ever: citizens standing up for those who do not have a valid residence permit.

That is why the NOO network (*Netwerk Ongedocumenteerden Onderdak* (shelter for the undocumented)) is being set up, to connect citizens in solidarity to form a safety net for people who are unable to obtain shelter.

The Rotterdam NOO network will be launched on 9 March. Do you have a your own network in Rotterdam, then please share this message, to help the NOO network to grow.

Are you living in another city and would you like to collaborate with NOO on a local level, please let us know.

Send your email to Joset van der Hoeven, NOO coordinator, at: joset.vanderhoeven@stichtinglos.nl.

- [Follow NOO on LinkedIn](#)
- [More about NOO in Rotterdam](#)

VU Conference: Making Rights a Reality for UMW, 17-19 juni 2024

The "Making Rights a Reality for undocumented migrant workers" conference is aimed at bringing together international law instruments protecting the rights of undocumented people, with human rights activism and practice. The conference strives to break new ground in the possibilities for international norms and their effective protection.

We encourage contributions by migrant activists and social organizations which should include in particular the voices of undocumented migrants, and topics such as migrant worker rights-claiming, trade unions and the human rights of migrant workers and much more.

Please submit your proposal by 19 February 2024 at makingrightsreality.rch@vu.nl.

<https://acmrl.org/call-for-papers-acmrl-making-rights-conference/>