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RESIDENCE SCHEME SURINAM FORMER DUTCH NATIONALS UNTIL 30 JUNE 2025

In June 2024, Dutch government confirmed a scheme enabling Surinam former Dutch nationals to apply for a residence permit. The application must be made between 1 January and 30 June 2025.

The scheme concerns Surinam former Dutch nationals who were born before 25 November 1975, lost their Dutch nationality due to Surinam independence, have lived in the Netherlands for the past ten years and do not have a criminal record. Provided they meet [all the conditions](#), they will qualify for a residence permit.

The Municipality of Amsterdam will operate the scheme together with ASKV. You can find further information (in Dutch) on the [website of the Municipality of Amsterdam](#) and the [ASKV website](#). You can request printed flyers or download them through www.amsterdam.nl/flyerverblijfsvergunning.

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: risk of repeated genital mutilation Somali woman

This Somali woman has been a victim of genital mutilation as a girl. Now she is aged 15 years and posits that returning to Somalia will put her at risk of new genital mutilation. For instance when she gets married or has a baby. The judge finds that the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) should have paid more attention to her history when it assessed her motive for asylum. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

CHECK AND DETENTION

EU Court of Justice: return decision needs to be updated again and again

In response to questions asked by the Court of Roermond, the EU Court of Justice has answered that an old return decision does not stay valid forever. Again and again, the judge needs to make sure that a return to the country of origin will not bring any risk of human rights violations. See [here](#) (Dutch only). As a result of this judgment, IND has published a new information notice, see [here](#) (Dutch only).

ACTIVITIES

Protest march against ending LVV Rotterdam, 10 November 13hrs Stationsplein

Minister Faber ends the LVV: shelter and support for people without residence permits.

Rotterdam is the only large city that will not take responsibility. There must always be a safety net for the most fragile group of Rotterdam residents! See [here](#) (Dutch only).

Book Talk: [Insurgent Communities: How Protests Create a Filipino Diaspora](#) 15 Nov 15:30 -17:00hrs A'dam

Sharon M. Quinsaat explains the dynamic process through which a diaspora is strategically constructed. She looks to Filipinos in the United States and the Netherlands—examining their resistance against the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos, their mobilization for migrants' rights, and the construction of a collective memory of the Marcos regime—to argue that diasporas emerge through political activism. The book illuminates how people develop collective identities in times of social upheaval.

[Human Trafficking theme week](#), 18-21 November, Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Symposium: *Upstream Disruption and International Perspective* (in Dutch), 18 November 12:00-16:00

Consultation: *Partnerships in the International Fight against Human Trafficking* (in Dutch), 20 Nov 12:00-16:00 hrs.

Police escape truck: 21 Nov

Community dialogue for Nigerians, 22 Nov 18-21hrs, former Fire Station (Brandweerkazerne) A'dam

Since 2023 the municipality of Amsterdam and the police have been facilitating a dialogue with Nigerians living in this city. The purpose is to foster better the collaboration, cohesion and integration of its people with the larger society.

Featuring during the next dialogue will be these topics:

- (1) Security update by the police
- (2) Question-and-answers with IND (Dutch immigration service).

At 18.00hrs, a free delicious dinner will be served.

Location: Remmerdenplein 100

Kruispost and De Regenboog Groep: [WLZ \(Long-term Care Act\) for undocumented people: Practical information](#) (download link, Dutch only)

This study makes clear that undocumented people are entitled to necessary, long-term care such as WLZ care, but that the practical implementation in particular is unclear. As a result, healthcare providers are hesitant or unwilling to admit people with such a background. Moreover, no party in the healthcare system is actually responsible for this target group.

This report provides a practical manual for anyone who is involved with clients who need WLZ care.

Offer: [CNC Zorg & Verpleging Duivendrecht is also open for people without residence permits](#)

The CNC care organisation is committed to providing high-quality care and nursing to anyone in its community, regardless of their background or status. They have a contract with CAK.

Please contact: Chirgillio Forster (Management/Care Coordinator), 088-0215656 - 06-21605147

Offer: [software engineer training, also for people without a residence permit](#)

[Codam](#) (a private software engineering education in Amsterdam) invites dreamers cross the country to enrol in the #Writeyourfuture training. Important information:

- It is free of charge! For people outside Amsterdam a (limited) travel allowance is available.
- The course programme is focused on self-study, but study material and support are available on campus.
- The full course programme is in English as there are many international students.
- The last six months of the programme comprise a full-time work placement. Codam will help dreamers intercede with ICT companies for work placements.
- Codam is not an accredited educational institution, so dreamers will not receive a recognised diploma. However, they do support their graduated students in finding a job.
- Aspiring students do not need experience or previous education, but will need to agree to a logic test and selection.

Please note: If you wish to enrol a young person in the training, do mention you are from the DreamersNL network.

Join the coalition: [Migrant Justice Community of Practice](#)

The Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice, Greek Forum of Migrants, and International Women Space are creating the Migrant Justice Community of Practice, a coalition of migrant-led organizations working to transform European migration policies from punitive and controlling measures to approaches rooted in community, care, and social support. The coalition envisions a shift in resources and policies toward safeguarding lives rather than enforcing containment and control, fostering a movement that centres grassroots migrant activism and its goals.

Survey Mi-Health: migrants' knowledge about HIV prevention

Mi-Health in cooperation with Maastricht University, wants to know more about migrants knowledge and use of PrEP for HIV prevention. The survey is open from 21 October to 22 November 2024 and takes only 5 - 7 minutes to complete. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share the following links with migrants in your network, even if they have never heard of or used PrEP:

[Survey](#) (English version); [Survey](#) (French version); [Survey](#) (Portuguese version)

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (National Undocumented Migrants Support Centre Foundation) has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations who provide assistance to migrants without residence permits ('undocumented migrants'). The LOS Foundation is committed to the basic rights of