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DEMONSTRATION: PUT AN END TO SCAPEGOAT POLICY, 14 DEC 13.00 UTR

We refuse to abide by the break-down of democratic rights. And we will not let ourselves be manipulated by a policy of divide and rule. Only by joining forces can we turn this tide. Do not give any power to hatred!

If you want to support this action with your organisation, you can sign [this form](#).
Through LeesLinks' web shop you can order [flyers](#) and [posters](#) free of charge. You will only be charged for the shipment costs.

<https://www.platformstopracisme.nl/stop-de-zondebokpolitiek-geef-haat-geen-macht/>

BASIC RIGHTS

Court of Appeal: [no longer entitled to shelter and accommodation because of rightful residence](#)

During proceedings for a regular residence permit, for example on humanitarian grounds, there is no entitlement to shelter and accommodation. Only during asylum proceedings are migrants entitled to shelter and accommodation.

This case concerned a girl who came to the Netherlands together with her parents; their asylum application had been denied. The girl reached the age of majority and applied for an autonomous residence permit on humanitarian grounds. Her entitlement to shelter and accommodation was immediately terminated by the COA, while her parents were allowed to stay in the return shelter. The Court has agreed with this decision.

ADMISSION POLICY

WBV 2024/23: [westernisation becomes 'identification'](#)

'Westernisation can be a ground for asylum for women who have become familiar with western values. On return to their country of origin their lifestyle could put them at risk.

Recently the Court of Justice of the EU provided a ruling concerning this issue. Therefore, the minister has given a more extensive explanation as to which criteria apply when assessing this problem. The assessment no longer uses the term 'westernisation' but instead uses 'identification with the fundamental value of equality of men and women'.

In order to obtain a residence permit in relation with 'identification' the following is relevant: the individual conviction; a group in the country of origin which shares this conviction; and persecution because of this conviction.

Council of State: [genuine care duties father of Dutch child in spite of absence during the first nine years](#)

A custodial parent of a Dutch child can be granted a residence permit if the parent is required to guarantee the child's right to stay in The Netherlands - the so-called Chavez permit. In most cases providing the evidence of genuine care duties is simple for mothers, but much more difficult for fathers. This case concerned a Moroccan father who had lived in Morocco during the first nine years of his son's life. He recently returned, lives with his ex-partner and takes care of his son. He has ample evidence to prove this. The IND had declined the application, as had the Court, but the Council of State are of the opinion that his evidence is convincing.

Council of State: [children necessary for successful informal care and prevention of decompensation](#)

This case concerned an Armenian man who needs extensive care because of psychological problems. He does not trust anyone except for his children. Although in principle the care he requires is available in Armenia, this man will not accept help from strangers. The Council of State are of the opinion that the IND has not taken this sufficiently into account.

ACTIVITIES

Call to action: [Migrant Justice Community of Practice and Migration Solidarity Group](#)

The Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice, Greek Forum of Migrants, and International Women* Space have created a coalition of migrant-led organisations that seeks to build an alternative force to the anti-migrant European political environment. This coalition includes the **Migrant Justice Community of Practice** (COP) a space for migrant- and racialised-led organisations to connect, and the **Migration Solidarity Group**, a network of allies dedicated to amplifying the voices of the (COP), opening up strategic spaces, and advocating for structural change by redistributing resources and supporting migrant-led organisations.

Symposium: '[Right to education for undocumented migrants as well](#)', 10 Dec 14-16u Spui25 Amsterdam

During this symposium we want to discuss, together with representatives of educational institutions, local authorities and other parties involved, how we can safeguard and improve the access to higher education for undocumented youths. We will do this on the basis of a vision document.

[Vacancy Project Officer Wereldhuis the Hague, 24upw](#)

Den Haag Wereldhuis is intended for migrants without valid documents who live in the Hague and surroundings. In the *Wereldhuis* you can drop in; further activities include surgery hours, communal meals and income-generating activities. Applications until 8 December.

[Vacancy Dokters van de Wereld Nederland: Programme Officer Sterker Samen](#)

The project *Sterker Samen* [Stronger together] aims at supporting the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing (Mental Health Psychological Support) of people with a refugee or migration background in The Netherlands.

As Programme Officer you are responsible for the coordination of activities for the Project in the Hague, Amsterdam, Arnhem, and Nijmegen. You also support colleagues of the *Zorgcafé's* in Utrecht and Venlo with the implementation of the METS and support groups. Applications until 8 December.