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INSPIRATION DAY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE NETHERLANDS, 5 NOVEMBER 10 AM- 4 PM, AMERSFOORT

'I was a stranger and you took Me in.' (Matthew 25: 35)

With these words, Jesus made it clear that making strangers welcome in a community is a sign of God's presence.

These past few years, the national government unfortunately has not invested in safe access, proper procedures and sustainable shelter for refugees. We recall the horrible scenes of asylum seekers who had to sleep outdoors in Ter Apel.

Fortunately there are churches and church volunteers who, with any other people, are willing to offer refugees a bed and to make them part of their community. On this Inspiration Day we will show concrete examples of how to become active ourselves, and to learn from each other. There are more possibilities that you think! We also want to point out to our government and the politicians that they have a responsibility, because a structural solution is needed.

<https://www.raadvankerken.nl/inspiratiedag2022/>

ADMISSIONS POLICY

CJEU: victim of human trafficking not handed over to Dublin-country during reflection period.

The European Court of Justice advises the Dutch judges on the explanation of the Union Law. In this judgement, the Court clarifies that victims of human trafficking with a Dublin-claim (that is to say: who have to ask for asylum in another EU country), do have to be given the mandatory reflection time before that hand-over. See [here](#)

French Court: girls in Egypt at risk of genital mutilation

This judgement of a French Court shows that women in Egypt are at risk of genital mutilation. On average, 87% of the women have been mutilated, usually around their 10th birthday. The French judge takes into account that the women of the family of the girl in question support the practice, which increases the risk. (CNDA (France), no. 21059269, 8.9.22)

Court: residence permit Chavez-Vilchez for the foster mother, after a report of the Child Care and Protection Board

This case concerns a foster mother of a Dutch child, who states that the child needs her, and that therefore, she should get a residence permit. The Child Care and Protection Board determines that the child needs stability, because his biological mother left the family at a young age and he grew up in foster homes. This (fourth) foster mother is important to him.

The Court finds that the IND has failed to take these aspect sufficiently into account, and decides itself that the foster mother has residence rights. See [here](#)

WHAT'S ON

Children' movie: Totem

The 11-year old Ama from Rotterdam has an exciting and magical experience when she tries to escape from the police who want to return her and her family to Senegal, their homeland. During her wandering she meets a gigantic porcupine that she calls Totem and that becomes her protector and guide. See [here](#)

Film: Tori and Lokita

Two teenagers have fled from Africa and arrived in Belgium. Together they try to build a life for themselves as brother and sister. A residence permit proves hard to obtain, causing them to be cornered on various side. Tori and Lokita seem to become invisible to the world around them, but luckily, they have each other. See [here](#)

Demonstration for a fairer refugee policy, 30 October 1 PM, Dam Square, Amsterdam.

With, among other things, this plea: People who are looking for a better and equal life and do manage to reach the Netherlands, often meet an uncertain future. Asylum procedures take years and are aimed at denying as many people as possible. Refugees often have to experience humiliating interrogations and after the initial rejection barely have any legal support. People who have lived undocumented in the

Netherland for years, often only are entitled to shelter when they cooperate with their own repatriation. This system criminalises them and the people who support them. See [here](#)

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 these migrants and their children.