

What we do for asylum seekers and refugees

The Dutch Council for Refugees is an independent organisation, standing up for the interests of refugees and asylum seekers. Together with several thousands of volunteers we support asylum seekers in reception centres and refugees in building up a new life in municipalities. What exactly do we do? This is a summary.



IN NUMBERS

The Dutch Council for Refugees works in all reception centres for asylum seekers and is active in 300 municipalities in the Netherlands.

12.500 trained volunteers



74% of all municipalities



FROM ARRIVAL TO INDEPENDENCY AND BEYOND

The Dutch Council for Refugees supports asylum seekers and refugees from the moment they are welcomed and accommodated up to the point where they are able to continue their way independently in the Netherlands.

Support to all asylum seekers

Give information on the asylum procedure:

- What can you expect?
- What are your rights?
- Prepare for the asylum procedure



Legal support and guidance during the asylum procedure:

- Substantiate the asylum application
- Be present during interviews

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Support to refugees who are allowed to stay

Support and guidance on:

- Applications for family reunion
- Finding your way in society (social guidance)
- Civic integration
- Learning the language
- Finding a job



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Additionally...

The Dutch Council for Refugees commits itself to improving the position of refugees and asylum seekers. One of the ways we do this is through advocacy: influencing the government's policy and the viewpoints of political parties and by creating public support. Apart from that we organise and execute various projects.

Advocacy

Advocacy for the collective interests of asylum seekers and refugees:

- Signal problems in legislation
- React to legislative bills
- Make policy proposals
- Monitor the position of asylum seekers and refugees



Projects

- Music events in reception centres
- Holiday weeks for children
- Employment
- Prevention of debts
- Repatriation



Public support

Create support for the asylum seekers and refugees in Dutch society:

- Organise campaigns
- Offer tutorial material for schools
- Provide information

