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AMSTERDAM OMBUDSMAN: INVISIBLE (ONZICHTBAAR)

The Amsterdam Ombudsman has done research into the living conditions of undocumented Amsterdammers. The findings reveal that mainly young people, economic migrants and old people require extra attention. They often experience problems because their vulnerable position leads to undesirable situations in terms of education, legal protection, healthcare and exploitation.

‘We need to ask ourselves what sort of society we want’, says the ombudsman. ‘How important is it for us to offer people a dignified life and to have a city which is free from exploitation?’

<https://www.ombudsmanmetropool.nl/Nieuws-Publicaties/article/1298/Ombudsman-vraagt-aandacht-voor-kwetsbaarheid-ongedocumenteerden>

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: in Iran, women alleged to have committed adultery risk lashes

This Iranian woman requested asylum because she was politically active and was abused by her partner. She reported it to the police but it did not help. Her husband accused her of adultery. The Dutch judge finds that the punishment for adultery, as set out in Iranian law, is inhumane. The IND must look at her asylum claim again. See [here](#).

Court: residence permit for stepmother of Dutch stepson

A parent providing care to a Dutch child can receive a residence permit. This case is about a stepmother who is providing care for her Dutch stepson. The judge believes that the child is dependent on his stepmother's care, and therefore she should receive a residence permit. See [here](#).

Court: admission of sick 80-year-old Syrian mother to live with son in NL

This 80-year-old Syrian woman has various illnesses and needs 24 hour care. That is not available in Syria, partly because all of her relatives live abroad.

The IND rejected her request to live with her son in NL, but the judge finds that there was insufficient consideration of the mother's health and her relationship with her son in NL. See [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

De Zwiiger Livecast: Irregular migration in Europe, 3 March 6.30pm

Migration is an important issue in Europe, also particularly in the upcoming elections in the Netherlands. In this debate we want to look at the situation of irregular migrants in the Netherlands and in Amsterdam. We will talk about the current framing of irregular migration and place it in a broader context. Irregular migrants are not allowed to work, although they all indicate that they want and want to contribute to society. What does the current approach bring, and what are possible solutions?

<https://dezwiiger.nl/programma/irreguliere-migratie-in-europa>

PICUM: Preventing harm, promoting rights: Achieving safety, protection and justice for people with irregular status in the EU.

The criminalisation of irregular migration makes people who are undocumented fearful of engaging with public authorities, and especially with the police, because of the risk that they will be detained and ordered to leave the territory. This distrust is worsened by policing and surveillance of migrant and minority communities. The systematic failure of the state to recognise, investigate and remedy abuses committed against undocumented victims denies them recognition and accountability.

Read the [Report](#) and [Summary](#).

Call for migrant women with disabilities to share their experiences

The [European Disability Forum](#) is doing a study on the participation of women with disabilities in the disability women's movement, with researcher Aoife Price. They would especially like to speak with migrant women with disabilities about their experiences. If you want to contribute, you can call or text Aoife at +35 386 071 6873 or email her at aoife.price@edf-feph.org.

Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.