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TRAINING DEALING WITH TRAUMA FOR UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

Connectedness, Hope, Identity, Meaning, Empowerment, Recognition and Safety. These are the pillars of a training course that *Dokters van de Wereld* (doctors of the world) offers to undocumented migrants with a trauma. The method offers personal recovery in cases of psychological issues. The focus of the training is not on the trauma, but on participants discovering or rediscovering their own strength and identity. What provides meaning for you? Who are you? What are you like in interaction with other people?

The training sessions are held by medical volunteers of *Dokters van de Wereld*; psychologists and physicians with psychiatric experience. The group training course of nine sessions will be held in Amsterdam and is free of charge. See [here](#).

BASIC RIGHTS

District Court: child benefit allowance from the day of entry into the Netherlands, because immediate intensive medical care is required

Migrants newly arriving in the Netherlands are not immediately entitled to receive child benefit payments. To assess the individual situation, the Dutch Social Insurance Bank assesses whether or not there is a 'stable personal connection' with the Netherlands. It usually takes at least six months before such a connection is deemed to be present.

This case is about an Aruban mother who came to the Netherlands with her two sons because the children needed a type of medical care that was not available in Aruba. Immediately upon arrival, the children went to hospital and entered an intensive medical treatment programme. In this case, the Court finds that there is an immediate right to child benefit payments. See [here](#).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Justice of the European Union: Chavez-Vilchez status is not temporary

This case is about a Ghanaian woman with a Dutch son. She has a permit as custodial parent (Chavez-Vilchez permit). But the Netherlands considers this permit to be temporary and intends to revoke it when her son reaches adulthood. In Chavez-Vilchez cases, this is 21 years.

The Court of Justice of the European Union, in this case, has ruled that the Netherlands by itself cannot judge whether or not a Chavez-Vilchez status is temporary. The Court does not consider the Chavez-Vilchez status to be temporary. See [here](#).

District Court: educational institution authorised to revoke student residence permit, complaints procedure

The educational institution where foreign students are studying is responsible for obtaining a residence permit for each of them. The institution is able to revoke the permit if a student no longer meets the conditions; for example, if they have insufficient income.

The judge concluded that the educational institution has a great deal of freedom in this respect. If students wish to contest this decision, they must do so via the institution's complaints procedure. See [here](#).

CHECK AND DETENTION

District Court: Framework Agreement Indonesia not followed and passport not confiscated

This case is about an Indonesian woman without a residence permit, who was arrested and wants to cooperate in her repatriation. The Dutch Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V) followed a standard procedure in this case, but according to the judge this could have been done much faster. The woman will therefore be released.

In the first place, the DT&V did not utilise the Framework Agreement between Indonesia and the EU. According to this agreement, the ambassador is able to determine the nationality of an Indonesian immigrant and then take them into the embassy's custody. This will not require an Laissez-Passer (temporary travel document).

Secondly, the woman had shown that her passport had previously been confiscated by AVIM. The DT&V did not seek to confiscate this passport, but apologised to the woman and offered 50 euros in compensation. According to the judge, the DT&V should have made more of an effort to retrieve the passport.

For these two reasons, the judge found that the DT&V had not acted expeditiously enough and that the woman's detention should be lifted. See [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Expert meeting: Autonomy and Dependent right of residence in Amsterdam, 13 Oct. 14:00–17:00 hrs

At this meeting, we will discuss the most recent rules related to the dependent right of residence, the consequences for emancipation, participation and safety of women and what this means for the assistance of these women in Amsterdam.

The meeting is intended for 'formal' and 'informal' assistance (women's organisations, migrant and refugee organisations, social and legal assistance, shelter, police).

The aim is both to share knowledge and to determine an effective strategy on how we can jointly improve the position of this group of women in Amsterdam, at an individual level as well as in terms of policy, so that they too can lead a full and independent life, free from violence and free from exclusion. The meeting will be held at the Amsterdam Law Hub (address: Nieuwe Achtergracht 164, Amsterdam). You can register by sending an email to: zelfbeschikking.verblijfsrecht@gmail.com.

Training kit for refugee organisations

Together with other European NGOs, the Dutch Council for Refugees developed a training kit to strengthen refugee-led community organisations (RCOs). The training kit provides refugees with tools in the areas of organisational development and effective advocacy.

- [Training Kit for Empowering Refugee-Led Community Organisations: EU](#)
- [Training Kit for Empowering Refugee-Led Community Organisations: National](#)

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.