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FAIRWORK: WEBPAGE ABOUT DOMESTIC WORKERS' RIGHTS

Domestic workers are **those workers who perform work in or for a private household or households**. They provide direct and indirect care services, such as cleaning, cooking, taking care of children or working in the garden.

Knowing your labour rights is essential in preventing abuses and vulnerable work situations. [This page](#) provides information about the labour rights of domestic workers in the Netherlands, stories of domestic workers and tools that can be of support in claiming labour rights.

BASIC RIGHTS

DUO: statutory tuition fees for students with legal residence rights

DUO have announced that students at a university or university of applied sciences (HBO) who are in an admission procedure, or have applied for an extension of their residency permit, do not have to pay the institution's full fees but the lower, statutory tuition fees (see [here](#)).

ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: exemption to integration test from municipality counts towards application for Dutch nationality

To acquire Dutch nationality, a naturalisation test is required. You can be granted an exemption to this test from the Secretary of State. This ruling from the Council of State states that if someone is exempted by their municipality from the integration test, this must pay a large bearing on the Secretary of State's decision. See [here](#).

Council of State: exemption of income requirement for family reunification requires individual deliberation

For a residency permit to live with a family member in Netherlands, that family member must usually demonstrate that they earn enough money through work. An exemption to this income requirement is possible if the sponsor has already been exempted from the requirement to apply for work for 5 years, and this situation is not likely to change soon. However, in practice, this exemption from the requirement to apply for work is not always formally set out. Therefore, the Council of State has found that there must always be consideration of individual circumstances, such as in [this case](#) of a Moroccan father who wanted to bring his children to the Netherlands. The Court of Middelburg made the same ruling in [this case](#) of a Somali mother of five children who wanted to bring her partner to the NL.

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: age verification in detention is separate from age verification in asylum procedure

This case was about a young man who stated that he was a minor in his asylum application. He left the asylum seekers' centre (AZC) before the age verification could take place, so he was registered as an adult. He was then arrested and placed in alien detention. The judge ruled that the age verification must still be done. Detention of a minor in an adult institution is not permitted. See [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Register for the European Summit of Refugees and Migrants, 17-19 January 2023, Berlin

The [first European Summit of Refugee and Migrants](#) was held in April 2019 in Brussels. Now we are again bringing together at least **60 refugee and migrant leaders** from all over Europe to plan and coordinate

their efforts and influence the European agenda as new active EU citizens.

We are selecting a variety of stories, levels of experience and goals, and a diverse set of individuals to join us in the summit based on the following criteria:

- Participants should be a self-identified refugee or migrant
- Participants should be working on refugee and migrant advocacy in different capacities
- Participants should represent a network (organization, an established network, an informal network, community)
- Participants will be selected with an age, gender and diversity balanced-approach.

Register [here](#).

Betty de Hart et al.: [Heb Geduld - Afhankelijk Verblijfsrecht beperkt autonomie huwelijksmigranten](#)

Marriage migrants are dependent on their partner for their residence status. This dependent legal status limits their personal autonomy. It means that they can be threatened with deportation and they fear forced removal. As a result, they may stay in a relationship during this period despite serious relationship problems and domestic violence. This research from VU Amsterdam shows that marriage migrants' dependent residency rights negatively impacts their wellbeing and self-confidence, and their relationship with their partner.

Caritas Europa: [Why we need more labour migration](#)

This new briefing paper highlights the indispensable contribution that migrants make to Europe's society and economy. It provides an analysis of why decision-makers must expand labour migration policies that put workers' rights and the fight against exploitation at the centre. We stress that migration policies must provide efficient administrative procedures and a secure residence permit with solid rights that facilitate social inclusion and family reunification to ensure the full participation of migrants in the country of destination.

[Vacancy: Project worker, Wereldhuis Amsterdam](#) (18 hours per week/0.5 FTE)

The World House (Het Wereldhuis) has started the project 'World mothers!' ('Wereldmoeders!') for undocumented mothers and their children. For this project, we are looking for a new member of staff.