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MEETING: HOW TO DEAL WITH WANDERING N-AFRICAN UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

In September 2023 the WODC (Research and Documentation Centre of the Ministry of Justice) published [study on the problems of North African Unaccompanied Minors](#), who have no chance of asylum and wander through Europe. They are a social problem both inside and outside asylum seekers' centres (AZCs), and certainly also after the rejection of their asylum procedure. Some of them also struggle with problems themselves.

As NGOs, we also run into this target group: they are not allowed in the National Points of Recourse for Foreign Nationals (*Landelijke Vreemdelingen Voorzieningen, LVV*), so there is little room for support. They are also often unable to legalize after accumulating a criminal record.

On 30 November, WODC researchers will explain the characteristics of this group of unaccompanied minors and what both governments and NGOs in other EU countries can offer them. After their introduction, we will jointly reflect on the Dutch policy and the role of NGOs in the Netherlands.

When: 30 November 02:00-04:00 p.m.
Where: Pauluskerk, Mauritsweg 20 Rotterdam.
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1. ADMISSIONS POLICY

Court: Consideration of the feasibility of the integration requirement abroad

To stay with a partner in the Netherlands, the foreign partner must have passed the integration test abroad, among other things. Exemption is possible if it is impossible to meet this requirement on medical grounds.

The court found that all conditions for application of the hardship clause were met in this case. The case concerns a 55-year-old Moroccan woman who married a Dutchman in 2016. She has had little education and is intellectually disabled. She has taken four exams but failed to pass. The IND doubts that she did the course but the judge concludes that she also had a poor ability to remember information about the course, this is part of her intellectual challenges. She should not be prevented from coming to her husband in the Netherlands. See [here](#).

Court: status for Moroccan man, 35 years in the NL

This case concerns a Moroccan man who has been in the Netherlands for 35 years and lives with a Dutch partner. Together, they have three by now grown-up daughters. His applications for residence with his partner were previously rejected because his Dutch partner did not earn enough. He worked in the black economy, but he is no longer able to do so; he now does voluntary work. The judge found that the interests of the man and his family outweighed the interests of the Dutch state. See [here](#).

2. INSPECTION AND DETENTION

Court: again, a prospect of deportation to Algeria for Algerians with copy passports

For several years, Algerians cannot be deported because the Algerian embassy does not issue travel documents (Laissez-passers) for them. But this situation has changed, according to the Repatriation and Departure Service, after a new consul was appointed. Several talks were held with him indicating that Laissez-passers will now be issued if a copy passport is available. Therefore, this Algerian with a copied passport may be detained. See [here](#).

3. WHAT'S ON

Vacancy: Project leader Wereldhuis The Hague, 24 hours per week maternity substitution

In the Wereldhuis, our lively location for undocumented migrants, you are the lynch-pin that ensures everyone can function well. You ensure a warm and accessible atmosphere in which volunteers and visitors flourish. You will also help keep the work of the Wereldhuis visible in our city. You can apply until 3 December at rfabrizi@stekdenhaag.nl.

<https://www.stekdenhaag.nl/vacature-projectleider-wereldhuis>

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