

Inclusive communities, stories for inspiration

An international meet-up about community building & inclusive neighbourhoods

18 april 2016 - 6.00 PM – Amsterdam - Studio K. - Timorplein 62

A night of stories about community building and inclusive neighbourhoods. With Philip Booth, community builder in Gloucestershire/GB and Marieke Jongmans, community builder from Hilversum.



What do story catching, sofa chats and shared lunches have to do with working towards welcoming neighbourhoods? And how can baby sitting, stocking shelves and swimming call existing realities into question?

What does it take for a paradigm shift showing up: from an image of a neighbourhood as a conglomerate of different target groups to an idea of a community wherein everybody can participate and take initiatives for new projects and enterprises?. And what is the meaning of ABCD, Asset Based Community Development, in such an undertaking?

On 18 april Philip Booth and Marieke Jongmans share their experiences as community builders. Philip works at Barnwood Trust in Gloucestershire and Marieke as a community builder in her neighbourhood in Hilversum. They will start a good conversation with everybody present and with Anouk Bolsenbroek, inclusion worker in The Netherlands.

Everybody is invited to participate at this dinner night: community builders, initiators, fathers, sisters,

members of a community team, self-employed, officials, social workers, politicians, change-makers or city-dwellers. It's for everybody who wants to know more about community building and inclusive neighbourhoods.

Do you want to participate in this dinner night? Sign in before 15 april by an email to [Birgit Oelkers oelkers@planenaanpak.nl](mailto:birgit.oelkers@planenaanpak.nl). Costs are 20,-, food included. English & Dutch spoken.

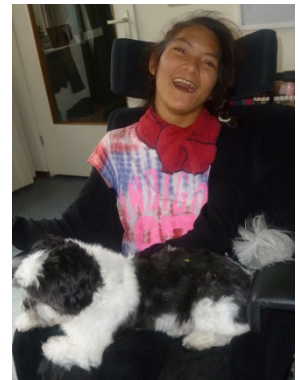
About Philip Booth

Philip is responsible for helping people to imagine and build even more welcoming and inclusive communities. He has managed services for people with learning disabilities, been a social worker, a local politician and has been involved in a host of community projects including a project to enable people to share their stories on film. The last few years he is connected to [Barnwood Trust](#) and collaborating on the project '[You are welcome](#)'. [Here](#) you can find an interview with him.



About Marieke Jongmans

Marieke Jongmans lives and works in Hilversum. Marieke initiated a variety of community building projects in her neighbourhood. She connects people. Also she is the inspirator of the community housing project: '[Bonte Buurtgenoten](#)'. Her dream, and that of her parents, is to start a multicoloured neighbourhood in Hilversum, a community where everybody can participate according to his or her own talents and interests.



This dinner is a premeeting for the dutch 'ABCD-popelmiddag' on Tuesday 19 april in Amsterdam South-East. Read more at www.wijzijnabcd.nl.

See you on monday 18 april!

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