



Newsletter - February 2021

Dear international,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying this beautiful winter weather.

In this first newsletter of 2021, we have the honour to introduce to you the new Mayor of Utrecht, Sharon Dijksma. Please join us in welcoming the Mayor of our beautiful city!

Further on in this newsletter, you will find some valuable news articles and information about our upcoming week-long event: Utrecht Region Live. Check it out below. If you have any questions about the event, the current coronavirus measures or life in the Netherlands in general, please do not hesitate to [get in touch](#).

Kind regards,

The International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region team



A warm welcome to the new Mayor of Utrecht

It is with great honour to introduce to you the new mayor of Utrecht. Sharon Dijksma is the 332nd mayor of our vibrant, creative, inspirational and international city.

"I am proud to be the new mayor of Utrecht. The fastest growing and healthiest city of the Netherlands. And also one of the happiest cities in the world according to the United Nations. We welcome all internationals in our thriving community and beautiful region: Europe's hotspot for Healthy Urban Living. The current situation asks for adjustments. This means that I must improvise, but I am very much looking forward to meeting the city its international inhabitants at one of the International Welcome Centre's future (online) events. I would like to hear what about Utrecht Region attracts you, what is going well, what you are proud of but also what concerns you and what could be improved. In the meanwhile, if you have questions or suggestions, feel free to visit the International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region. They are available and happy to help. For now, take care of yourself and the people around you."

Utrecht Region Live

Familiarise yourself with the Dutch way of life during the week-long online Utrecht Region event. You can attend entertaining and informative webinars, read up on different aspects of life in the Netherlands and Utrecht Region on the event's website, and meet fellow internationals in a fun and magical 3D world. All activities will take place from Monday 15 until Friday 19 February. You can already check them out on the event's website and register.

[> Go to website](#)



Webinars

Do you want to learn about the Dutch language and culture? Obtain a mortgage and buy a house? Do you want to learn how to file your income tax return? Or are you looking for information about the Dutch education or healthcare system? Join (one of) the multiple webinars of the Utrecht Region Live event to learn loads about housing, education & childcare, healthcare, taxes and the Dutch culture & language. Participation is free of charge - check out the different webinars in the calendar below and register.

Meet People

Do you feel like meeting new people, talking to friends and having fun? We have got you covered. Join our fun videochat and meet people on a virtual tropical island or by a cosy campfire in a virtual forest. You can walk around freely in a 3D world and talk to people with your webcam as your head. It may sound silly but it is a lot of fun. It feels like being together, just like real life. Give it a try! The event's 3D world will be open between 15 and 19 February.

[> More information](#)

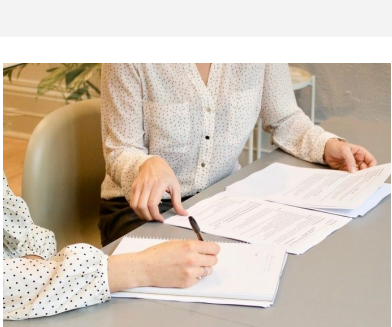


Happy To Help

If you have questions about life in Utrecht Region or the current situation, please know that we remain available! Whether you need a listening ear or someone to talk to, or have a specific question about local life, we are here to help. You can book an online meeting with our information officers. They are, like you, internationals who also had questions when settling into their new life in the Netherlands. Now they are happy to help you out with information and advice.

[> Make an appointment](#)

News



What does a buying agent do?

by MVA Certified Expat Broker

How can a buying agency help you in the process of buying a house in the Netherlands? Read this article to find out.

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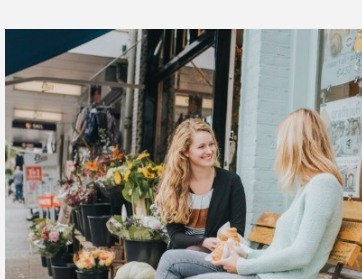
Are you ready for the new tax season?

by Tax Savers

The tax season is almost here: it is time to file your tax return. Looking for some tips and tricks? Check out this article.

[Read article](#)

Calendar: Utrecht Region Live Webinars



15 Feb Deciphering The Dutch

7-8PM

Who are the Dutch? What are typical Dutch norms and values? And what can you expect from the Dutch people that you will meet? Find out during this webinar by ACCESS-Netherlands.

[Learn more](#)



15 Feb Buying A Home

5-6PM

What does it take to buy a home in the Netherlands? Attend this free webinar by MVA Certified Expat Broker to find out! And get your questions answered during the Q&A session. Join us.

[Learn more](#)

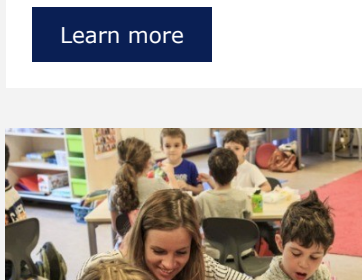


16 Feb How To File Your Income Taxes

7-8PM

If you were employed in the Netherlands in 2020, it is wise and often required to file your income tax return. Not sure how to do it? Join this webinar by Blue Umbrella to find out.

[Learn more](#)

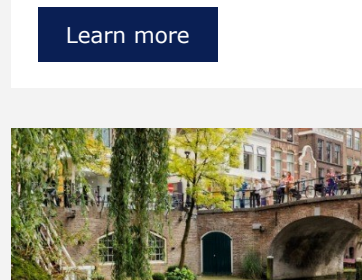


17 Feb Dutch or International School?

3-4PM

How to choose the right school for your child(ren)? Join this webinar by Young Expat Services to get information about the Dutch education system and the differences between schools.

[Learn more](#)

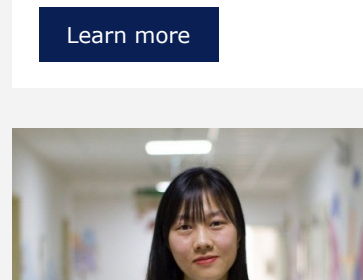


17 Feb Feel At Home

5-6PM

Are you new to the Netherlands? Receive some practical information about living in the Netherlands and Utrecht Region during this webinar by Expat Management Group. Join us!

[Learn more](#)

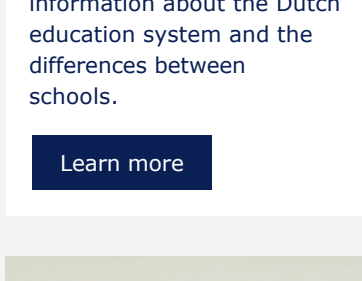


18 Feb Navigating Dutch Healthcare

5-6PM

How does the Dutch healthcare system work? How to get access to it? And what do you need to know about Dutch health insurance? Join this webinar by Healthcare for internationals to find out.

[Learn more](#)

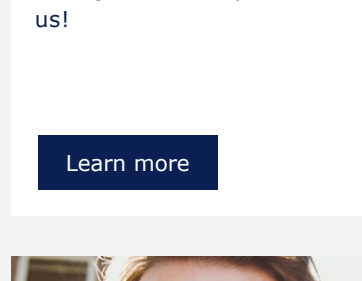


18 Feb Obtaining A Mortgage

7-8PM

Are you eligible for a mortgage? How much can you borrow? And what will be your monthly costs? Join this webinar by Expat Mortgages to get valuable information and advice about obtaining a mortgage in the Netherlands.

[Learn more](#)



19 Feb Social Dutch

5-6PM

Do you want to learn the Dutch language? Join this free webinar by Radboud in'to Languages and learn some Dutch words and learn about the importance and beauty of the language and be provided with information about Dutch courses.

[Learn more](#)