

Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Robert,

We know that the end of summer is approaching when we start welcoming thousands of new students at the International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region. For all newcomers and those of you who have been here for a while, we are organising a number of interesting events in the upcoming weeks, online and in-person.

Of course, also in these busy times, we remain available for all of your questions. In fact, we are now also open on Friday morning, in addition to Tuesday (all day) and Thursday afternoon. Feel free to drop in for a coffee and a chat with the volunteers at our information desk. Can't stop by? Send us an [email](#) with your questions or schedule a [Zoom call](#).

Kind regards,

The International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region team

Upcoming events

Lots of interesting and fun events coming up! International students: don't miss the [Utrecht Region Study Event](#) for information about learning Dutch, banking in the Netherlands, navigating the healthcare system, meeting new people, and life as an international student in Utrecht and much more. And for those of you who want to practise their Dutch: join the [Dutch Conversation Night](#) on 13 October. Check out these and many other events in our [event calendar](#) below.



Vaccination and testing

Do you want to get vaccinated or tested for coronavirus? The regional public health service, the GGDrU, can help you. If you are looking for English information about the local testing and vaccination opportunities, read the article in the link below. Here you will also find the GGDrU's contact information in case you have questions. For English updates about the Dutch coronavirus measures, follow the International Welcome Centre on [Facebook](#).

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Stories of internationals

Did you know that Utrecht Region is home to over 48,000 internationals? There are many reasons why so many internationals choose Utrecht Region as a place to live, work and study. Utrecht Marketing produced videos to highlight the stories of two internationals: international student Andreea and expat Jaimala share with us why they decided to come to Utrecht Region - and decided to stay! Check out their stories and get inspired.

[> Learn more](#)



Help us reach more internationals

Did you already spot one of our billboards throughout the city of Utrecht? We want all internationals to know that the International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region is here to help them ease into their new life - every step of the way. Have our free services and events helped you settle in and feel at home in Utrecht Region? Consider writing a Google review to help other internationals find us!

[> Write a review](#)



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Negotiating your salary plus secondary benefits

By Undutchables Recruitment Agency

Are you currently looking for a job or in the process of negotiating your salary? Know that your salary is not the only benefit you can negotiate. In this article, our partner Undutchables discusses secondary employment conditions.

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What you need to know about Dutch employee benefits

By Van Luin

Find information about employee benefits in the Netherlands from both an employee and employer perspective in this article by our partner Van Luin.

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Calendar



6 Oct Webinar: Dutch VAT and income tax

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

IWCUR partner TaxSavers hosts a free webinar with tax-related information for freelancers and self-employed professionals (ZZP). Two experts will answer your questions about VAT return, income tax return, deductibles, and much more.

[Learn more](#)



11 Oct Webinar: Dutch brings you further

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Spreek je Nederlands? Learning the language of the country you live in can help you create connections. Taal Doet Meer discusses the role of language in social integration, students' experiences of learning Dutch, and their language cafe.

[Register](#)

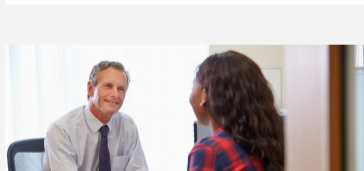


12 Oct Webinar: Banking in the Netherlands

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Financial matters can be tricky when you go study in a new country. In this webinar, ABN AMRO Bank will guide you through the Dutch financial system, with tips about topics such as opening an account, insurances, and avoiding fraud.

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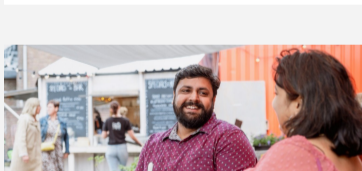


13 Oct Webinar: Navigating Dutch healthcare

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Do you know how to find a general practitioner in the Netherlands, what health insurance you need, or where to go with mental or sexual health issues? Healthcare for Internationals will help you find your way in the Dutch healthcare system.

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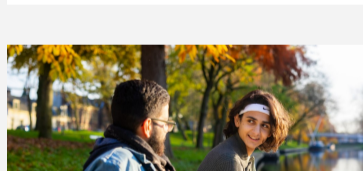


13 Oct Dutch Conversation Night

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Want to meet fellow internationals and practise your Dutch? We have just the thing for you. Join the Dutch Conversation Night organised by the International Welcome Centre in collaboration with the UR-Glocal ambassadors.

[Learn more](#)

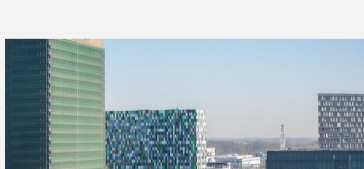


14 Oct Webinar: Student life in Utrecht

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

As a new international student, there is so much to discover. The Erasmus Student Network Utrecht is here to help! Join this free webinar for important info on various subjects - from settling in to getting around, and from COVID-19 to Dutch culture.

[Register](#)



14 - 15 Oct Utrecht Science Week

Listen to the keynote speech by economist Mariana Mazzucato, cast your vote in the final of the Sustainable Campus Challenge or listen to high-profile interviews during the Utrecht Science Week on 14 and 15 October.

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