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Netherlands centre for social development



MOVISIE, Netherlands centre for social development

MOVISIE is the new knowledge institute for social development. Our mission is to promote the participation and independence of citizens. We do this by supporting and advising professional organizations, volunteer organizations and government institutions in the field of welfare, care and social inclusion. Five themes are central to our work: social cohesion, volunteer effort, informal care, vulnerable groups and domestic and sexual violence.

Involved and results-oriented

MOVISIE is involved, demand-driven and results-oriented. We gear our services to the needs in our field of work. And we want our results to be measurable wherever possible to make our contributions to society transparent. In our work we take account of the diversity of people to avoid exclusion of groups.

Knowledge that works

Effective knowledge has priority in the services of MOVISIE: we collect, enrich, validate and distribute knowledge of high quality. We work together with partners and clients. We distribute this knowledge through programmes, training and coaching, network meetings, publications, the internet and consultation services. Developing effective and practical programmes for and with professionals is our strength. To facilitate professional development MOVISIE translates changes - both in policy and working conditions - to the shop floor.

Local implementation

Our knowledge must work locally. That's why MOVISIE is at the centre of local practice. This focus clearly comes to the fore in our support for the introduction and implementation of the Social Support Act (Wmo). This Act gives municipalities and local institutions greater responsibility for the care and welfare of citizens. MOVISIE works closely together with these local partners and helps them to respond to the areas where the Social Support Act takes effect.

Who we work for

With the financial support of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, MOVISIE carries out numerous projects emanating from the Social Support Act. But we also receive assignments from foundations, municipalities, other ministries and companies. Professionals in our field of work are welcome to make direct use of the knowledge and expertise of MOVISIE. We are on hand to offer tailor-made advice and support in response to their specific queries and needs.

International cooperation

From 1 January 2007 six organizations combine their strengths in MOVISIE, Netherlands centre for social development: CIVIQ, Kenniscentrum Lesbisch en Homo-emancipatiebeleid (KCLH), Landelijk Centrum Opbouwwerk (LCO), parts of the NIZW, TransAct and X-S2 Kennisnetwerk Sociaal Beleid.

These MOVISIE partners combine their strenghts and experiences in international work. MOVISIE is a learning organisation willing to work with other countries and to share experiences in international cooperation. If you are interested in international cooperation or looking for a partner in international social development issues, contact the International Centre of MOVISIE.

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MOVISIE focuses on five themes:

Social cohesion

Citizens have urgent concerns; loneliness, a lack of community safety, confrontations with anti-social behaviour or cultural conflicts. Citizens, too, are taking many initiatives to address these issues. By mobilising these initiatives and the available talent MOVISIE wants to contribute to self-empowerment and change. We do this together with existing partners as well as new social players such as citizens' groups, housing corporations and schools.

Volunteer effort

Four million volunteers in the Netherlands and their volunteer organizations need the right environment and support to do their work properly. MOVISIE strives to improve the quality of the required infrastructure. We focus on finding and retaining (young) volunteers, but also work on image improvement, promotion of volunteer work and innovation of the volunteer sector through innovative projects.

Informal care

Many people willingly give extra care to relatives, friends or neighbours. Volunteer home care is of indispensable civic value, but can no longer be taken for granted. This is worrying in our present-day society with its ageing population, rising labour participation rate and changing social networks. MOVISIE wants to improve the support structure for volunteer carers and create the right conditions for providing and receiving this care. We do this by offering information, inspiration and guidance.

Vulnerable groups

Some people find it hard to take part in society – for example long-term unemployed or people who are chronically ill, homeless or physically challenged. Every day dedicated professionals and volunteers work tirelessly to help these people to regain their place in society. MOVISIE supports institutions and municipalities in this endeavour and seeks to improve the quality of care, assistance and services to these target groups. Among other things we offer practical knowledge and experience, guidance, programmes, sharing of experiences and advice.

Domestic and sexual violence

Domestic violence is the most frequently reported crime in the Netherlands. Forty per cent of the Dutch population has experienced it at some time in their lives. Sexual violence can be part of this ordeal, but may also occur elsewhere: in sports clubs, schools and neighbourhoods. MOVISIE works together with the police, legal authorities and support and shelter services to prevent and tackle domestic and sexual violence. We support professionals, give advice and make sure the issue is high on the agenda of municipalities and policy-makers.