

Hello!

Are you a 'family migrant' (gezinsmigrant) who migrated to the Netherlands for marriage or to join your partner? We want to hear and learn from your experience!

On the 1st of January 2022 the new Civic Integration Act will be introduced in the Netherlands. Every municipality makes plans to implement this new Integration Act in the best way to meet the needs of its newcomers and family migrants. This is also the case for the municipality of Amsterdam.

The municipality of Amsterdam has asked OpenEmbassy to design 'Welcome Meetings' that will be organized for 'family migrants' from January 2022. These 'Welcome Meetings' will take place in the first 10 weeks from the moment someone moves to Amsterdam. The aim of the 'Welcome Meetings' is to offer family migrants a warm welcome meeting and to introduce them to the city, the Netherlands and to other family migrants .

We think it is important that family migrants contribute to these 'Welcome Meetings'. After all, you know best what works and what doesn't for you. You are the expert.

That is why we are organizing an expert session on **Wednesday 8 December from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**: a meeting with family migrants who will advise us and the municipality of Amsterdam by sharing their ideas, perspectives and needs, and contribute to the designing of the 'Welcome Meetings'.

If you think it is fun and important to make the new Integration Policy as good as possible: then join us with the expert session!

We are looking for people who:

- Live in Amsterdam and migrated to the Netherlands for marriage or to join their partner (gezinsmigrant)
- Consider that it's important for family migrants to find their way better in Amsterdam
- Want to share their experiences and those of who are in their network
- Want to contribute to the expert session
- Want to meet new people

You get:

- The opportunity to quickly learn a lot about the Netherlands, the government and the new integration policy
- To contribute to real impact on offering a warm welcome to family migrants in Amsterdam
- A small compensation in the form of a gift card
- The possibility to expand your network

The session will be held in Dutch, and anyone who can speak Dutch from level A1, can participate. If you would like to participate in English, we can assist you with translation.

The session will take place on **Wednesday December 8th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. Depending on the corona measurements, we will do the meeting online or offline. More information on that will be shared soon!

If you are interested, write down the dates and give your name and telephone number to Ivana Barišić via ivana@openembassy.nl or 06-28812600.