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**CIF Netherlands' International Professional Exchange Program 2025 for Professionals
in the Field of Social Work and Human Services.
Special focus on Social Inclusion of deprived groups and individuals.**

1 March – 15 March 2025



Picture Utrecht

CIF Netherlands invites professionals in the Field of Social Work and Human Services to apply for its 34rd International Professional Exchange Program to be held from 1 March through 15 March 2025.

CIF Netherlands will organize the program in close co-operation with the University of Applied Sciences Utrecht (Hogeschool Utrecht), Institute for Social Work. The program offers opportunities for broadening your professional and personal development.

The two-week program contains in the first week a general program organized in co-operation with the University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, in which you will participate together as a group. During your individual program in the second week, you will be placed in different parts of the country and visit several agencies in your chosen field of work.

Please note: it is not possible to actually work in the agencies.

Number of Participants: CIF Netherlands will select 6 participants.

Language: The working language is **English** which you have to master sufficiently in order to be able to participate.

Selection: we will select candidates based on professional criteria (a relevant education and working experience) and placement possibilities.



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Housing: Accommodation will be provided during the whole period. In the first week you live together with the other participants, so you can get to know and support each other and have the opportunity to exchange experiences. In the second week you will stay with a host family.

Applications: Apply through your CIF National Branch (NB) or CIF Contact Person (CP) in your country. Addresses to be found on the CIF International website: <http://www.cifinternational.com>. Use the international **application form** that you can download here: [CIF International | Over 20 International Professional Exchange Programs a Year](#).

Your application will be forwarded to us together with a recommendation of your NB or CP.

If there is no NB or CP in your country, only then contact CIF Netherlands directly.

The application and recommendation letter have to reach us no later than **1 September 2024** at info@cifnetherlands.nl. You will receive confirmation of receipt.

Financial conditions: The program fee is **€ 395**, and covers the program organization costs, accommodation and board.

Visa (when needed) and travel costs to and from The Netherlands as well as travel in The Netherlands are on your own expense. You need to pay the fee after selection as part of your participation confirmation.

Please note: no grants can be provided by CIF Netherlands to participants.

Additional information

During the program you will explore theoretical and practical methods to offer services to citizens who are unable to fully participate in society on their own. The Institute of Social Work together with CIF Netherlands, will introduce you to the Dutch care system and different aspects of social inclusion. You will meet with (international) students of the minor program International Development Work, Dutch social work students and visit organizations. You will be asked to relate this information to your own work and you will, in interaction with lecturers, students and each other, share professional experiences in an international perspective. You will also be asked to present information on your own work, for which you will need to prepare a short presentation.

The program offers a great opportunity to learn about the changes that take place in our care system and how professionals and volunteers cope in their daily work. Besides this, you also learn more about social work, the culture of the Netherlands and that of other participants.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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