



Shelter City Amstelveen Launch Event

Date and time: April 9th, 19.30 - 21.00

Place: Council City Hall, Amstelveen Municipality

Language: English

Overview

The **Shelter City Amstelveen Launch Event** will mark the official introduction of a collaborative initiative designed to support lawyers who face risks due to their professional activities. This initiative is the result of a partnership between the **Municipality of Amstelveen, Lawyers for Lawyers (L4L), and Justice & Peace**. Shelter City Amstelveen will serve as a temporary relocation programme that offers at-risk lawyers a safe space to recharge, receive support, and continue their essential work. This programme will focus on holistic well-being, with an emphasis on knowledge exchange, cultural engagement, and professional development.

Programme

Arrival

19.30 – 19.40 Welcome by chair

Part 1: Shelter City Amstelveen presentation

Introduction to the Shelter City Initiative

19.40 - 19.45 Maral Khajeh, Justice & Peace Netherlands

Overview of Shelter City Amstelveen and the need for a dedicated program for lawyers at risk

19.45 - 19.50 Maaïke Bomers, Lawyers for Lawyers

Presentation of the partners and their roles in supporting this initiative

19.50 – 19.55 Maarten Bolhuis, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

19.55 – 20.00 Adrie van de Streek, Amsterdam Bar Association

Personal testimony on the impact of the Shelter City programme

20.00- 20.05 Former Shelter City participant(s) (Video)

Amstelveen's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and local government involvement in the program

20.05- 20.10	<i>Speaker's name</i> , Council Member
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Part 2: Interactive discussion and closure

20.10 – 20.45	Ideas interchange
20.45– 20.50	Signing ceremony
20.50 – 20.55	Closing remarks and acknowledgments
21.00 – 21.15	Informal coffee