



Council of International Fellowship
The Netherlands

**CIF The Netherlands' International Professional Exchange Program 2021 for Professionals
in the Field of Social Work and Human Services.**

Special focus on *Social Inclusion of deprived groups and individuals* .

12 – 27 November 2021



CIF The Netherlands invites professionals in the Field of Social Work and Human Services to apply for its 32nd International Professional Exchange Program to be held from 12 to 27 November 2021.

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

The two-week program contains an introduction weekend and in the first week a general program organized in co-operation with the Minor International Development Work, Hogeschool Utrecht - 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 The Netherlands will select **5** participants.

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

Selection: In addition to professional criteria (a relevant education and working experience) and placement possibilities, extra selection grounds based on the then relevant COVID-19 travel criteria will be applied. Depending on conditions at that time, this can lead to cancelation of the program.

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



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have the opportunity to exchange experiences. In the second week you will stay with a host family.

Applications: Apply through the 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 there.

Your application will be forwarded to us together with a recommendation of your CIF Branch or CP. No CIF Branch or Contact Person in your country? Only then contact CIF The Netherlands directly.

The application and recommendation letter have to reach us no later than **1 May 2021** at info@cifnetherlands.nl. You will receive confirmation of receipt.

Financial conditions: The program fee is € 375, and covers the program organization costs, accommodation, board and local travel. Visa (when needed) and travel costs to and from 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 The Netherlands to participants.

Additional information

The present changes and challenges in the social field are exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and shape the present social and political reality. 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, among which the problems due to COVID-19.

The Minor 'International Development Work' of the Hogeschool Utrecht (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht) together with CIF The Netherlands will introduce you to the Dutch care system and different aspects of social inclusion. You will meet with (international) students and visit organizations. You will be asked to relate this information to your own work and you will, in interaction with lectures, 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 need to prepare a 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 welcome you!

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