



NEWSLETTER IMWU NL

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IMWU NL is a self-founded organisation, established by and for the Indonesian Migrant Workers in the Netherlands. IMWU NL aims at promoting the labour rights for all workers particularly Indonesian, both documented and undocumented, in the Netherlands. We determine to eliminate human trafficking, jobs trade, abuses and various forms of human rights violation and discrimination against all workers particularly the Indonesian workers in the Netherlands.

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IMWU NEWS



Faisol Iskandar, new chairman of IMWU NL

In February 20, 2015, the meeting of IMWU leaders had come up with the decision that Faisol Iskandar is appointed to be new chairman of IMWU NL. The forum had agreed with his capability to organize and build better IMWU to achieve its missions.

We truly congratulate to Faisol Iskandar for the new duty and responsibility. We will support you!

4TH IMWU ANNIVERSARY



Year of 2015 means a lot for IMWU NL because in this year, especially in January, IMWU has reached its 4th year of organization journey. It is still a short time for organization to be mature, but we consistently put our head up high to be well-established organization. To celebrate the anniversary, we held gathering session as a moment to rise our grateful and to strengthen our kinship.

We hope, in our 4 years of age, we deliberately improve our effort to give assistance and guidance to all members to get better life condition in the Netherlands. We admit that living in this country is a beast different with Indonesia especially in the aspect of culture, law and related regulation.

DINNER LEADERS



To obtain the same perception among leaders, we conduct a dinnertime as a meeting to discuss some IMWU programs, member cases and organizational matter. One of good results was the chosen of IMWU chairman, Faisol Iskandar, and in him we put our commitment to build better IMWU in the future.

It was a good moment where aspiration, problem, and strategic mission born. Many of effective solution to some problem and interesting program are arranged through the dinner meeting.

MEETING WITH INDONESIAN EMBASSY

In regard of gaining understanding and good team-work with official representatives of Indonesia in the Netherlands, IMWU meets The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in a meeting to discuss some current issues respects to passport collection, marriage and immigration. Both hope that this meeting will be routinely held as a coordination time and as an effort to increase IMWU performance as well. We commit to give better protection to all Indonesian, which come to and live in the Netherlands.



EMPOWERMENT



MARK NOVAK'S POEM WORKSHOP

To balance members' daily life within their hectic work, IMWU held activity of art to provide a space for members in speaking up their thought, feeling and idea. Through poem, they pulled out their 'voice within' to let others know of what they feel actually while living and working in this country.

Find our poem in this link <http://www.imwu-nl.com/document/information/English%20Poems.pdf>

BRIDGE TO BETTER TRAINING PROGRAM

As part of IMWU commitment to improve members' knowledge and capability, working together with Bridge to Better, IMWU gave pre-sharing sessions to all members in three cities, i.e. Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam, about how to start our own business in our country of origin. This program was held to provide a place for members if they want to go back to Indonesia and decide to increase their welfare there. Gladly, many participant looked so enthusiastic and we thought that this event was successfully conducted. We hope, with Bridge to Better, all members can get many useful information about starting business.



The training is very affordable because Bridge to Better will provide not only courses but also a certain time for the participants to have internship in the company, so that they will get real experience about managing business.



BNI INFO

Working together with BNI (Bank Negara Indonesia – Indonesia State Bank), IMWU wants to give financial literacy to all members in managing their money, as well as provide safe and secure money transfer. Since sending amount of money to their family in Indonesia is one of routine activity of all members, BNI tries to give beneficial service in facilitating it. As the result, it reduces the chance of money fraud and lost when members need to send the money to Indonesia.



BNI WITH IMWU NL

Ramah Tamah dan informasi dari perwakilan bisnis BNI di Belanda, Ibu Dessy Irawati-Rutten. Presentasi dan pelayanan 'on the spot' mengenai pengiriman uang dengan partner BNI, Surichange dan Ria Finance, pra-pembukaan rekening, dan edukasi finansial bagi para pekerja migran di Belanda.

18 Januari 2015, jam 15.00-18.00 di Nieuwe Herengracht 20, Amsterdam
25 Januari 2015, Jam 14.00-16.00 di Restaurant si Des, Centrum Den Haag
1 Februari 2015, jam 19.00-21.00 di Rechthuislaan 52, Rotterdam (To be confirmed)

Bawa fotocopy passpor Indonesia dan €100 untuk pelayanan pre open account: taplus bisnis dan taplus.

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ATTENDING NIGHT OF DOKTER VAN DE WERELD

It is one of IMWU commitments to provide better service to all members. IMWU encourage the members to attend the information night organised by Den Haag Wereldhuis together with Dokter van de Wereld, to discuss about health facilities in the country of which all members need not to be worry about undocumented status. Members will still be able to get adequate service according to the health problem they have. The night meeting is aimed to give information of how to access this health facility.





THE DUTCH LANGUAGE COURSE

As we are working in the country where the native speak Dutch, of course, it will give many advantages if we can speak Dutch too. Knowing this condition well, IMWU provide Dutch language course for those who want to improve their Dutch speaking ability. It is held in Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam, so that members can choose their place nearby.

VISIBILITY

LAUNCHING FILM TRAILER AND PREMIER SCREENING OF DISPEREERT NIET (20 March 2015)

This is it! It is a great moment for IMWU holding the first screening of Dispereert Niet. This is the time when IMWU obviously speak up and show up the real life of Indonesian migrant workers to public. Launched in Leiden, it was the first step that IMWU took as the part of big plan to screen this film to many Dutch public as well as Indonesia public. From Leiden, IMWU will also screen this movie in some cities in the Netherlands such as Amsterdam, Den Haag, Utrecht and possibly another European and countries including in Indonesia.

The three trailers of our film is available in our website www.imwu.nl and in the moment of first film screening, we also held photo exhibition which expose the portraits of workers in doing their bitter work in the country. The film is supported by [Gereja Kristen Indonesia Nederland](#), [Garuda Indonesia](#), [Kbri Den Haag Belanda](#), [Mama Cash](#) and the premier is organised by [Pondok Pak Min - PPI Leiden](#), [Bni Belanda](#), [Indonesian Diaspora Network - The Netherlands](#), and [Doorbraak](#), also [Vrijplaats Middelstegegracht](#). It was our big success.



WITH LOLA AMARIA

Indonesian artis, Lola Amaria called us to join her movie screening talking about the life of Indonesian domestic worker in Hong Kong. Together with PPI Kota Den Haag, this screening is held in ISS Den Haag and got delightful attention from many people. Although the story is fictionally presented, but in whole the movie has depicted the real life of migrant worker. IMWU, gladly, gave a hand in helping the success of the screening because it provides also a moment for IMWU to aspire organization mission to audiences.



MARCH OF CASCO CAMPAIGN OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY 2015

IMWU support actively the campaign that speaks about human right. In celebrating International women day 2015, IMWU took part to sound its support.



BOOK LAUNCHING AT CASCO

CASCO invited IMWU to attend their book-launching program in Utrecht. Thus, it is also a moment for IMWU to shout the aspiration to the ratification of domestic worker regulation in Indonesian. With the motto #savePRT, IMWU presented its support through this event.



SPORT COMPETITION IN EINDHOVEN

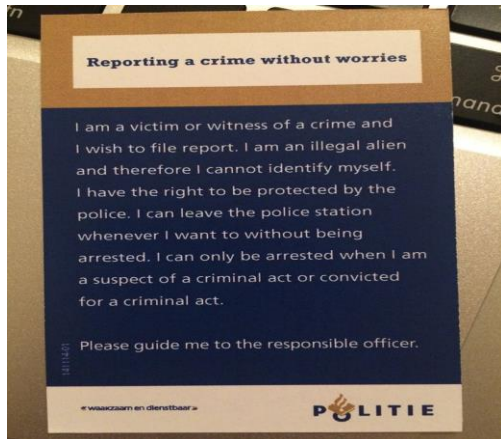
Although our time is full with jobs and duties, but we still have a time to spend in participating at Indonesian student sport program in Eindhoven. For us, it is not merely a competition but it is a moment for us to show our existence in this country, not only to the Dutch but also to our Indonesian government. Indirectly, we call out our government attention to care about our problems in living and working in this country.



UNDOCUMENTED ISSUE

MEETING WITH DUTCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

We had an opportunity to discuss our matter to Dutch Police Department. Taking place in Amsterdam Wereldhuis, Yasmine Soraya, Marijke Bijl and Welly Puji Ginanjar held an intensive discussion with two Dutch police officers to ask about how if undocumented migrant get social problem in society. The meeting came up with the good result that Dutch police commits to give guaranteed protection to all even they are undocumented. Have no worry to report the problem to the police.



EMPLOYER GETS FINE €12.000



In the Hague, there's an issue in which some employers got fine for 12.000 euro to employ 2 undocumented domestic workers. The employers do not accept this. IMWU do not either. We are in contact with the employer and hand in hand walk together in the struggle of the position of Domestic Workers and the employers.

The campaign we do is not only for the rights of domestic workers but also the rights of the employers. Domestic workers give big contribution for the economics of the country. We demand to be respected and recognised. We are willing to pay tax to work legally in the Netherlands.

MIGRANT (DOMESTIC) WORKERS ISSUE

OC MEETING WITH FNV



We attend OC Meeting of FNV to build cooperation in managing migrant worker issues in the Netherlands as well as giving support to make their work is out of intimidation and exploitation from employer.

SOLIDARITY

KOES KOMO EXHIBITION

In the middle of our business, we spend still a time to show our hospitality and familiarity to our Indonesian colleagues when they have some occasion in the Netherlands. Presenting in Koes Komo exhibition makes us proud that Indonesian has also a great opportunity and capability to show their talent to European society.





VROUW GROEP A

In The Hague Wereldhuis, IMWU took participation in Vrouwengroep for building relationship and community with Dutch society especially to undocumented women. The meeting discussed about how to live well as an undocumented woman in the Netherlands. It is held in March 21, 2015 in The Hague.

SELAMAT HARI PRT (Domestic Worker Day) and STOP-EATING ACTION FOR DOMESTIC WORKER PROTECTION LAW

To celebrate Domestic Worker Day, IMWU actively took part to give serious support in improving domestic worker status. In the problem of Domestic Worker Regulation in Indonesia, some IMWU members show their support through no-eating action as the sign that domestic worker is also a human who needs to work in order to have food to eat. This action was dedicated to all domestic workers and we delivered this action via Jala PRT in Indonesia.



FOR ERWIANA

IMWU gives also support to raise a justice for our fellow Erwiana who suffers because of abuse from her employer in Hong Kong. We harshly criticized this incident and demanded government serious attention to overcome this problem.

DIASPORA DOUBLE NATIONALITY

This year Indonesian Diaspora consistently sounds their aspiration to the notion of double nationality for Indonesian who lives abroad. They argue that with having double country, it will give many advantageous for them in obtaining equality while living outside Indonesia. IMWU which obviously its members living in the Netherlands fully agrees with this idea because it will give easiness for the members in working and living in this country so that they can easily access all social facilities provided.

ORGANISING & MOBILISATION

AT PONDOK PAK MIN



**PEDULI INDONESIA
di PONDOK PAK MIN**

MENGUNDANG MASYARAKAT DAN PELAJAR
PEDULI INDONESIA UNTUK BERKUMPUL DI

**PONDOK PAK MIN,
KORENBLOEMLAAN 59, 2343 VB, OEGSTSEEST**

JUMAT 6 FEBRUARI 2015 JAM 17.00 – 21.00

BAWA SUMBANGAN MAKANAN JANGAN LUPA !

DISKUSI MENGENAI SITUASI INDONESIA TERKINI SERTA
PERKEMBANGAN SITUASI
PERBURUHAN INDONESIA
BELANDA DENGAN
MBA SARINAH DARI
SOLIDARITAS.NET dan PAK
SURYA TJANDRA DARI TRADE
UNION RIGHTS CENTRE
(TURC), KANDIDAT DOKTOR UNIVERSITAS
LEIDEN

SERTA LAUNCHING TRAILER #2 FILM
DISPEREERT NIET : SAF(V)E MIGRATION
<http://dispereertniet.wordpress.com/>

We have our hospitality moment here with Surya Tjandra and Sarinah to share everything about Indonesian living in the Netherlands and introducing our project about film documentary of undocumented Indonesian migrant workers.

Taking Pak Min's house in Leiden, this meeting was aimed to gain knowledge sharing, especially from Surya Tjandra and Sarinah towards their effort in standing up labour problems in Indonesia. Of course, it gave many perspectives on how to sue authorized institution's attention in handling these labour as well as migrant problems.

This sharing moment was very beneficial for IMWU to improve and broaden its mind in accomplishing our missions.

IMWU SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE

We commit to give good assistance to all members about their working and living in the Netherlands. We are available to contact anytime in our office and call-lines. Come and visit us in Wereldhuis Amsterdam.



ASSISTANCES

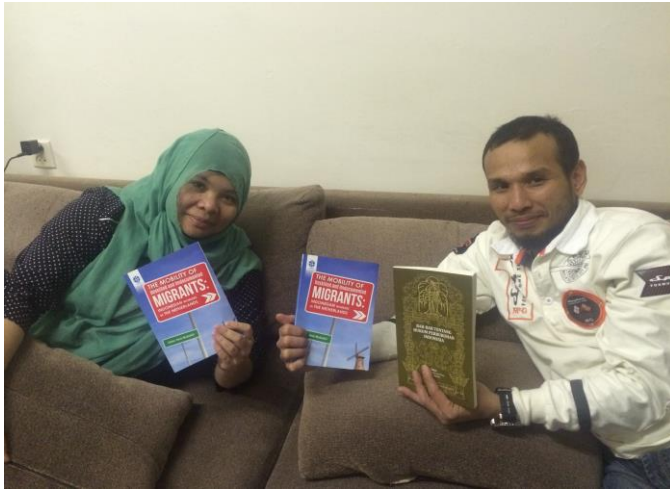
IMWU NL gives assistances to Indonesian migrants in particular. We give the first aid such as giving information, references to other organization that is specialized in the case, to the lawyer, doctor/health practitioner, etc. From Jan-Mar 2015, the list of assistances is as follows:

No.	Cases	Number of people	Notes
1.	Access to health care	12	Inc.payment etc
2.	Return	6	Referring to IOM
3.	Arrest	9	Contacting advocate, giving advices etc
4.	Landlord/housing	5	Problems with landlord
5.	Undocumented children	1	School, kinderpardon
6.	Domestic violence	1	
7.	At workplace	2	
8.	others	4	School, marriage etc

OTHER INFORMATION

And our last newsletter: [http://www.imwu-nl.com/document/newsletter/Newsletter 2014 Oct-Dec.pdf](http://www.imwu-nl.com/document/newsletter/Newsletter%202014%20Oct-Dec.pdf)

With Surya Tjandra and Book of Domestic Workers in the Netherlands from LIPI



Our next event:

Dispersed Niet screening in **Wereldhuis, Nieuwe Herengracht 20, 1018 DP, Amsterdam in April 19, 2015** and in **Laak Theater, Ferrandweg 4T, The Hague at May 1, 2015**.