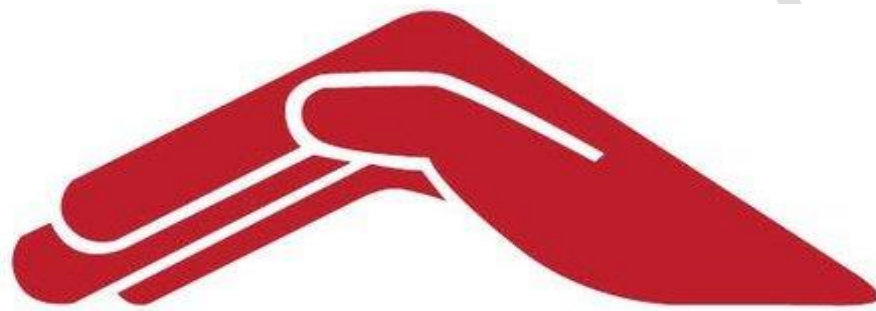


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A word from the chairman

Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainers of this universe. We've just completed a good year 2011, and now embracing the following year in order to reach better achievement. First of all, let's flashback at our activities in the past year. As a newly self organization with a slogan " Better do something than do nothing ", we have a good spirit to realize the aims of our organization. We've built good relationships and networking as well as gained trust to unite all Indonesian workers in the Netherlands. In addition, we've also actively involved in domestic workers' campaign to struggle for our dignity, respect, and responsibility.

I am proud and honored be together of our struggle in every step of the way reaching our common achievement. Our journey would be meaningless without all of your trust so as to work hard to learn and to provide the information about our rights both as human and workers. The trust unites us to realize our common goals.

Based on the support and commitment given by all of IMWU NL members, we will always act in line with upholding the main principles beyond all: Professionalism, Commitment, and Teamwork. We'll move forward with supporters and funders in implementing the strategic plan and program defined by us. Finally, I appreciate all supports and contributions from all IMWU NL members, supporters and networks in national and international frame. We sincerely hope this year will bring about further promising legal and policy changes that manifest our rights. Best wishes and Success for all of us!

Slamet Heri Sutarjo¹

¹ Find the tales of our chairman written by Celia Mather at : <http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/opinion/a-migrants-tale-in-his-own-words-from-central-java-to-the-netherlands/457507>

The History began on 25 November 2010



The Indonesian workers first came together at FNV Bondgenoten on 25th November 2010 after having heard the campaign about decent work for domestic workers in the Netherlands.

Most of the workers who attended the meeting were domestic workers. They were interested to join the campaign and fight for their rights to get Respect and Recognition.

Foto by: IMWU NL

Since then the Indonesian workers began to ORGANISE themselves!

An initial meeting was held on 28th November 2010 in Amsterdam (IMWU NL Amsterdam Group) to inform the workers on the campaign regarding the domestic workers' right.

Foto by : IMWU NL



AN INDONESIAN WORKERS' ORGANISATION?

On January 2nd 2011, the Indonesian workers came together again and discussed the importance of establishing an Indonesian Workers' Organisation. Based on a suggestion from fellow Filipino workers and considering the organizational form, the Indonesian workers decided to set up an organization namely INDONESIAN MIGRANT WORKERS UNION (Netherlands) or IMWU NL.



The first founders of IMWU NL, foto by Nanik & Santo

Afterwards many meetings were held to organise Indonesian workers in some big cities in the Netherlands. ^{Foto}
by IMWU NL.



Den Haag Group

Rotterdam Group



The above workers' movement has been wished and needed for long period by the Indonesian workers themselves. They got tired of being invisible, discriminated and exploited. They needed a medium as a tool to protect and assist them. They desired a trusted community that understood their position and situation.

Trust is very important in this movement. The process of trust building and sharing the trust among each other was a challenge in itself. Previous negative experiences, exploitative relation among each other, and negative rumours have colored their struggle. (find the story at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/78369727/BE-THERE-Talk-to-Them-and-Listen>).

However, "Hope" dismissed all fears. The Indonesian workers realized that to be united or together is stronger than to be alone. This increased collective consciousness produced the fact that IMWU NL has already gained more than 150 members and supporters within less than a year.

ACTIVITIES

2011 was a year of awareness and participation. IMWU NL participated in a lot of events concerning migrants, migrant workers, undocumented workers, domestic workers, remittance and reintegration which were considered as important issues for the members of IMWU NL.

As an organisation, IMWU NL registered as member of PICUM (Platform of International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants)², DFD (Diaspora Forum for Development),³ and together with other migrant organisations, IMWU NL has been involved in Alliance of Human Rights for the Undocumented (AHRU)⁴ and actively taking part in the coalition against the criminalisation of the undocumented.⁵ IMWU NL has also been part of RESPECT Network⁶ to struggle for the rights of migrant domestic workers.

Some of IMWU NL's members have joined FNV Bondgenoten (FNV-B) and taking active roles in supporting the campaign of decent work for domestic workers.

PARTICIPATION

Participation at local level:

1. Trainings on Health Care in March 2011 organised by Dokters van de Wereld in collaboration with FNV-B in Amsterdam and The Hague.
2. Info nights delivered by lawyers & police in January 2011, which was organised by het Wereldhuis, Amsterdam and FNV-B in January and organised by FNV-B in Amsterdam and The Hague.⁷
3. Media training in Amsterdam and Utrecht organised by FNV-B.
4. Participated in 'let's strengthen ourselves and network' organised by Stichting LOS, Vluchtelingenwerk, and stichting Nedas. During this meeting in Rotterdam. IMWU NL attended as the speaker discussing about IMWU NL's networking in order to strengthen the movement.
5. As part of AHRU, IMWU NL performed a Indonesian traditional dance in commemorating Human Rights day organised by AHRU. Foto by Ilana Saturday.



² <http://picum.org/en/about-us/people/members/>

³ http://www.d-f-d.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=109&lang=en

⁴ http://ahru.nl/wp/?page_id=100 and facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/AHRUNetherlands>

⁵ <http://www.geenstrafbaarstelling.nl/>

⁶ <http://www.respectnetwork.eu.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/RESPECT-Europe/169822299243>

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/hasil-diskusi-dengan-polisi/127335460668675>

6. Gathering at Maranatha Kerk, the Hague organised by the Hague Wereldhuis and Maranatha Kerk. IMWU NL was invited as the speaker explaining the ILO Convention on decent work for domestic workers. In the same occasion, IMWU NL also performed Indonesian traditional dances. Foto by Rizky Anwar Sadat
7. Indonesian Evening at Buda Pest, Amsterdam with special guest Yayak Yatmaka
8. Information Night on the Rights of the children organised by het Wereldhuis Amsterdam in May 2011.⁸
9. Gathering with Indonesian Student in Leiden on 16th July 2011.



Participation at national Level:

1. Expert Meeting on 'Effecten van uitsluiting op de publieke gezondheid, casus ongedocumenteerden', on 30th November 2011 in Nederlandse Public Health Federation, NIVEL Utrecht. IMWU NL was invited as the speaker.
2. DFD General Assembly on 17th-19th June 2011 in Soesterberg.
3. Migrant day organised by FNV-B. IMWU NL performed an Indonesian traditional dance.⁹
4. Reclaiming our fundamental Rights as migrant workers on 27th August in Amsterdam organised by Respect NL, CFMW, Trusted migrants, TNI, TMP.
5. As speaker at Workshop for the Rights of undocumented women organised by Stichting LOS, Utrecht on 23rd September 2011.
6. Conference on the criminalisation of the undocumented on May 27th 2011 organised by PICUM, Stichting LOS, Stichting ROS and PaulusKerk.
7. Participated in BAZAAR organised by Indonesian Embassy 10 th September 2011.

Foto by Untung Ady S



Participation at International Level:



1. ILO Conference on Decent Work for Domestic Workers in Geneva, Switzerland on 3th-8 thJune 2011 including side events. One of IMWU NL members also represented Netherlands Domestic Workers FNV Bondgenoten. Foto by Slamet Heri.

2. PICUM 10 years anniversary & General Assembly in Brussels on 24th-25th June 2011.

3. IMWU NL was invited to the conference of EU agency for Fundamental Rights to discuss the rights of the undocumented. 21st-22nd November 2011, Warsawa, Poland.



4. PICUM working group on Labour Rights in Brussels on 8th November 2011.
5. PICUM working group on the health care for the undocumented in Brussels on 25th November 2011.
6. Peoples' Global Action on Migration, Development, and Human Rights (PGA), UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS: A CALL FOR REGULARISATION in Geneva, Switzerland.

⁸ Our report to the members: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/laporan-hasil-training-the-rights-of-children/152937258108495>

⁹ Video by BoongenootOsjo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUoOrOCiOCK>

7. Representing domestic workers Netherlands in the round table discussion at EU Parliament organised by SOLIDAR on 4th May 2011.¹⁰ The report was published at the website of International Domestic Workers Network.¹¹

ORGANISING EVENTS / EMPOWERMENT

1. Info night by a Lawyer, Robert Seth Paul, in Stichting Yasmin, the Hague on 14th September 2011 at Stichting Yasmin, the Hague.¹²

2. Indonesian Domestic Workers IMWU NL, Fairwork and Ministerie van

October 2011 in the Wereldhuis, the

3. Discussion with IOM on 7th February

4. "Lets Strengthen Ourselves, lets Stichting LOS, IMWU NL, the Hague Nedas in the Hague on 26th November as the speaker discussing IMWU NL's

and how networking could strengthen the movement. IMWU prepared also food & drink for the participants. 5. Info Night for IMWU NL members in Rotterdam on the collaboration with FNV-B and Stichting ROS on 14th May 2011.

6. 'Halal Bihala' (Suiker fest) IMWU NL 3rd September 2011 in the Hague.



Gathering organised by Buitenlandzaken on 29th Hague. Foto by Siti Murwanni. 2011 in Amsterdam.¹³

Network" organised by Wereldhuis and Stichting 2011. IMWU NL attended experience in networking

PETITION/ LOBBY

IMWU NL sent petition to Indonesian and Netherlands government on various significant issues dealt by the members including the demand on the protection of the members' rights. Some of the referred issues and events:

1. Indonesian Domestic Workers day, 15th February 2011.¹⁴

2. Mayday 2011.¹⁵

3. On the issue of the extension of passport for the undocumented (SPLP).¹⁶

4. Working together with 3 (three) Netherlands trade unions and some other organizations on the issue of the criminalisation of the undocumented.¹⁷

¹⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/report-on-solidar-round-table-discussion-4th-may-2011/149721681763386>

¹¹ <http://en.domesticworkerrights.org/sites/default/files/NetherlandsDomesticWorkersReportOnSolidar.pdf>

¹² <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/apa-yang-harus-diketahui-bila-tertangkap/127692933966261>

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/hasil-diskusi-dengan-iom/131480000254221>

¹⁴ <http://internasional.rakyatmerdekaonline.com/news.php?id=18083> and <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=182971838406893&set=a.182971815073562.33636.100000822359009&type=1>

¹⁵ Find our petition to Indonesian Government at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/seruan-dan-tuntutan-imwu-nl-dalam-rangka-memperingati-mayday-2011/145857585483129> and <http://www.hukumonline.com/berita/baca/lt4dba929b721a4/Pekerja%20Indonesia%20di%20Belanda%20Rayakan%20%3Ci%3EMay%20Day%3C/i%3E> and the discussion with Indonesian Embassy at : <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/laporan-pertemuan-imwu-nl-dan-kbri/151089541626600>

¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/notes/imwu-netherlands/10-alasan-mengapa-wni-ott-di-belanda-berhak-mendapat-paspor-sebagai-perpanjangan/198377183564502>

¹⁷ <http://www.scribd.com/doc/74876433/Brief-Strafbaarstelling-3-Vakcentrales-05-12-2011>

SOLIDARITY

IMWU NL shares solidarity among its members as well as with other fellow workers in Indonesia, the Netherlands and worldwide. Some manifestation of the solidarity actions:

1. When the member having a baby.
2. When the member's family is passed away.
3. Solidarity for Indonesian undocumented migrant workers in Saudi Arabia to return to Indonesia. (100euro was collected).
Foto by IMWU NL.



4. Together with Domestic Workers Netherlands - FNV B and OKIA supporting the tomato pickers in Florida.¹⁸
5. Commemorating 'the dag van schoonmakers' together with FNV-B doing action in Utrecht.¹⁹
6. Solidarity for Michel Catuira in Korea.²⁰



7. Cooking for Lukas Kerk the Hague (May and September 2011). Foto by Yulia Mallo.
8. Solidarity for Ruyati.²¹
9. Solidarity in 'Schoonmakers actie' with FNV-B in Amsterdam and the Hague (January 2012).

ACHIEVEMENTS

IMWU NL is proud of its member, Tiffany Maria Ulva, who sits on the board of cleaners to represent Domestic Workers FNV Bondgenoten.

IMWU NL is proud of its member, Fuad Sanad, who teaches Karate at het Wereldhuis, Amsterdam.

IMWU NL is proud of its members, Slamet Heri and Yasmine Soraya who received "make a change" awards from FNV Bondgenoten. Foto by Untung Ady S.

IMWU NL is proud of its member, Rizky Anwar Sadat, whose video "the voices of the undocumented" presented in FRA Conference, Warsaw, Poland. The video was published at the website of FRA.²²



¹⁸ http://www.ciw-online.org/amsterdam_to_new_amsterdam.html

¹⁹ http://beritaburuhindonesia.wordpress.com/2011/03/24/imwu_haripetugaskebersihan/.

²⁰ http://www.causes.com/causes/582748-stop-forcible-deportation-of-michel-catuira?m=9e4cc0c7&recruiter_id=170272711

²¹ <http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=118e22b87fa01f36b66ad923d&id=5acc06d654&e=669c531c09>

²² <http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/frc2011/video-statements.html>.

Others works of IMWU NL

Support

IMWU NL supports its members & other Indonesian undocumented workers, not only in the Netherlands but also in Germany. The support covers various issues related to legal/ arrest/ immigration, labour, health care of the undocumented, returning home, children rights issue human trafficking, undocumented women , housing & working information. Foto by Thomas Jatmiko



List of issues managed in 2011

No.	Issues	Amount of individuals involved	Type of support
1.	Health Care	20 persons	- Assistance to hospitals, GGD, COA, apotheek, IND, etc -Providing information and advice about dentists, 'huisart', etc -Contacting doctor, hospital, etc - Seeking information about stay permit based on health problems.
2.	Legal /arrest/ immigration	January/February: 3 persons in Amsterdam & 7 persons in the Hague March: 1 person asked advice about the lawyer for asylum May: 3 persons in Amsterdam were arrested, but later they were released. 1 person in Rotterdam was inspected by labour inspection. Fortunately, he was released. June: 2 persons were arrested in detention centre in Rotterdam	- Attending the court - Contacting the Indonesian Embassy - The mediator between the family and the arrested member - Delivering the luggage to the detention centre -Visiting the police station and the detention centre - Contacting lawyer & other organisation that could give further support.
3.	Labour/ employment relation	a. termination: 1 b. au pair: 2 c. Working contract: 1 d. working permit: 2	- Providing advice - The mediator between the employer and the worker
4.	Housing & working information	Among members	- Network building, sharing information, and community building. - Contacting organisation that was able to offer further support.
5.	Extension of passport for the undocumented	Most members	- Researching on SPLP - Approaching/ meeting with Indonesian Embassy - Sending petition to Indonesian government/ Embassy

6.	Fraud by work agency	10 persons	- Contacting other organisation that was able to offer further assistances - Assistance to IND - Assistance to other organisation - Providing advice - Contacting the Indonesian Embassy - Visiting the victim
7.	Return process	10 persons	- Contacting IOM - Providing advice - Assistance to IOM and schipol
8.	Children rights	3 persons	- Contacting school - Providing advice - Finding necessary information

Dutch language course (EMPOWERMENT)

IMWU NL encourages the members to join 'Dutch les' at het Wereldhuis, Amsterdam (for Amsterdam Group), Stichting Yes We Care (for Den Haag Group) and private course or at stichting ROS for Rotterdam group.

NETWORK

In the Netherlands, our network are variously consist of migrant self-organisations, Indonesian organizations, Indonesian embassy, some churches, mosques, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Trade unions and individual supporters such as lawyers, academicians, health care practitioners ,Polices, etc.

At the European level as well as at International level, we have contact with other migrant self-organisations and NGOs, Alliances and the network of Indonesian trade unions in all over the world such as in Hongkong, Singapore, Macau, Taiwan, Malaysia, Jordan and in Indonesia itself.

IMWU NL is legalised!



Based on the decision of General Assembly IMWU NL, on 2nd January 2012, IMWU NL was legalised by Notary. With this legalisation, IMWU NL was formally recognised in the Netherlands.

We hope that the legalisation would maximise the protection of IMWU NL to its members which consists of hundreds of people working as domestic workers, construction workers, artists, dancers, horeca workers, health care practitioners, ITs, au pairs, academician, etc. These members spread in different areas in the Netherlands (Amsterdam, Utrecht, Rotterdam, Almere, The Hague and Tilburg). Foto by IMWU NL.

Financial report IMWU NL 2011

No.	Details	Aktiva (EURO)	Passiva (EURO)
1.	Contribution from the members & supporters	1047.03	
2.	BAZAAR		
	a. cost		175
	b. Contribution	205	
3.	T-SHIRT		
	a. cost		480
	b. Contribution	350	
4.	Office/administration expenses		43
5.	Solidarity		150
6.	Participation		50
7.	Project: Networkday In collaboration with st.LOS, the Hague Wereldhuis & St.Nedas	250	250
8.	Project ;Indonesian Domestic Workers Gathering in collaboration with Fairwork and MINBUZA	107.10	105.07
9.	Legalisation		427
10.	others		172
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WNI YANG TERLUPAKAN
(Pekerja Migran Indonesia tak terdokumentasi di Belanda)

Halo Indonesia, apa kabarmu?
Aku rindu ingin bertemu
Ingin rasanya pulang ke tanah air
menyatu dengan keluarga dan biarkan rindu ini mencair

Halo Indonesia, masih ingatkah kau padaku?
tanah tumpah darahku
yang harus kutinggal
demi harta sepenggal

Halo Indonesia, aku ada disini
berkelit dari polisi imigrasi
Meski rasa takut itu ada
tapi tetap kudisini, demi keluarga dan demi cita

Halo Indonesia, tahukah yang kuhadapi?
Bukan orang asing musuh utamaku
Melainkan bangsaku sendiri
yang menjual beli kerja dan majikan yang memeras tenagaku

Halo Indonesia, tahukah yang kuhadapi?
cemoohan yang menganggapku kriminal
perpanjangan passport yang tak diberi
dan SPLP yang bagai kanibal

Halo Indonesia, dimanakah kau?
Tak kulihat dirimu
Saat ku tertangkap
Saat ku disekap

Halo Indonesia, dimanakah kau?
Kuingin pulang melintasi benua dan pulau
tuk kembali ke pangkuanmu
tapi mengapa mereka yang mengantarku dan bukan kamu?

Halo Indonesia?

(YS, Delft, 28 Januari 2011)



LANGKAH

Dengan langkah yang tak pasti
Kutinggalkan negeri yang kusayangi
Menuju negeri yang tak kukenali
Demi sejumlah materi

Untuk masa depan nanti
Akankah langkah menjadi pasti
Kalau harap itu menghampiri
Oh yang maha agung

Jadikanlah mimpi itu menjadi sejati
Oh yang maha agung
Jadikanlah yang tak pasti
Menjadi pasti demi hakiki yang sejati

(Evarina, 14 April 2011)



Foto by Untung Ady S.

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

for more information please read article: <http://www.doorbraak.eu/?p=7671> and <http://lembagainformasiperburuhansedane.blogspot.com/2011/12/indonesian-undocumented-migrant-workers.html>

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