

Dutch customs and culture workshop

Later this month, Alex Feenstra will be giving a workshop on Dutch customs and culture. Whether you are new to the Netherlands or have been living in the Netherlands for a while, this workshop is a great way to learn more about Dutch culture and customs.

Why did you create this workshop?

Each country has its own customs and cultures and these are not simple things that you can look up online or find out within a week, or even months of living in a country. Coming to a new country means finding out about another culture, appreciating differences and becoming aware of and respecting the customs and culture of the country that you live in.

Some of these might be familiar to you and others new and alien.

I wanted to help newcomers to the Netherlands to find out more about Dutch customs and culture in one easy workshop. Within 2 hours participants get a comprehensive introduction about Dutch customs and culture.



What subjects do you cover during the workshop?

Ever wondered how to greet someone or who is likely to pay the bill at a restaurant? Do you know what to expect when you are invited to a Dutch house? What does a typical birthday celebration look like? What are the rules of the road for cyclists?

These are some examples of what the workshop will cover. The workshop is divided into 5 sections:

- Dutch etiquette and customs
- Social occasions
- Public holidays & celebrations
- Practical information about living in the Netherlands
- Any other questions

What do you hope participants will learn?

Participants will gain a better understanding of Dutch society, including what to expect in certain situations, which occasions are celebrated, learn what is (in)appropriate behaviour, and also find out more about practical issues. This knowledge is likely to be helpful in their daily lives so that they can understand people, situations and processes or systems more easily.



When will the next workshop be?

The next workshop is on Tuesday 28 January 2014, at 7:30pm at the Connect International Office. It will last 1.5 – 2 hours approx, depending on the number of participation and questions. Attending the workshop is free for Connect International members and €5 for non-members.

You can sign up on the Connect website under Events and Activities. <http://goo.gl/aMnCVn>