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For who?

The atmosphere at Nisa for Nisa is warm and relaxed. The most important room at the centre is the living-room where women can meet and communicate with each other, with the volunteers, and with members of the staff and interns. There are also separate rooms where conversations can be held that need more privacy. Tea and coffee is always available. Nisa for Nisa is mainly visited by Moroccan and Turkish women from the Amsterdam-West district. Other women, however, are very welcome as well. They are all women who have the ambition to improve their situations. They take part in courses, informative meetings or excursions. There are courses for all levels, all of them aiming at empowering the women. Dutch is the prevailing language at the centre. We consider this an important element for the development of women. We stimulate these women to register for one of the language courses. Many of them participate in Nisa for Nisa activities as volunteers, either as supervisor, as hostess, as catering assistant and cook, or child-minder. They also find their way at other organizations having gained the confidence to do a course or apply for a job.

Nisa for Nisa never leaves women out in the cold. When women ask for advice or support it will be given as soon necessary. The foundation has started two projects for this purpose. Project Tussen-Door aims at solving simple problems, when a listening ear and an encouraging conversation is sufficient. The Tussen-In Project caters for special problems and their solutions. For these situations Nisa for Nisa has an extensive network of support organisations, legal advisers and authorities.

Registration and membership card

In order to be able to take part in courses and (most) other activities you have to register as participant of Nisa for Nisa. You will get a membership card. Registration fee is €20. When you end your membership and hand in your card you will get a €10 refund. Registration takes place at the reception of Nisa for Nisa. For some activities taking place at other organizations participants of Nisa for Nisa receive discounts with their N4N membership card.

Origin, strength and mission of Nisa for Nisa

Origin

The Nisa for Nisa foundation was started in 2001 by Fatima Sabbah, a Moroccan-Amsterdam woman from Amsterdam-Slotervaart (now Amsterdam-Nieuw-West). She knows from her own experience migrant women have to overcome large barriers because of language problems and being unaware of the way things work in The Netherlands. According to Fatima Sabbah, women play the central role in the family. As soon as they are not well, the family are not well. This has a lot of consequences for both the family and its environment. It is a problem that is generally felt among migrant women. She is committed to emancipating migrant women and improving the accessibility of existing organizations and facilities for migrant women. For this purpose she has started the Nisa for Nisa Foundation.

Strength

Nisa for Nisa has been set up as a self- and is primarily run by the women from the community itself. Characteristics for the self-organisation Nisa for Nisa are:

- large feeling of trust within the community
- easy accessibility, safety and warmth for participants and visitors
- large commitment from volunteers
- identification with the issue
- offering activities attuned to the demands
- combining experiences
- solution-oriented approach
- taking swift action
- bridging function to existing organizations

Gradually Nisa for Nisa has developed into an organization with its own approach for migrant women in the Amsterdam Nieuw-West district and its surroundings. Nisa for Nisa has also proved to be an essential information centre for numerous organizations, research centres, and government institutions. The centre is rooted in the community and, therefore, it is fully aware of the needs, demands and questions which live among migrant women and their families. Nisa for Nisa gears her activities to these demands. These activities vary from empowerment and orientation to crisis intervention and support. The centre also plays an important role in promoting the interests and pointing out the needs of migrant women in the area. In this way, the foundation has acquired an essential position in the neighbourhood . It has always been her goal to strengthen the position of migrant women and to make the unmentionable subject of discussion. The activities that are offered sustain the participants in taking part in networks of companions and in educating themselves. In this way they are getting stronger in their own lives and really taking part in society. The crucial point is that migrant women gain the same access to social services and activities as any other citizen in our society. This is essential in shaping her own life as an individual and in creating the well-being of the family she takes part of.

The people at Nisa for Nisa

Staff

- Fatima Sabbah founder and director
- Mimoent El Fakih coordinator
- Naziha Senoussi activity manager, seconded at De Buurtzaak
- Nadia Bennani project leader Girls project BigSis

Volunteers

Without the support of some 30 volunteers Nisa for Nisa cannot operate. Their activities include:

- supervising courses
- accompanying activities
- confidential advice (project TussenIn)
- catering
- reception at the centre
- hostess at activities
- domestic work

Interested in volunteer activities at Nisa for Nisa? Contact us and ask for Fatima Sabbah or Miemoent El Fakih.

Trainees

Every year Nisa for Nisa offers the opportunity for a number of trainees to train for a job. This is possible at both HBO- and MBO-level. Administrative work, supervision of activities, and assistance. Nisa for Nisa is an institution which has been certified for work placement by HBO- and MBO-schools. Looking for a traineeship? Contact Mimoent El Fakih.

Executive committee

The executive committee manages Nisa for Nisa. It creates the necessary conditions (finance, staff, housing) for the Foundation and outlines its policy. The committee consists of:

- Ella Vogelaar chair
- Renee de Zwart secretary
- Ineke Harder treasurer

Interested in doing executive work for Nisa for Nisa? Contact Miemoent El Fakih.

Advisory Board

The members of the Advisory Board advise the Executive Committee and the staff using their own professional backgrounds. They are:

- Naima Azough journalist and writer/producer
- Arnold Diemer legal council
- Janneke Tichelaar professional fund raiser
- Ingrid Viskil policy adviser

Finance

The work of Nisa for Nisa is subsidized by the District Council of Amsterdam Nieuw-West, by fund contributions, and by private donations. Without these contributions Nisa for Nisa's activities would not be possible. In 2013 the Nisa for Nisa Foundation received financial support from the following subsidizers and funds:

- the District Council of Amsterdam Nieuw-West
- the Oranje Fund
- the VSB Fund
- the R.C. Maagdenhuis Foundation
- RABO Bank Amsterdam
- Service Point Emancipation Amsterdam
- European Commission/ErasmusPlus
- Private donations

If you want to support Nisa for Nisa, please discuss the possibilities with Mimoent El Fakih or with the executive committee of the foundation.

ANBI

Nisa for Nisa is an institution for public advancement and has been certified by the tax authorities. Nisa for Nisa Foundation, fiscal number: 811993668L01

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Members of the committee receive no fee for the activities for the foundation.

See annual report for intrinsic and financial account.

