DE VOORKAMER

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Internship at cultural meeting space De Voorkamer

We are looking for a new intern! Someone who is eager to learn from and contribute to the cultural and social domain. Are you passionate about art and design within the social domain, communication and cultural exchange? Check out this vacancy!

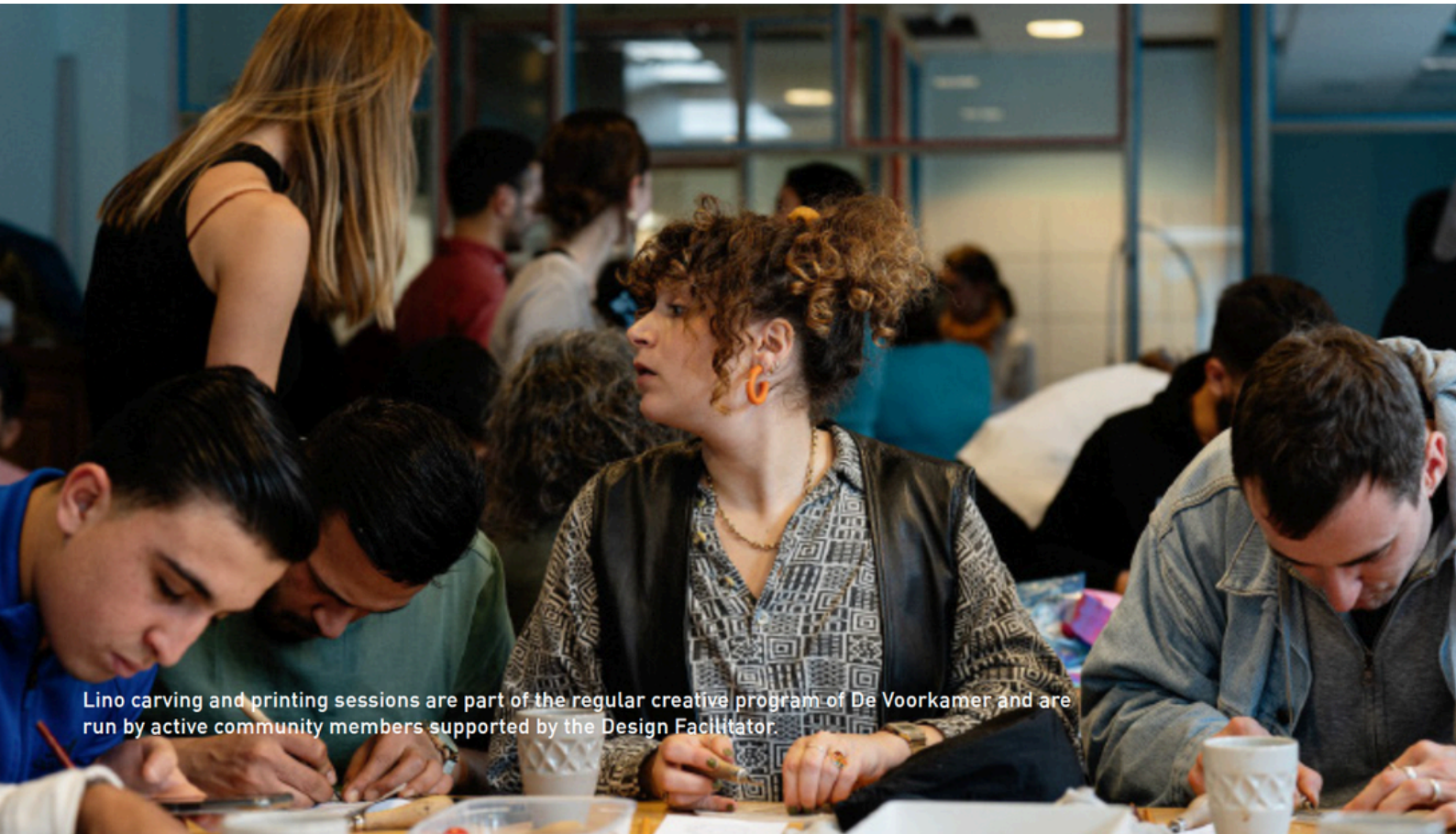
De Voorkamer

De Voorkamer was first developed in reaction to the negative responses to the arrival of asylum seekers in the Netherlands. It opened its doors in Utrecht in 2016, creating a cultural meeting space to promote inclusion and redefine integration. At De Voorkamer we use co-creation to stimulate and facilitate the talents of our diverse community.

We aim for this initiative to grow through the ideas and efforts of all members of the community. We do this by working with small groups to establish creative and valuable connections through which to share and exchange inspiration and talents. In collaboration with the community, we design meetings and projects that bring our space to life and create events and objects that facilitate our activities. Many of the projects we have realized were born from the fascinations and interests of our community, including our weekly language cafes and game nights, storytelling events, art/design projects, music and cooking events, and many more.

De Voorkamer is based on equality and individuality. It creates a framework for participants to work on assignments that fit them, that are meaningful to them, and that shape valuable personal connections. Our main goal is to create a safer place where people can express their thoughts, feelings, and knowledge, whilst exchanging experiences to form connections and a network.

At De Voorkamer we work with creative processes and cultural practices to develop an inclusive space, with the goal of bridging the gaps between different groups in society. We believe the role of arts and culture in the initiative is to encourage and stimulate participation and exchange: both crucial ingredients for inclusion and social cohesion. These mediums are our way to connect people, actively going against othering and labeling.



Lino carving and printing sessions are part of the regular creative program of De Voorkamer and are run by active community members supported by the Design Facilitator.

Practicalities

- The internship will begin in February 2027 and run until the end of June 2027.
- We preferably hire interns who can commit to 16-20 hours per week. We always work together as a team at De Voorkamer on Mondays and on Thursdays, from 9:00 to 17:30. Therefore, we ideally have interns join us these days, so that you can have a more involved and social experience.
- Feel free to submit your motivation letter/CV in Dutch if it is more comfortable for you. It is good to note that the working language in our space is English. But we do have colleagues who speak Dutch and Arabic, and we do not want you to feel limited by your (current) language skills!

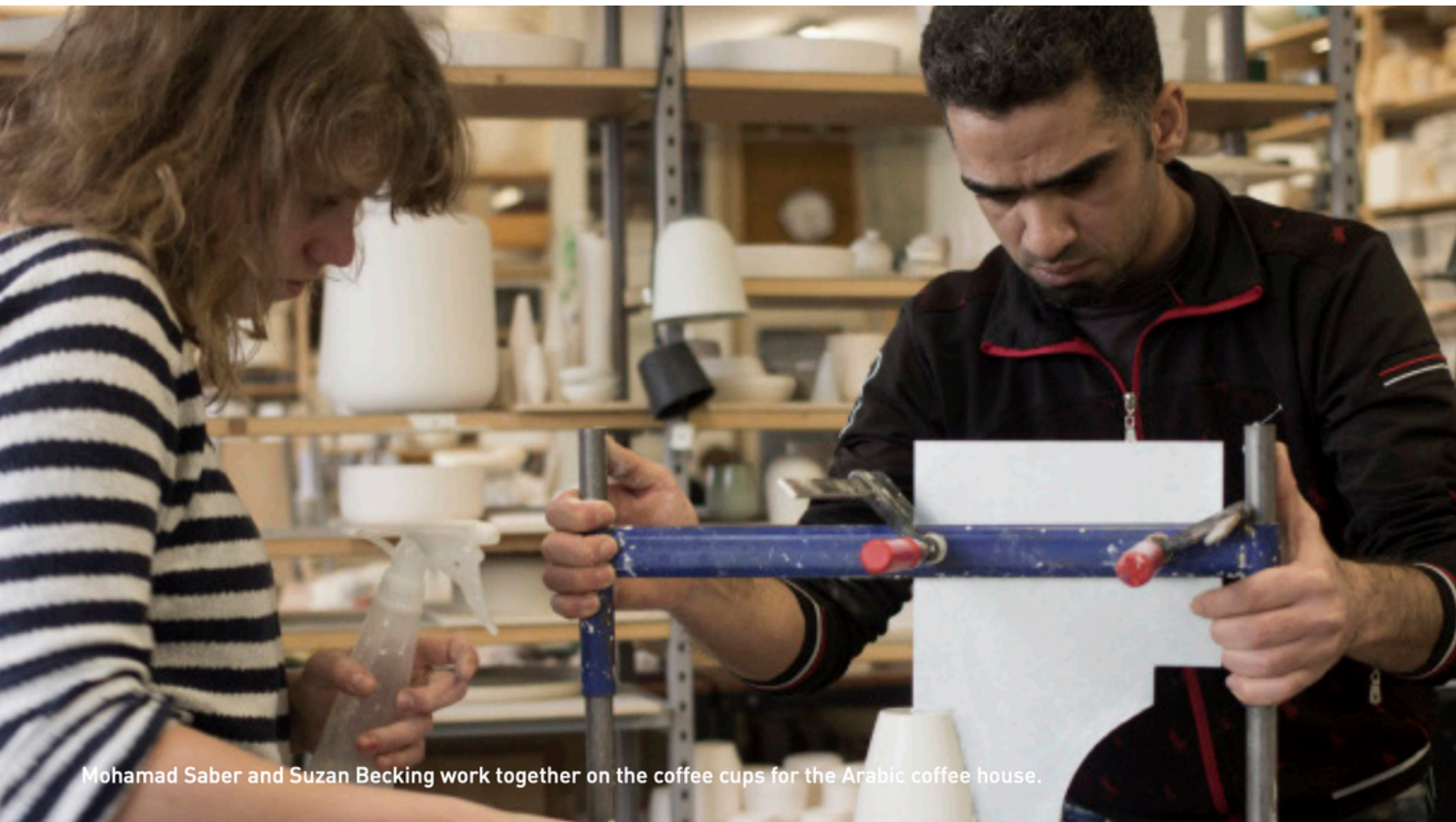
The intern's tasks may include:

- Developing social media content and communication strategies;
- Restructuring internal communication/organization methods and templates;
- Community building & recruitment at asylum centers (Arabic, Farsi, Tigrinya, and Spanish speakers are a big help!);
- Facilitating and developing existing projects (e.g., Women project, Migrantour, Queer Space project);
- Hosting activities;
- Assisting with design tasks (e.g., house style/identity development and implementation);
- Initiating your own project.

Our ideal team member is:

- Living in Utrecht;
- Interested in other cultures, meeting other people and knowledge exchange;
- Experienced/interested in working with people from various cultural backgrounds;
- Proactive, motivated and takes initiative;
- Social, approaches people easily and can take the lead in collaborations;
- Interested in remaining involved with De Voorkamer after the internship as a volunteer.

Do you need to commit more hours to an internship or are unavailable on Mondays or Thursdays? Please write about this in your motivation letter!



Mohamad Saber and Suzan Becking work together on the coffee cups for the Arabic coffee house.

What can you expect from De Voorkamer?

- Energetic, active and involved team;
- Diverse and dynamic work environment - you work on many different tasks and projects and gain a lot of experience in a short period of time;
- Guidance from the team of De Voorkamer;
- Other ‘perks’ such as a delicious lunches, access to concerts and other activities and an informal workplace where great contacts can be made;
- Monthly financial compensation;
- Space to work on your own initiative and talent.

As part of our efforts in ensuring the representation of our community in the team, we encourage and prioritize applications from candidates with bi-cultural and migrant backgrounds.

If you're interested in the position, please submit your motivation letter and CV via the ‘Join us’ page on our website by 29 November.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview, which will take place between 7 and 20 December. We'll communicate our final decisions shortly afterwards, before the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email at info@devoorkamer.org.

