SO, YOU’RE GOING TO STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS? YOU’RE GOING TO NEED HOUSING!

THE NETHERLANDS FACES HOUSING SHORTAGES, ESPECIALLY IN THE LARGER CITIES. THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE YOUR HUNT FOR HOUSING SERIOUSLY! YOU’LL THANK YOURSELF LATER.

WAYS TO FIND STUDENT HOUSING IN THE NETHERLANDS

A  HOUSING VIA YOUR UNIVERSITY
In most cases, you can find housing through the university you will be studying at in the Netherlands. Please be advised that often there are not enough rooms to accommodate everyone. Universities offer housing through a variety of partners, both commercial and social housing corporations, one of the latter being DUWO.

Characteristics of university housing:
• Furnished
• Guaranteed (if you apply on time)
• Fixed start and end date (usually max. 1 year)

B  LOOKING FOR HOUSING YOURSELF
The second option is to look for housing yourself. You have the choice between commercial parties and social housing. Social housing usually offers better rates and rental conditions.

You can search through social media- most notably Facebook has several local pages to find housing, just try ‘housing [city]’, ‘kamer [city]’ or ‘kamer gezocht [city]’.

Most social housing ads can be found on ROOM.nl. Register here asap! This costs € 35 a one-time fee which gives you an 8 year registration.

Housing on ROOM.nl is allocated on the basis of one of two principles:
1  Registration time (the applicant with the longest registration time gets offered the room)
2  Vote-ins (current inhabitants of the dorm/ house select their new roommate amongst the applicants)

There are also priority rulings for students from far away. On ROOM.nl there is a priority ruling for international students. This ruling is active from June until September. In the conditions of the advertisement you can see if priority applies. Read more here.

The characteristics of housing found on ROOM.nl:
• Unfurnished
• No certainty of finding a place on time
• Open end contract (so you’re set for your entire studies)