

# Human rights in the Netherlands

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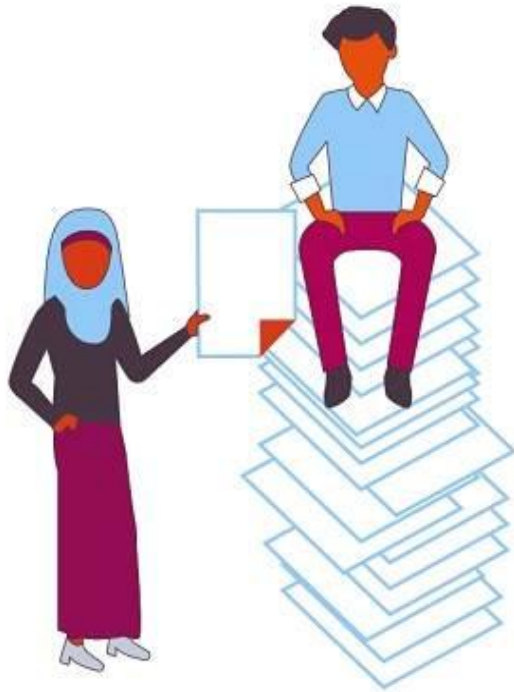


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# Introduction

- Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, an A-status accredited National Human Rights Institute
- Issues for today:
  - Institutional racism
  - Human rights in the Caribbean Netherlands
  - The housing crisis
  - Violence and intimidation against journalists
- **Information event on human rights in the Netherlands:  
Today at 14:00 hrs in Room XXV**

# Institutional racism in the Netherlands



## Institutional racism at the Dutch Tax Authority

- Applicants singled out based on (dual) nationality and/or immigration status
- Government has recognized the problem

## Institutional racism requires a structural approach

- Regularly review legislation and policy
- Regularly review impacts on people of decision-making by public authorities

# Human rights in the Caribbean Netherlands

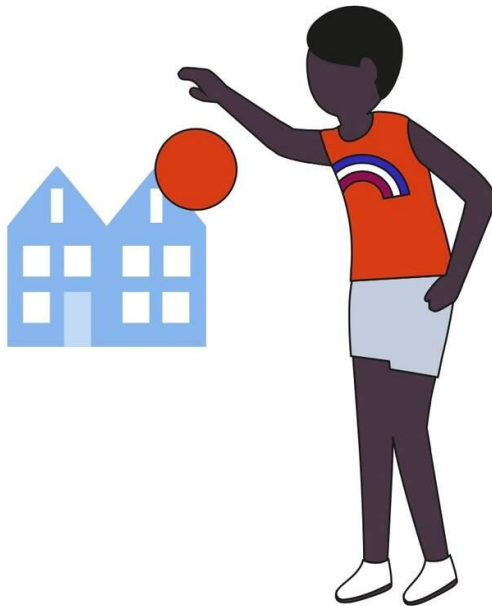
**Despite UPR-recommendations in 2017:**

- Poverty rate remains alarming
- Gap in human rights protection between Caribbean and European Netherlands remains

**Closing the gap in human rights protection and poverty can no longer be postponed**



# The housing crisis



## Serious shortage of housing

- Deliberate phasing out of government involvement is counter to right to adequate housing

## The government should:

- Prioritize (affordable) housing for all, in particular for those in disadvantaged positions
- Make haste with new law to force municipalities to accommodate asylum seekers

# Agression and intimidation aimed at journalists and media personalities

- Penalize the sharing of personal data of journalists online (e.g. address)
- Allow the blocking of access to personal information in public records



# Thank you for your attention



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Or talk to us today!

**At 14:00 hrs in Room XXV, Palais des Nations**