

**Leer nu nog beter Nederlands online!**  
**Continue improving your Dutch on-line**  
**Join our conversation meetings**  
**Start as soon as possible**



Dear international,

**Are you afraid that your Dutch fluency you worked so hard for will get worse?**

**Would you like to continue practising your Dutch, while staying at home?**

**Would you like to practice Dutch conversation in a small and 'gezellige' on-line group (and perhaps in consultation with your coach and other participants sometimes 'live and respecting 1,5 meter distance')?**

If the answer to this question is "Yes!", then sign up for our on-line Dutch conversation meetings.

During these weekly meetings of one hour, you will have the opportunity to practice your Dutch on-line in a small group of three or four participants. Our language coach will help you to understand and speak Dutch in a pleasant way and will support you in providing the right words or sentence structure. We will talk about daily life, hobbies, family, children, work, food, sports, politics and other subjects of your choice. Since it is a conversation meeting and not a language class, we will focus on speech and pronunciation. We will keep grammar issues to a minimum.

If you decide to register, you commit yourself to possibly join all meetings of your group (of course we understand emergency situations that might arise, especially in this period). The reason for this is that we believe that only regular practice will lead to improving your language skills. Having fun, getting to know more people and new aspects of different cultures, are the best ways for learning a language without even realizing it! The meetings are free of costs.

## **Requirements:**

- Basic knowledge of Dutch with a minimum level of A2 (or almost there). If you are not sure about your language level, you can ask for an intake meeting with Silvia Huisman. You may contact Silvia at [s.huisman@rug.nl](mailto:s.huisman@rug.nl). Silvia will contact you back to assess your level by phone;
- Availability for weekly meetings with your group, possibly as long as the Dutch RIVM advises to work from home:
- We ask you to invest one hour per meeting and actively raise different topics to discuss them with the other participants;
- These meetings are for partners of Dual Career Support RUG, UG members of staff, participants of Connect International and My Local Friend (City Central) or any other interested participant

## **Dates and times**

We will organize the meetings, depending on the availability of language coaches and on the interest and level of the participants. We will match participants to groups on the basis of availability and level. Our coaches organize the meetings on different days and times. In the registration form, you can tell us when you are available to join.

Your meetings will start as soon as we have found a group for you. That might take some time because our search for coaches is in progress. You will meet the group on-line, once a week as long as the advice of RIVM is 'work from home as much as possible'. As soon as we found a group for you, you will receive an invitation from your assigned coach. Unfortunately, we can not guarantee your participation. And of course, the more you are available, the easier it will be for us to connect you with a coach.

## **Our language coaches:**

Our coaches love working with international groups. They have a deep appreciation for the Dutch language and are dedicated to creating a fun and inspiring climate for our conversation meetings.

## **Registration**

To apply for these on-line meetings, [register](#) as soon as possible. We will assign participants to the groups, depending on the date of registration, language level and availability. If you have questions please send an email to [dualcareer@rug.nl](mailto:dualcareer@rug.nl)

With kindest regards,

The Dual-Career Support Team