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? Would you like to practice Dutch conversation in a small and 'gezellige' group, online and/or live?

If the answer to this question is “Yes!”, then sign up for our Dutch conversation meetings.

During these weekly meetings of one hour, you will have the opportunity to practice your Dutch online and live in a small and informal 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. We will focus on speech and pronunciation and will keep grammar issues to a minimum. Take note that these meetings are not a language class. This means that if you would like to learn grammatics and raise your CEFR-level you have to take out formal training, for example with our UG Language Center.

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). 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. Silvia will contact you back to assess your level by phone;
- Availability for weekly meetings with your group for a longer period, this is at least a few months;
- 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 or UMCG members of staff, participants of Connect International / City Central

**Dates, times and places**

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, mostly during work hours. The meetings can be online, live, or a combination of both, depending on the wishes of the coach and participants and the RIVM-regulations related to Covid. In the registration form, you can tell us when you are available to join. The place of the meetings is arranged by the group: Perhaps at UG premises, a café, the park or at someone's home.

Your meetings will start as soon as we have found a group for you. That might take some time, although our search is a continuous progress. As soon as we found a group for you, you will receive an invitation from your assigned coach. Unfortunately, we cannot 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 are volunteers, colleagues of UG, UMCG or active outside our organizations. They love working with participants with different backgrounds, nationalities and cultures. 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 meetings, you can register here. 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

With kindest regards,

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