Leer beter Nederlands!

Improve your Dutch

Join our conversation meetings

Start as soon as we have found you a group



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Dear newcomer to the Groningen,

Would you like to practice or improve your Dutch language skills in an informal setting, 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 one-hour meetings, you will have the opportunity to practice your Dutch online within a small group of participants. Our language coach will help you to learn and speak Dutch in an informal setting, supporting you to use the right words and sentence structure.

We will talk about subjects like daily life, hobbies, family, children, work, food, sports, politics or

any subject of your choice, focussing mainly on speech and pronunciation. Please note that these meetings are not language classes. If you want to improve your grammar and raise your CEFR-level, you can register for Dutch language courses at the UG Language Center.

If you decide to register, you will agree to commit yourself to possibly join all meetings of your group (unless there is a valid reason to cancel). We believe that regular attendance is needed to improve your language skills and motivate each other. Interacting with other group members and having fun conversations is the best way to learn a language without even realizing it! The meetings do not require a fee.

Requirements:

- Basic knowledge of Dutch with a minimum level of A2 (or almost there).
- Availability for weekly meetings with your group for an extended time period (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 UG, UG or UMCG employees and members of Connect International or City Central.

Dates, times and places

We will organize the meetings depending on the availability of language coaches and the level of participants. Our coaches organize their meetings on different days and times, in accordance with their group members. The meetings can be online, live, or a combination of both. In the registration form, you can indicate your availability.

Your meetings will start as soon as we have matched you with a suitable group. You will receive an invitation from your assigned coach. Unfortunately, we can not guarantee your participation. But the more flexible you are, the easier it will be for us to match you with a coach.

Our language coaches:

All our coaches are volunteers: colleagues of the UG, UMCG or from outside of our organization. They love working with participants from different backgrounds, nationalities and cultures, 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 our Dutch language meetings, you can <u>register</u> here. If you have any questions, please send an email to <u>dualcareer@rug.nl</u>

Kind regards,

The Dual-Career Support Team