



"STRAIGHTFRIENDLY"

COC LIMBURG - REGION NORTH

NEWS LETTER

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Beste wishes to you all dear people!

The year is still young.
Best wishes to everyone, good luck,
success and health for the new year.

With kind regards, Matthi



1. WEDNESDAY MEETING

The Wednesday meeting is intended as an accessible way to talk to each other and to give the LGBTQ+ community a permanent place in the region. The pattern of every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Café Grenswerk will remain in place for the time being. So please tell your friends and acquaintances.

2. MAKING A MAIN TEAM

As I have announced before, an LGBTQ+ association can only be successful if there are people who are willing to take the lead. After three meetings and some fun activities, we have attracted some attention within the community. But it can always be more. To coordinate the plans, ideas and activities, we are thinking of a fixed group of about six people. Each person is given a task:

- Two spokespersons
- Two for communications and pr
- Two finance/fundraising

The nice thing about this proposal is that the tasks can be divided and there is always a replacement if the other is not available for a while.

In addition, it would be nice if each coordinator linked a provincial COC working group, depending on the interests. Most working groups are currently only active in South Limburg. That has to change. My idea is that those from the North will contact the working group coordinator in the

South to discuss whether or not some event/activity can also take place in our region this year? Because we move within the COC network and organize things that we like ourselves, the work is therefore well-organized and easy to do.

Coordinators and people who want more than just dropping by can register as a volunteer on the website of COC Limburg. Volunteers have the option of claiming costs, are insured during COC activities and can make use of training, expertise and the networks of COC Limburg.

As of this year, volunteers who have volunteered for at least three months also have the option of claiming the costs for a possible COC membership from COC Limburg. Here you will find an overview of the existing working groups of COC Limburg:

<https://coclimburg.nl/werkgroepen/>

Policy document "the regional approach". In principle, the wording of what we are currently working on for the North Limburg region.

<https://coclimburg.nl/projecten/de-regionale-aanpak/>

Please If you are interested in joining the team, please contact me:

E-mail: m.neumann@coclimburg.nl

You can also report to me during the regular Wednesday evening meetings in Grenswerk. This also applies to any questions.





3. NEWS EN ACTIVITIES

Also in 2023, the rainbow cities (Venlo is one of them) will receive funds from the government to promote local LGBTIQ+ policy. It is very convenient that the municipality has sent an invitation to meet us. We are currently planning a date with the municipality.

Aangenaam - feminist platform

In addition, we have an appointment with a network partner who was involved in the organization of the small-scale pink Saturday week last year in the center of Venlo. She is also involved in pleasant, the feminist platform. Which is good to get in touch with each other.

The month of women's rights

March is traditionally the month of women's rights and there are also the provincial elections. Perhaps it would be good to ask provincial politicians what they are doing to tackle homo/transphobia and sexism. Lesbian visibility, dealing with enfemale people within the feminist community could be themes as well.



Venloop 2023

In March, the Venloop takes place, one of the most important events in Venlo. I had the idea that after all the eating and bloating during the holidays, maybe it's not so bad to get our body in shape and visibly participate in the run as a COC group. We are such a fun group. I think the rest of the city should know we're here! That is why I would like to invite you and the rest of COC Limburg to do a joint walk (training, 10 and 20 km) in February and March and, who wants, to join the Venloop in March.

If you would like to join, please register with me: m.neumann@coclimburg.nl

Please name, 06 number for further information, how many people you want to register and for which walk. The number is not saved.

4. TOLERANCE TOWARDS LGBTQ+ IN VENLO

Have you ever wondered about the tolerance of the queer community? In short, the Venlo population is on the national line in terms of tolerance. Anyone who wants to delve into this is cordially invited to read the most recent city poll on this theme, which was part of the annual survey in response to Pink Saturday.

I wanted to spare you the entire PDF in the newsletter. Search the link to city poll 2019. In chapter 9 you will find a lot of data about how many Venlo residents still have a different view if, for example, two people of the same sex walk hand in hand. Interesting information. Here you will find the link:

<https://venlo.bestuurlijkeinformatie.nl/Search?q=stadspeiling>


5. NEWSLETTER

Of course, the world doesn't just revolve around Venlo. Although our focus will mainly be on the north of the province. There is a lot going on at COC Limburg. That is why I advise you to subscribe to the newsletter of the COC. It is expected that our news and activities can also be found there.

Here's the link. Scroll all the way down and then you can subscribe to the newsletter:

<https://coclimburg.nl/>

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6. INTERESTING DATA

Some interesting dates for you:

27 January.

New Year's drink COC Limburg.
The invitation and exact time will follow.
Location: café Rosé in Maastricht.

5 February 13.00.

Walking training 10 km, start station Venlo (exit).

15 February 19.30.

Wednesday meeting COC Limburg region north. Location: café Grenswerk in Venlo.

5 March 10.00.

Walking training 20 km, start station Tegelen (exit).

"Ouch Zo", our friends LGBTIQ+ organization from Roermond is coming to Venlo again for their café moment. They already have a lot planned for 2023. Are you curious who they are or would you like to get to know them?

Check their website: <https://www.ouchzo.nl/>

BECOME A VOLUNTEER OF COC LIMBURG

COC Limburg runs on volunteers. Both during activities of our working groups, the café itself, as well as the various coordinators of our working groups and the entire board.

Would you like to contribute to society and would you like to lend us a helping hand? Please use the form below to contact our volunteer coordinator! He will then look further with you at your possible deployment with us. Hopefully see you soon!

To sign up:
[Become a volunteer – COC Limburg](#)

SIGN UP BASIC TRAINING COC LIMBURG

Within COC Limburg we are busy setting up and offering workshops for the volunteers. First of all, we have now developed a basic workshop, intended for people who are (relatively) new to the organization and/or who want to gain more knowledge about the organization. Through this workshop you will get to know COC Limburg, but also get to know each other better. It is an interactive workshop in which your ideas and thoughts are certainly welcome. The training takes place at Bogaardenstraat 43.

Sign up [click here](#).



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