



DE VOORKAMER

VACANCY
DESIGN FACILITATOR

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Vacancy 'Design Coordinator' in cultural meeting space De Voorkamer.

We are looking for a new Design Coordinator! Someone who is eager to combine design skills and social practices. Are you passionate about co-creation and cultural exchange? Check out this vacancy!

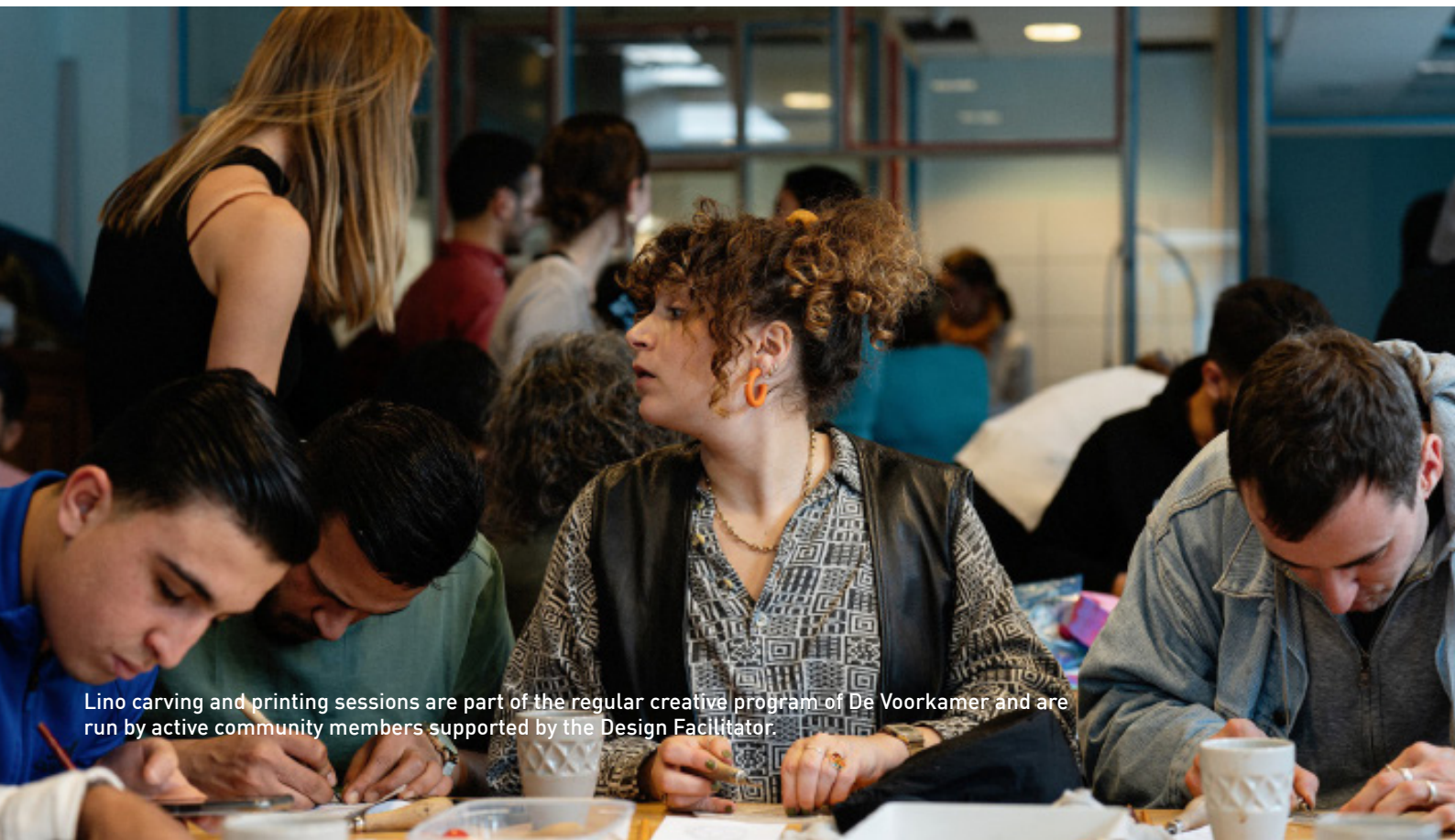
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De Voorkamer was first developed in reaction to the negative responses to the arrival of asylum seekers in the Netherlands. It opened its doors in Utrecht in 2016, creating a cultural meeting space to promote inclusion and redefine integration. At De Voorkamer we use co-creation to stimulate and facilitate the talents of our diverse community.

We aim for this initiative to grow through the ideas and efforts of all members of the community. We do this by working with small groups to establish creative and valuable connections through which to share and exchange inspiration and talents. In collaboration with the community, we design meetings and projects that bring our space to life and create events and objects that facilitate our activities. Many of the projects we have realized were born from the fascinations and interests of our community, including our weekly language cafes and game nights, storytelling events, art/design projects, music and cooking events, and many more.

De Voorkamer is based on equality and individuality. It creates a framework for participants to work on assignments that fit them, that are meaningful to them, and that shape valuable personal connections. Our main goal is to create a safer place where people can express their thoughts, feelings, and knowledge, whilst exchanging experiences to form connections and a network.

At De Voorkamer we work with creative processes and cultural practices to develop an inclusive space, with the goal of bridging the gaps between different groups in society. We believe the role of arts and culture in the initiative is to encourage and stimulate participation and exchange: both crucial ingredients for inclusion and social cohesion. These mediums are our way to connect people, actively going against othering and labeling.



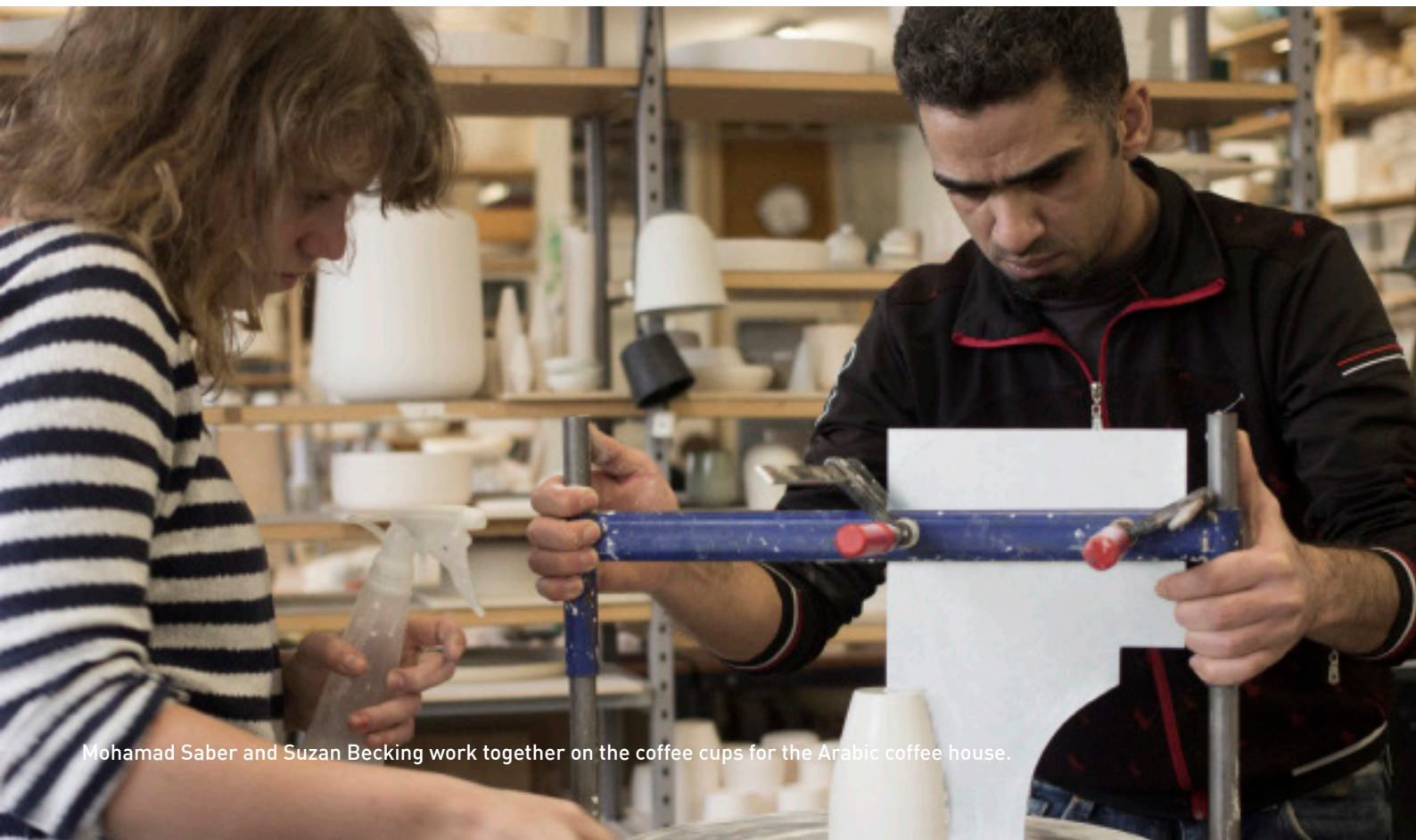
Lino carving and printing sessions are part of the regular creative program of De Voorkamer and are run by active community members supported by the Design Facilitator.

Tasks of the 'Design Coordinator'

- Guiding and collaborating with artists, designers and the community in co-creation processes.
- Developing Talent Development trajectories in collaboration with external professionals.
- Guiding the Artist in Residency programs at De Voorkamer.
- The development of illustrations and graphic work for the projects within De Voorkamer.
- The (graphic) design of publications and project plans.
- Self initiating co-creation projects responding to recognized needs within the community.
- The design and organization of exhibitions.
- Supervising volunteer projects with a focus on creative expressions.
- If necessary, enhancing the design of De Voorkamer space.
- Organising, hosting and coordinating events, activities and workshops.

Our ideal colleague

- Has experience with co-creation processes;
- Is experienced with graphic and illustrative work;
- Has a broad understanding of different design/crafts disciplines.
- Has completed an HBO or WO study in design, art or other creative practices;
- Preferably lives in Utrecht;
- Speaks, reads and writes English, (at least basic) Dutch and preferably speaks another language (e.g. Arabic, Farsi);
- Is interested in other cultures, meeting and exchanging knowledge;
- Is social, makes contact easily and can take the lead in collaborations;
- Is available at least 3 days a week, and is willing to work for specific activities in evenings and/or weekends.
- Has experience with Adobe programs (Photoshop, Premiere, Illustrator, Indesign);
- Has a basic knowledge of google drive (Docs, Forms, Sheets).
- As part of our efforts in ensuring the representation of our community in the facilitators team, we highly appreciate and encourage applications from candidates with bi-cultural and migrant background.



Mohamad Saber and Suzan Becking work together on the coffee cups for the Arabic coffee house.

What can you expect from De Voorkamer?

- An energetic, active and involved team;
- A diverse work environment - you work on many different tasks and projects and gain in a short time a lot of experience;
- Flexibility and autonomy - the work is flexible and offers space for self initiated projects
- A market conform salary (based on the CAO Social Work);
- A trial period of 3 months with the aim to extend contract by one year with a perspective on a long term contract.
- An introduction to other cultures;
- Guidance and support from the team of De Voorkamer;
- Other 'perks' such as a delicious communal lunch, access to concerts and other activities and an informal workplace where nice contacts can be made.
- A progressive start: the hand-over period would last two months starting November 2024.

If you are interested in this position, please send your motivation letter, your portfolio, and your CV to info@devoorkamer.org before September 29th 2024.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us!



During storytelling evenings, participants of storytelling trajectories perform their stories to the audience of De Voorkamer, often accompanied by a musician.



Tables designed by community members in a co-creation project in De Voorkamer.