

April 17, 2024: Input from Internationals

Answers were scribbled onto table cloths during the Meet & Greet and later voted on highest priority. The answers in **BOLD** were the most popular.

What is your favorite discovery or resource that you found in this neighborhood?

- **Couvéehuis**
- Fellow expats
- **Street parties**
- Dogs playground
- Street WhatsApp group
- Bakeries
- Pastanini
- The sea & lots of restaurants that offer fresh fish
- Statensport
- Beautiful architecture
- Statenkwartier Facebook
- Statenkoerier
- A lot of green and flowers
- **Museumjaarkaart (annual pass)**
- The many shops/cafes
- Remove the telephone box with Stalin statue in it
- Paagman bookstore
- Nice restaurants at the beach
- **Frederik Hendriklaan / De Fred**
- **The beach**
- Zorghvlietpark
- Lots of kids - the area isn't stuffy at all!
- Statenkwartier Mama's Facebook group
- Popular
- Expat friendly
- Safety
- Conversation Dutch at Couvéehuis
- Trams 11 + 17
- Luciano's
- HEMA
- People riding bikes
- Non stinky air
- Roasted brussel sprouts
- The playground
- Nature
- All the dogs
- The green park
- The friendly understanding neighbors

- Children 0-4 playgroup at Couvéehuis

What would you love to see in this neighborhood?

- Playground!
- Soccer fields
- Expats burendag
- Community pool
- **An event-activity calendar**
- Weekend guided tours around the neighborhood
- Diner en blanc
- Tug of war: Internationals vs. locals
- More dogs playgrounds
- Large gym
- More bars!
- More Dutch pride (flags for events)
- A park for kids
- Affordable living
- **A nice pub!**
- **Neighbors who can walk with elderly + people in need**
- Euro Cup/world cup/olympics on a big screen
- These events!
- Repair cafe
- Cultural neighborhood tours (for individuals) (now only group sessions exist and you can't join as individual)
- **Dutch language practice/taalcafé**
- **Expats borrel (drinks)!**
- Community garden to grow vegetables
- Park + flowers
- Bike tour
- Samen eten evenings
- Exchange recipes
- Community events to swap toys & clothing for kids 0-5 yo
- **Network - Next door to help each other**
- A gym for kids
- More events like this but with/for kids
- Exchange services (you cut my hair/I translate your doc)
- Service with job search for expats in NL
- More communicating
- Cheaper prices (cafe/shop)
- Handy men or women

What is the best way to reach the internationals in this community?

- The Expat Store
- Offer free drinks
- **Regular meetings like this!**
- **Drinking evenings/street parties**

- Through street WhatsApp groups
- Expat evenings
- Beach meetings
- Facebook
- Meet on the street
- A 'buurtvereniging' managed Facebook/WhatsApp group
- **WhatsApp group**
- YouTube (comments)
- International schools (ISH, German, French, European)
- Coupon/coupon book for expats
- **Facebook group for expats**
- Library handouts
- (Dress up) party or gala or street party or cocktail party
- Make a restaurant for internationals and Dutch people (to meet)
- Offer healthy food at a restaurant
- Playground
- Posters in cafés & Social media

What could you offer the community?

- Photos
- **Introducing neighbors to other languages, culture, cuisine, Generally internationalizing the Statenkwartier**
- Help with spreading the word about activities/events happening in the neighborhood (w/ internationals, w/ Dutch neighbors)
- **Babysitting**
- **To go for walks together**
- **Assign a 'longer term' person to a newcomer to introduce them to the neighborhood**
- Knowledge of the Dutch language
- Organize playdates for kids
- Storytelling
- Help clean and maintain green spaces
- Play a board game
- My wife paints (abstract)
- Artistic Creations. Help to people. Aid for urban project
- Making ceramics + painting
- Lending stuff
- Reading Italian poems or books "Dante ... tec."
- Self-regulation master classes
- I can help with gardening
- Group morning exercises outside
- I play violin (not only on King's day)
- **Organize coffee mornings!**
- Digital creative
- **Dog walking**
- Organizing a repair café