



## **Defenders in Dordrecht**

**Rest, reflection & recharging**

### **Annual report 2022**

DiD, to some extent, followed the national crisis in 2022 as well. We were able to leave the COVID crisis behind but then experienced the asylum crisis, and we ended up with the housing crisis ourselves. The war in Ukraine led to an unprecedented reception of displaced people. Unfortunately, in this situation, DiD did not manage to find sustainable accommodation for our guests.

At the start of the year, we managed to welcome a guest from a very large country in Asia. The long arm of that country's authorities and the nature of persecution in that country meant that we had to treat this guest with extra discretion. It also meant that on this occasion, we could hardly share any information with our volunteers and supporters, let alone the wider public.

There is something uncomfortable about that, but the trade-off is quickly made if we keep in mind our primary goal, the resilience of the human rights movement. We then sacrifice our secondary goal of raising awareness in our own community for that.

DiD keeps in touch with its former guests. This year, in particular, with those from Ukraine, who each in their own way stood up against the Russian invasion.

As for our organisation, our chief financial officer, Tomar van Dijk, completed his duties at the end of the year. We continue to look for his replacement, and reinforcements in the area of communication would also be welcome so that we can keep our supporters better and more regularly informed. We are satisfied with our solid permanent core and the group around it. In October, we used the DiD meal together, something that should return every year.

Financially, we ended the year with a substantial negative result. This arose because our main grantor reclaimed the balance of previous grants, where previously, it had been suggested that this would no longer happen. The bump is now behind us, and we are making provisions for future grants. In addition, we continue to maintain frugal and sharp financial management. Thanks to the Dordrecht community and Friends' contributions, DiD is also in good financial health. We ensure that we continue to meet the conditions for ANBI status.

We ended the year with concrete prospects of hosting a new guest, from Zimbabwe. To this end, we found ad hoc accommodation. We take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and friends for their heartwarming efforts and look forward to the coming year's challenges with confidence.

The board.

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