



Policy plan 2019 ILC Netherlands

Background

ILC Netherlands (ILC-NL) is an independent movement of people who aim to put aging high on the social and political agenda. The goal is to activate people in thinking about active and healthy aging in an early stage by organizing debates, media attention, and sharing experiences and expertise (both nationally and internationally). ILC-NL is committed to the independence state of being of the elderly, requiring tailored conditions, skills and a good living environment. The vitality of the elderly should be promoted while vulnerability and dependency are postponed as long as possible. In addition, it is important to remain active as an employee, volunteer or entrepreneur without being discriminated because of age.

ILC-NL is supported by Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing and is a member of the International Longevity Center Global Alliance, an international federation of centres for active and healthy aging. The ILC Global Alliance consists of centres in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States. These centres work both autonomously and collaboratively to study how greater life expectancy and increased proportions of older people impact on nations around the world. The priorities of the centres are:

- to identify productive aging as an important topic, not just paid employment, but also continuing talent development and contributions of older people;
- to promote educational, research and policy initiatives, advancing an active, healthy life throughout the life course.

Activities

ILC member countries meet once per two years to report on their activities and to discuss collaborative research and activities. Furthermore, ILC member countries individually organize (inter)national meetings. This year the annual meeting will take place in November in Sydney, Australia and will be combined with the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics conference a few days later.

An international publication is written in collaboration with five other ILC's about the retirement age and the differences between countries. ILC Netherlands is one of the contributors.

ILC Netherlands monitors the development of the so-called city village initiative 'Stadsdorp Zuid' in Amsterdam. This city village has now more than 400 members and operates completely independent. Also in other neighbourhoods in Amsterdam city villages have been set up and it is a great success for cohesion and social support by peers. ILC Netherlands does not fund this initiative anymore but promotes this initiative for example during a course given by Leyden Academy for executives and managing directors.

Financing

The staff of ILC-NL is directly paid by Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing. The board of ILC-NL is responsible for the financial status of the organization. Yearly, the budget is set by the members of the board and afterwards controlled by an independent board committee that functions as controller.