



Policy plan 2017/2018 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, *Vereniging Aegon* and *Vereniging Het Zonnehuis*, and is a member of the International Longevity Center Global Alliance, an international federation of centers for active and healthy aging. The ILC Global Alliance consists of centers 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 centers 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 centers 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 Netherlands

ILC member countries yearly meet to report on their activities and to discuss collaborative research and activities. In conjunction with this meeting, an international symposium is hosted by an ILC Global Alliance member country, to which the other member countries contribute scientifically. Furthermore, ILC member countries individually organize (inter)national meetings.

The focus of ILC Netherlands is activities in the field of:

- labour: research is conducted about the moment of retirement and cognition;
- self-organisation: monitor housing developments of seniors (such as so-called city villages).

Financing

ILC-NL works with a small budget to finance their activities. The staff is funded by Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing and *Vereniging Aegon*. Research is funded by subsidies and sponsorships. 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.