

# BOUWEN AAN DE POORT BUURTKRANT

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## A HOME IN THE FLIER

APARTMENTS ALMOST READY FOR RENT!

## DE POORTCAST

THE FIRST PODCAST OF AMSTERDAMSE POORT

**AICS**

AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN THE ZANDKASTEEL

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## THE B.C. CORE GROUP OF AMSTERDAMSE POORT

### A BRIEF REPORT ON OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE RESIDENTS EVENT OF 29 DECEMBER

*Text: B.C. Core group*

This was a really fun gathering with a great turnout, thanks in part to the support of Plegt - Vos, Akor, St Woon, CBRE and Ymere. We'd originally planned to have the younger residents paint paintings to brighten up the new office at Bijlmerplein 99, but we ended up letting the adults do it, which worked out pretty well!

Attendants came up with lots of great ideas for the community, such as a walking club, or a lounge where people can drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, a bit of warmth or a pleasant chat with other locals. If you have suggestions of your own, please let us know.

We'd also invited an energy coach, but had to cancel this, unfortunately, as the coach came down with the flu. But we'll make up for this at the next event, where there'll also be a demonstration on cooking without gas.



### GET IN TOUCH WITH THE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

Do you know of an issue concerning the neighbourhood that deserves more attention? And how would you like to be kept up to date on local matters? The Residents' Committee has usually decided things like these, but we'd like to hear from everyone. Would you like to attend one of our meetings? Or would you like to know more about the kind of things we can help with?



**EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO:  
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# THE 4 QUESTIONS FOR... CAROLA STEUR

SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER  
AMSTERDAMSE POORT (CBRE)



As Senior Marketing Manager, Carola is responsible for the promotion of Amsterdamse Poort, which she does by organising events, making the neighbourhood centre inviting (with festive lighting, outdoor planters, street art, etc.) and overseeing online and offline campaigns. In fact, it's safe to assume that anything you think contributes to the attractiveness of Amsterdamse Poort has probably been approved by Carola, which is enough reason to get to know her better.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE EVENT OF ALL LAST YEAR?

"It has to be the Solo Salon. We had a greenhouse set up in front of KFC where people could get free mini beauty treatments, and it was so popular that people were queuing up for it before we'd even opened! It was amazing."

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

"That's always a tough one, isn't it? I like so many things, which is why lunchtime at the Poort is the highlight of my day. I recently had some soft tortillas at the Salsa Shop, and they were absolutely delicious! They're sold in sets of three, and you can choose from a range of fillings. So I always choose different things in order to have a bit of everything: one with chicken, one with beef and one with pork."

## WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD?

"I've been working here for a year now, and I've already got to know so many people. People we work with, commission to do things, test things with, and so on. My network is growing, and it's populated by locals, which feels nice. I also love the vibe here. It's great that you can just wander around the neighbourhood and meet all sorts of people, everyone from graffiti artists and entrepreneurs to local residents, whom we've been known to surprise with free oliebollen [Dutch dumplings]."

## WHAT MAKES THE POORT UNIQUE?

The fact that 8.5 million people have visited the place in the past year. Few spots in the country attract that many people.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CAROLA OR GET IN TOUCH WITH HER?  
THEN DROP HER AN EMAIL AT: [CAROLA.STEUR@CBRE.COM](mailto:CAROLA.STEUR@CBRE.COM)**

# AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL



## BACK TO SCHOOL

It's almost time! Construction is still under way, but come September and the school will throw open its doors. After more than a year and a half of renovations, the three towers of the architectural monument known as the Zandkasteel will have been transformed into the South East campus of the Amsterdam International Community School, courtesy of the Van Wijnen construction company, on commission for the city council.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

In 2019, the city council bought the three towers of the Zandkasteel, and commissioned Van Wijnen for the transformation of this former bank building into a school. The conversion proceeded in two phases. Phase 1, the exterior renovation, began at the end of March, 2021. This also included work on the interior, with recycled materials to ensure sustainability. The second phase began in March, 2022, and included the cleaning of facades and window frames, the installation of a new roof, and the implementation of energy-efficiency measures. The building will be ready for use in August.

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Amsterdam International Community School (AICS) is part of the Esprit Scholengroep, which consists of 15 schools in

the Amsterdam region. It is designed to serve the expat community in the Netherlands, and all lessons are in English. The Zuidoost (South East) campus was established in 2019, in a temporary building on the Darlingstraat. The school caters for the needs of students of more than 65 nationalities, and its teaching staff is as diverse as its student body. A core part of AICS's curriculum is its "Service in Action" programme, in which students are encouraged to find ways to serve the local community. Do you have a project that our students could help with? Then email us at: [infosoutheast@aics.espritscholen.nl](mailto:infosoutheast@aics.espritscholen.nl).

*"We can't wait  
to meet you all!"*

# GET TO KNOW THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## Cluster 5

### WORKS UPDATE

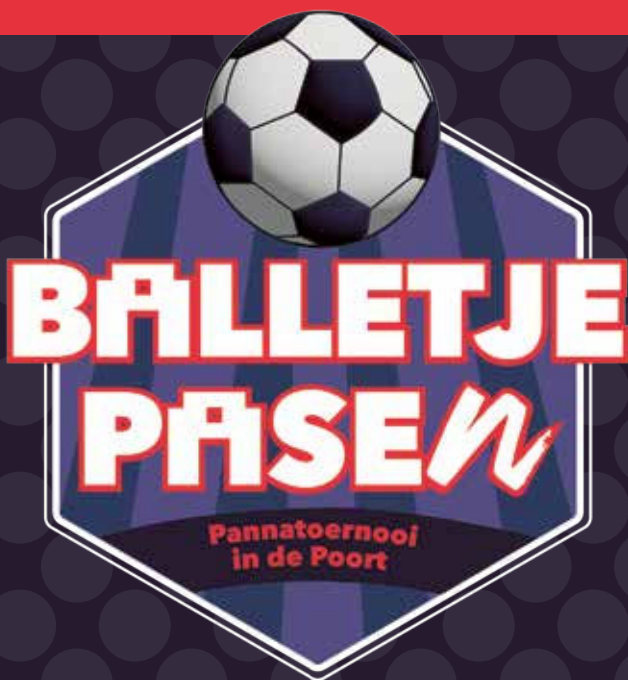
Since mid-January, the project developer, 3W, has been working on the new facades and canopy of Cluster 5, the block where Nico's Slagerij and New Metropolis are located. Meanwhile, the HEMA's extension is almost complete, and most of the shops in the cluster now boast new facades, which means the temporary ones are now gone. The facades of the residential buildings have also been refurbished. Over the next few weeks, the contractor will complete work on several things, including the canopy, greenery, and advertising hoardings and signs. If all goes according to plan, the project will be completed in early May.



### A HOME IN THE FLIER

The new apartments in the former office building on the Flierbosdreef are now available to rent. The building's temporary tenants will leave on the 1st of June, as permanent tenants will start moving in on the 1st of July. The building, which used to be the premises of the Amsterdam Tax Office, has been converted into a residential complex with 397 flats ranging in size from 25m<sup>2</sup> to 49m<sup>2</sup>. The complex includes a laundrette, and on the ground floor, facing the street, are units for commercial enterprises and a catering establishment. And the best news of all is that anyone who's lived in Zuidoost for at least six years will be given priority over other rental applicants. Want to know more? Check out the website: [www.deflieramsterdam.nl](http://www.deflieramsterdam.nl)





 **Hoekenrodeplein**  
**Saturday 8 April | 11am - 5pm**

**On Easter Saturday**, we're hosting a sporting event on the Hoekenrodeplein, near **Bijlmer Arena station**. It's football-related and involves passing, happily not the kind Easter is celebrated for.

Facing a **challenge** and feel like showing off your **panna-skills**? Then enter our Panna Tournament for a chance to qualify for the **NK Panna Knock Out**. **Nasser el Jackson** will open the tournament with a panna demonstration, which is bound to give participants some inspiration. So come join the fun on **Saturday 8 April** whether as a participant or a cheering spectator. Entry **is free** and prior registration isn't required!

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# ZUIDOOST DISTRICT OFFICE

## REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS OR VIOLATIONS

If you notice an item of street furniture (benches, street signs, pavements, etc.) or something in a park that needs repairing or cleaning, you can report it to the city council. You can also report driving hazards (e.g. obstructions on the road) or noise disturbances from individuals or catering establishments. You can do this via the website [meldingen.amsterdam.nl](https://meldingen.amsterdam.nl) or by calling **14 020**.

Note: If you want to report a problem with a street light, please remember to make a note of the specific lamppost. This is so the city council knows which street light to repair. Litter bins also have individual numbers, which you must provide when making a report about a damaged bin.

## NEWS FROM YMERE

### THIS IS HANS, YMERE'S NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER

*Text: Hans de Graaf, Ymere*

"My name is Hans de Graaf, and I'm the neighbourhood manager of the Bijlmerplein. That means I monitor everything that's happening in the neighbourhood and tell people where to go for whatever help or support they need. I know everything there is to know about the neighbourhood and Ymere, and keep in close contact with the city council, healthcare providers and the police. My goal is to work with local residents to keep the neighbourhood clean, safe and free of nuisance. I'm easy to find as I'm always walking around the place, but you can also come and see me at the neighbourhood office at Bijlmerplein 99 or call me on **06 41064486**. I'm there every Tuesday from 13.00 -14.00 for consultations."



### PUBLIC DISTURBANCES AND HOUSING FRAUD

Ymere has a very effective approach to tackling housing fraud and public disturbances. Do you have any questions concerning these issues or want to make a report? Then contact Anna Niczaj on **06 25713065**.

### CAN'T PAY THE RENT? GET IN TOUCH!

Difficulties with paying the rent can cause a lot of stress and other problems. To avoid this, we ask you to contact us as soon as possible if you fall behind on your rent. We'll help you find a solution. You can call us to talk about it or make an appointment for a chat at the neighbourhood office at Bijlmerplein 99. The number for both is **088 080 75 55**.

## THE AMSTERDAMSE POORT'S VERY OWN PODCAST: **DE POORTCAST**



MARIAN DUFF AND JOHN AGESILAS

Amsterdamse Poort is fast becoming the commercial, social and cultural heart of Zuidoost. That means people no longer associate it solely with shopping, but also with living, working, entertainment, learning and socializing. We've now launched a series of public platforms for discussing issues relevant to life in Amsterdamse Poort, and one of these is a podcast called De Poortcast.

De Poortcast is a video podcast that we record in the very heart of Zuidoost, i.e. at Local Wave, Amsterdam's first podcast studio. Each episode features the host(s) in conversation with special guests.

The first episode was about traditional attire, as Zuidoost residents are renowned

for conveying pride in their heritage through what they wear. The second episode was about culture, and featured two cultural entrepreneurs who have brought a bit of flair to the heart of Zuidoost – Marian Duff of OSCAM and John Agesilas of Foundation – whom the host, Carmen, talked to about realizing their dreams and their plans for the future. You can follow De Poortcast on Amsterdamse Poort's YouTube channel:

