

Press Release

## A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Open Call - New housing solutions for asylum seekers

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## **Six winning designs in design competition A Home away from Home** *Innovative solutions for the housing of asylum seekers*

June 29th the six winning designs in the competition 'A Home away from Home' were announced, by president of the jury Floris Alkemade and Carolien Schippers (COA, Government Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers). This competition was initiated by COA, in cooperation with the Dutch Government Architect. The winning designs were selected out of a total of 366 submissions. These submissions show a great variety of solutions for the housing of asylum seekers and other groups of people requiring affordable housing. A selection of designs is displayed in 'het Nieuwe Instituut' in a pop-up expo until the 7th of July. Prototypes of all winning designs will be shown during this year's edition of the Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven.

### **More than just a single answer**

From the jury report: 'The proposals are so diverse, selecting only one winner would not do justice to this enormously wide variety'. The jury wanted the final selection to reflect this diversity. Which is why they selected a broad spectrum of solutions. These designs all have the potential to really make a difference regarding the housing of refugees. Each because of its unique qualities.

In addition to the innovative application of materials and sustainable technology, the designs also addressed social issues, such as: large scale energy production, revitalisation of rural areas, integration, employment and the transformation of vacant buildings.

The winning designs are suitable for various circumstances, in a national as well as an international context. In the first place for use by COA, but additionally by other parties on different locations. They may for instance be applied in refugee camps in the middle east, or to create flexible housing for refugees holding a residence permit. Or they may prove to be the solution for people looking for their first affordable house. But also for students or senior citizens flexibility and affordability in housing is very important. With this broad selection the jury hopes to promote the development of flexible housing in general.

### **The six winners are:**

- **Nieuwe erven, nieuwe burenen, nieuwe oogsten - Haiko Meijer/Onix NL;**
- **Evolutionary wooden buildings - Jurrian Knijptijzer/Finch Building B.V.;**
- **ComfortCity/De Tussenruimte - Anneloes de Koff/Pieter Stoutjesdijk;**
- **Hotel nice to meet you - Rik Tuithof/studio Rik Tuithof;**
- **SolarCabin/Dak onder de zon - Bram Zondag/Arjan de Nooijer;**
- **RE-settle - René van Zuuk/René van Zuuk Architecten B.V.;**

The jury also granted six plans an honourable mention. Please find attached the full list of names of the teams.

### **From design to impact**

During the event on the 29th of June in 'het Nieuwe Instituut' in Rotterdam a website was launched with a database containing a large selection of the submissions [www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl](http://www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl). The complete package of submissions was presented to representatives of COA (Gerard Bakker, chairman), Aedes (Harry Bosch, board member), VNG (Jos Wiene, chairman commission asylum seekers) and Platform Opnieuw Thuis (Marco Florijn, ambassador for the platform). On behalf of these organisations they expressed their appreciation for the creativity brought forward in the plans. They also emphasised their motivation to help take these ideas to the next level.

### **To be continued: prototyping**

Following the competition, a number of prototypes will be shown during the Dutch Design week in October. Carolien Schippers, housing manager COA: "I strongly believe in the persuasive force of prototypes you can actually touch and experience the spatiality of. By contributing to the manufacturing of these prototypes we, as COA, want to help speed up the process towards the practical implementation of the designs." In these coming months the six winning teams are going to be working on the development of a full-scale prototype of their designs. The president of the jury, government architect Floris Alkemade, is very pleased with the design power that has been mobilised for this major social issue and he is prepared to be engaged in this next phase as well.

### **Jury**

The competition entries were judged by:

- Floris Alkemade – Government Architect
- Carolien Schippers – housing manager COA
- Jos Wiene – president asylum committee of the Council of Dutch Municipalities and mayor of the city of Katwijk.
- Shyam Khandekar – urban planner/architect in India and Europe, chief-editor of MY LIVEABLE CITY
- Ferdows Kazemi – former refugee, author, columnist
- Adri Duivesteijn – former member of the senate and former member of parliament Eerste en Tweede Kamerlid, municipal executive in Den Haag and Almere and former director of the Dutch Architecture Institute
- Mick Eekhout – professor emeritus product development Technical University Delft, owner and general director of Octatube in Delft.

For a more extensive (Dutch) jury report please visit the website of the competition.

### **More information**

A selection of entries, including the winners and honourable mentions, is available via [www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl](http://www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl). Images in high resolution can be found in the digital press information folder. The magazine, that was published for this occasion, can be downloaded either using the following link or via [www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl](http://www.ahomeawayfromhome.nl). The nominated plans and the winners are displayed until the 7th of July in 'het Nieuwe Instituut', Rotterdam and from 13th until 17th of July, in the Museumpark in Rotterdam during the White Nights Festival.

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**Winners and honourable mentions****The two winners in the category INSIDE are:**

- ComfortCity/De Tussenruimte: Anneloes de Koff – student TU Delft, Pieter Stoutjesdijk – TheNewMakers
- Hotel nice to meet you: Rik Tuithof – Studio Rik Tuithof, Stephan Verkuijnen – Stephan Verkuijnen architecten, Micha de Haas – Architectenbureau Micha de Haas

**The four winners in the category OUTSIDE are:**

- Evolutionary wooden buildings: Finch Buildings BV: Jurrian Knijtijzer, Pauline van der Valk, Despo Panayidou, Sam van der Heijde. De Groot Vroomshoop: Adam Duivenvoorden
- Nieuwe erven, nieuwe burenen, nieuwe oogsten: Haiko Meijer, Allart Vogelzang Henri van Hoeve -Onix NL, Dennis Moet- Gidz, Marco Glastra-Stichting Groninger Landschap, Peter de Kan-Dékan, Mathijs Dijkstra-MD landschapsarchitecten
- RE-settle: René van Zuuk, René van Zuuk Architecten B.V.
- SolarCabin/Dak onder de zon: Arjan de Nooijer: dNArchitectuur - Bram Zondag Bureau Zondag Architectuur, Arie Barth - Barth Installatietechniek B.V., Ewout Barth - Aldonk Plaatwerkindustrie B.V., Harald Freericks, Marijn van de Werken - KS Profiel B.V., Eric van Drimmelen - Houtgroep van Drimmelen B.V.

**Honourable mentions in the second round:**

- CLiv: Martin Huiskes - architect BNA, René Evers - IM-RO Procesmanagement Stedenbouw Landschap BV
- Domuskoffer: Wardo Tieman - Projektburo Tieman B.V.
- Mobaco-A-: Pantheon Performance Foundation, Michiel Haas – NIBE, Boudewijn Piscaer – SUSTCON, Gerard Hol - Vitruvius Building Solutions, Pim Peters - IMd raadgevende ingenieurs, Isabel Friederichs – Archiview, Jack van der Palen – Archiview, Emma Ringelding - Strips en illustraties

**Honourable mentions in the first round:**

- Unfold and wrap huis: Yanthe Boom - TU Delft
- Around: Mickael Minghetti - TU Delft
- Het Nieuwe Fundament: Elchan Koelijev Marcel van der Schuur, Yerun Karabey-Academie van Bouwkunst Groningen