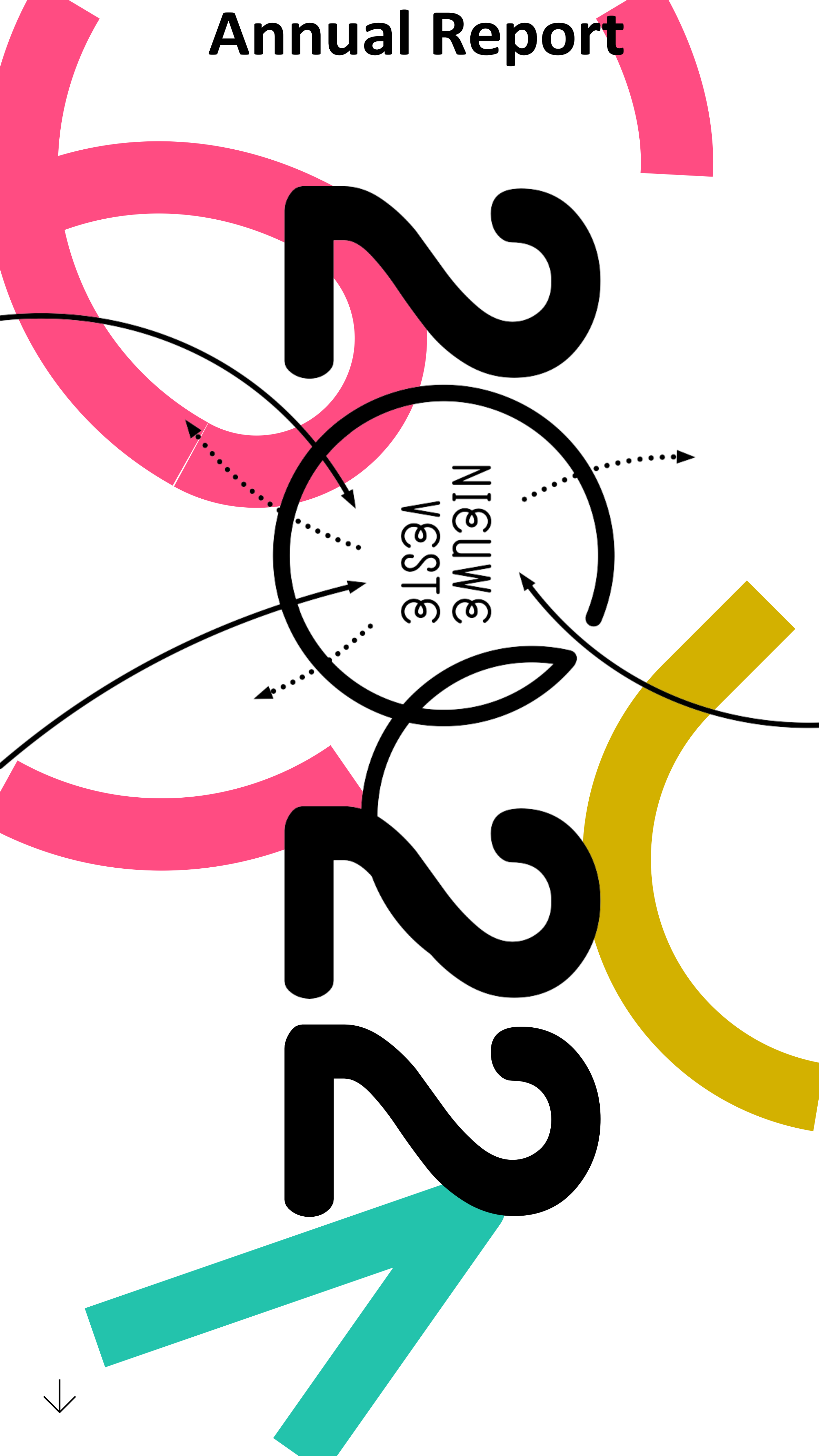
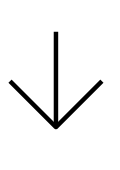


# Annual Report



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## PREFACE



Imagination unites, that much is clear from the magnetic force the central location of Nieuwe Veste has on pupils, students, journalists, families, word artists, linguistic students, (technical) creatives, choirs, children and visitors. The place brings a social sight to Breda. The locations Noord, Zuid, Belcrum (Stokvishallen) also buzz. Nieuwe Veste connects to new creators, amateur artists and other providers more emphatically by offering them a spot within the different locations.

More and more citizens of Breda let themselves be surprised after a dark period of Covid with activities at the schools and in neighbourhoods. With successful, proven concepts such as 'discover your talent' and 'living library' and with new initiatives like 'the rich schoolday', 'flip the page – young adult bookfest' and the 'citystages'.

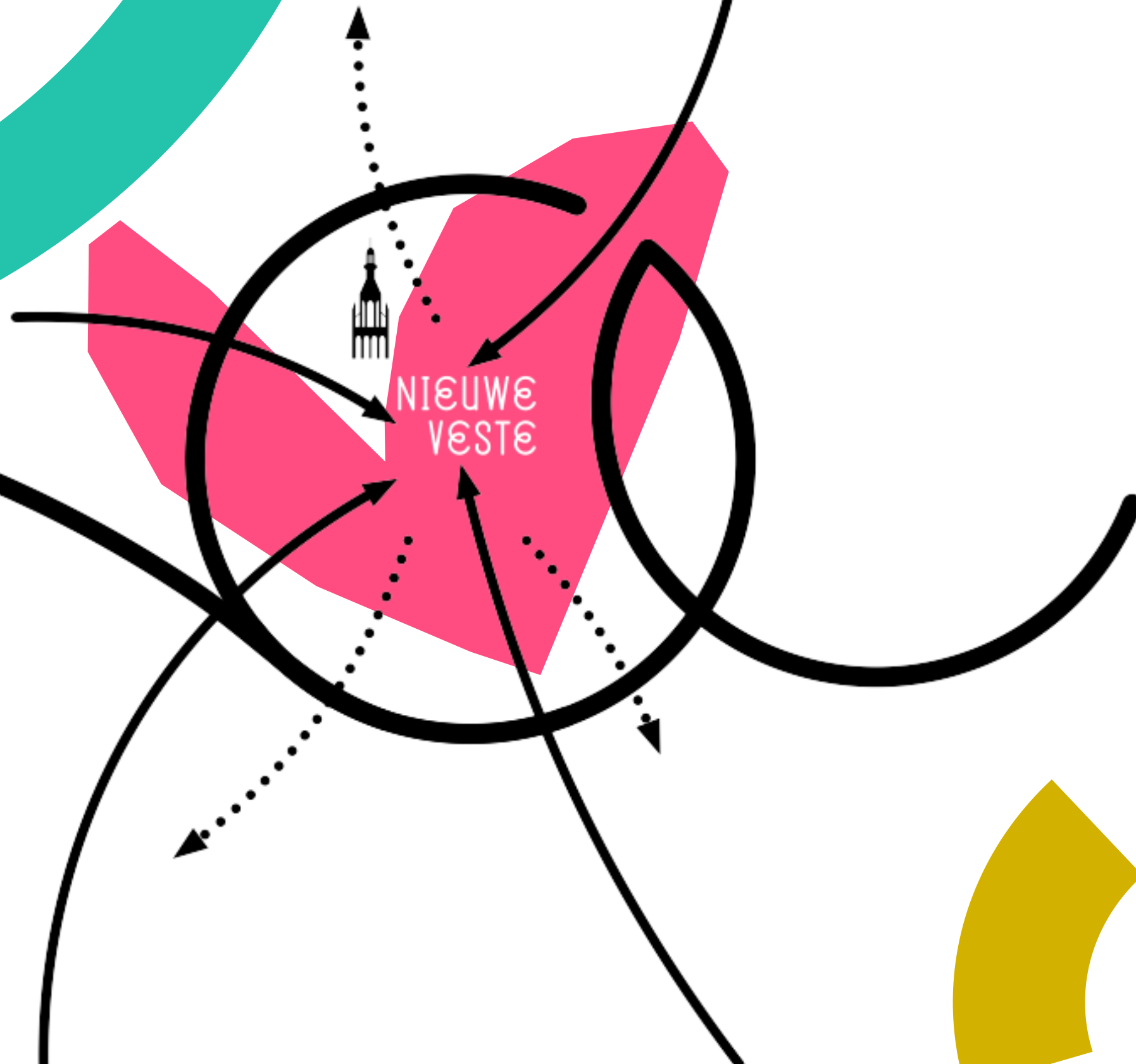
Nieuwe Veste: a magical place, a sparkling social sight. Enjoy reading!

**Hilda Vliegthart**  
Director

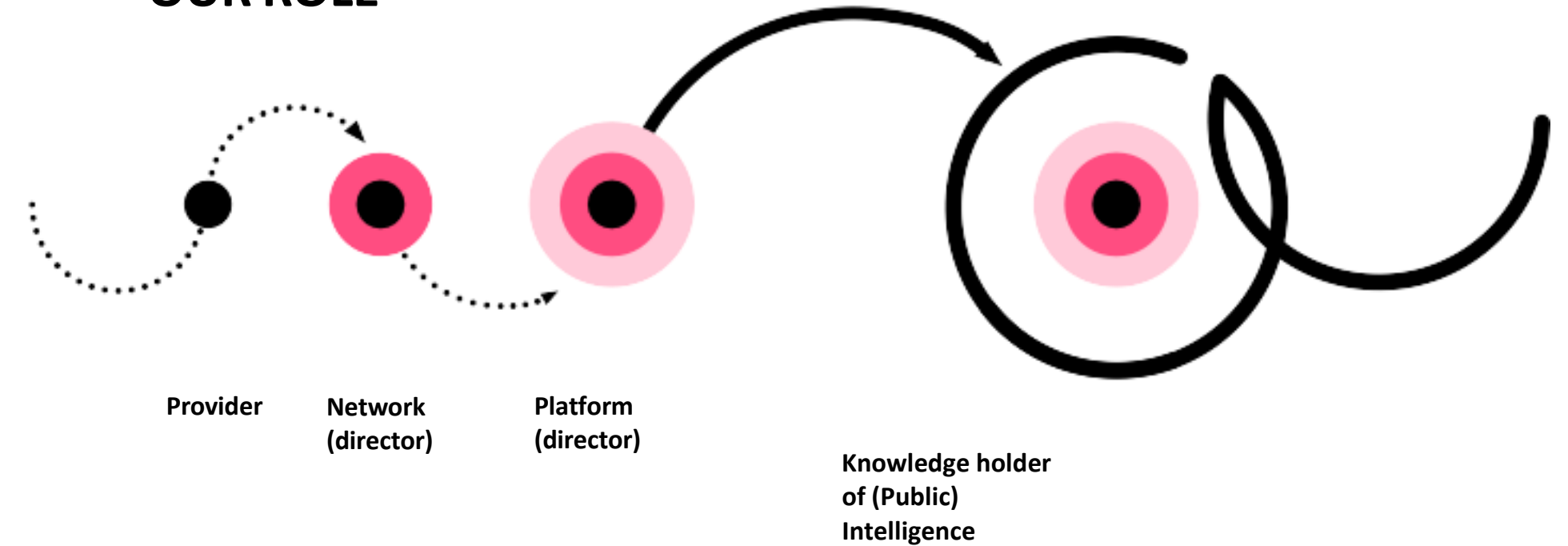
On October 1st Gertjan Endedijk retired after 10 years Nieuwe Veste. Hilda Vliegthart became the new director.



# NIEUWE VESTE AND BREDA



## OUR ROLE



To let everybody in Breda get in touch with language, creativity and art. That is the ambition of Nieuwe Veste.

- As provider we have our library, lessons and courses and the makersbase accessible to everyone.
- As networkingpartner you will run into us everywhere: at schools, in the neighbourhood, in healthcare institutions and during your leisure time.
- Our location (physical and digital) is a meeting ground for everyone!

We do this by working together with others. Because together we get further, inspire and eliminate obstacles.

In this way we create a meeting ground where you are always welcome, with a buzzing cultural offering for everyone.

Nieuwe Veste exists for every Bredanaar who wants to discover themselves. We excite your senses, together with other organisations, in the field of language, creativity and art. Culture makes life much more beautiful.

So, discover yourself at Nieuwe Veste!

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## Together we make Breda creative

Breda is a breeding ground for creativity, arts and culture. Nieuwe Veste exists for everyone involved in these domains in their free time. We connect professionals and amateurs by supporting through organisation, expertise, network, communication and passing knowledge. This is how we bring culture closer to the citizens of Breda. By, for and with amateur artists we organized and initiated (interactive) events. In our buildings and in different neighbourhoods. Through this we reached existing and new target audiences.

## Scan & Recovery plan Amateur arts after Covid

In assignment of the municipality of Breda, Nieuwe Veste executed a scan with the amateur arts in Breda to map the needs of diverse disciplines within these arts after Covid. Both parties will work together in the coming year to analyse the results of this scan.

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"We support creators from Breda with our knowledge, network, publicity and resources. By bringing the Citystage to the people we connect Citizens of Breda with everything the city has to offer in the amateur arts in an accessible way."

## Citystage

Through the Citystage, Nieuwe Veste helps creative Citizens of Breda with their cultural initiatives. The Citystage – where visitors enjoy shows and surprising elements – can be anywhere in the city. Nieuwe Veste connects professionals, is open, and diverse in programming and cultures which we offer a stage and reach better in this way. Citizens of Breda came together for art, culture and creativity at events in community centre De Vlieren, social cultural centre De Poelewei and community centre Gageldonk.

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Bekijk ons filmpje



## Together we break the norm

In collaboration with Bo Diversity we want to break with norms in Breda surrounding genderroles, sexism and privilege. This resulted in the concept Normbrekers: a series of five themes concerning inclusivity. During meeting- and debate evenings we discuss taboo topics. A host from Bo Diversity leads the dialogue through interviews with speakers, fragments from documentaries and social experiments.

[Ontdek meer](#)

## Did you know that?

- The infopoint Amateurkunst Breda surprises you with cultural activities in the city.
- You can see expositions of various amateur artists in the buildings of Nieuwe Veste.
- We collaborate with private music teachers in Breda. In this way, students can present, play together and get to know professionals.
- We founded the Musicians Market Square for community building in the Breda music scene.
- We inspired various amateur associations to participate in the Cultural Sundays.
- Nieuwe Veste works according to the Diversity & Inclusion Code, the Fair Practice Code and the Cultural Governance Code.

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"Bo Diversity organized the exhibition Taboo Tabee at Nieuwe Veste. These short films with personal stories made taboos negotiable and subjects that receive hardly any attention visible. For example, the standard of masculinity in our society."

## BREDA A SOCIAL SIGHT

Every citizen of Breda must be able to develop themselves and creativity is of great importance. For your self-esteem, happiness and independence, but also for your resilience and adaptability. All qualities that are important to participate in society. Creativity gives strength!

### Digi-Taalhuis Breda certified

In order to participate, it is important that you speak Dutch and can work with a computer and the Internet. Digi-Taalhuis therefore organizes language groups, courses and walk-in consultation hours for people for whom this is not self-evident. Together with its partners, Digi-Taalhuis Breda realized a great recognisability in the city.

As coordinator of the Digi-Taalhuis, Nieuwe Veste received an official quality certificate from the Certification Organisation for Library Work, Culture and Language. Among other things, the CBCT looked at the social impact and the future-proofing of the Digi-Taalhuis. The auditor specifically mentioned the exemplary role of Digi-Taalhuis Breda for fellow language houses.

- 1300+ Digi-Taalhuis Breda; language trajectory, digital skills course, digi-walk-in

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### Creativiteit makes you strong!

In Europe, more than 55 million people between the ages of 15 and 65 have difficulty reading and working with the computer. Research shows that you need creativity to develop these basic skills. That's why we worked with partners from Belgium and Germany on the power of creativity as a basic skill in adult education. We share the knowledge gained on a European level through Art as Leverage. By applying this knowledge, we increase the chance of employment and stimulate independence and personal growth. On an international level, Nieuwe Veste collaborates in various Erasmus plus projects.

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### Warm Room plus

The high energy prices lead to problems for many people in Breda. Reason for Nieuwe Veste to join the project 'Warm Rooms' of the Salvation Army. Anyone who needs a warm place or wants to save on energy bills is welcome. In our libraries North, South and Center you will always find a place where you can read, study and work during opening hours. In addition; at Nieuwe Veste you will be surprised by all the vibrant cultural activities that take place every day.

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### Trymaisya

We set up Trymaisya to offer support to Ukrainians in a creative way. With the project we responded to current events and asked creative Breda residents for involvement, participation and empathy. They colored 1000 booklets, which we then took to multiple cities in Ukraine. Nieuwe Veste, together with partners such as BANK15 and Nassau Scholengemeenschap, has let Ukrainians and students from BUAs (social innovations) think creatively in the project. The reactions from Ukraine were heartwarming.

[Ontdek meer](#)

Anna Mazur, Ukrainian nationality. Project officer at Trymaisya.

"In times like this, it is difficult to find words that will express one's feelings. We wish this booklet will help you with holding up and finding hope. May the drawing be like a hug, for someone who needs it most right now."





Filmmaker Josefien van Kooten creates exhibition about her demented mother haar demente moeder – Breda Maakt 't



Interview with Karin at BredaNu



"We let the Dementheek develop further into a Memory Square with a wider range of courses and meetings."

### Dementheek

In front of various Breda welfare organisations, Alzheimer Nederland and interested visitors, Hilda Vliegenthart opened the first Dementheek in Breda in library South.

People that are confronted with dementia can find a broad collection of books and materials. Family members, caretakers and professionals might also find support in this collection.

[Ontdek meer](#)

### Help with energy surcharge and tax return

Citizens of Breda with a low income could apply for an energy allowance from the municipality in 2022. Not everyone manages to do this independently. As a partner of Zorg voor Elkaar Breda, we offered help with submission with the submission of the application from the Digital Government Information Point (IDO) and Digi-Taalhuis Breda. Filing (online) tax returns is also difficult for many citizens of Breda. Nieuwe Veste has agreed with the Tax and Customs Administration to offer help with this every year. During office hours in 2022, (trained) volunteers helped with the tax return. The IDO is increasingly used throughout the year for a wide range of digital help requests. In 2022, we answered 1600 questions.

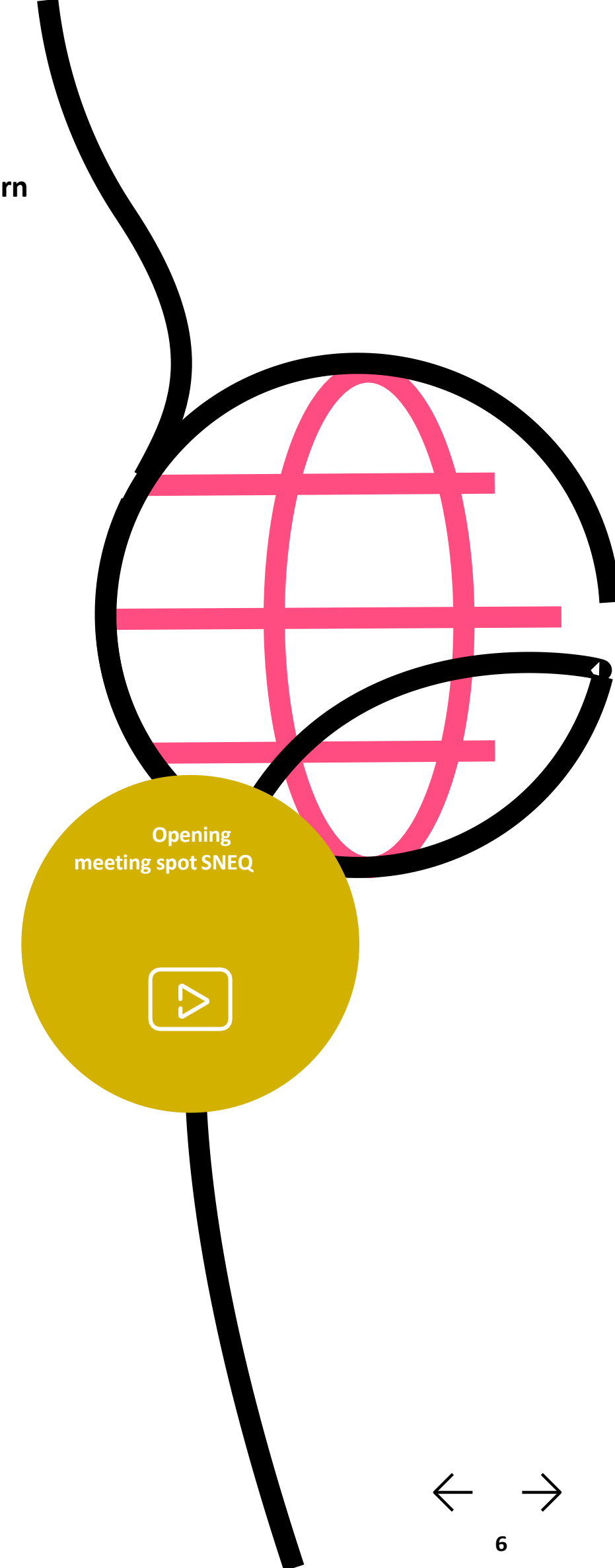
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### Opening meeting spot SNEQ

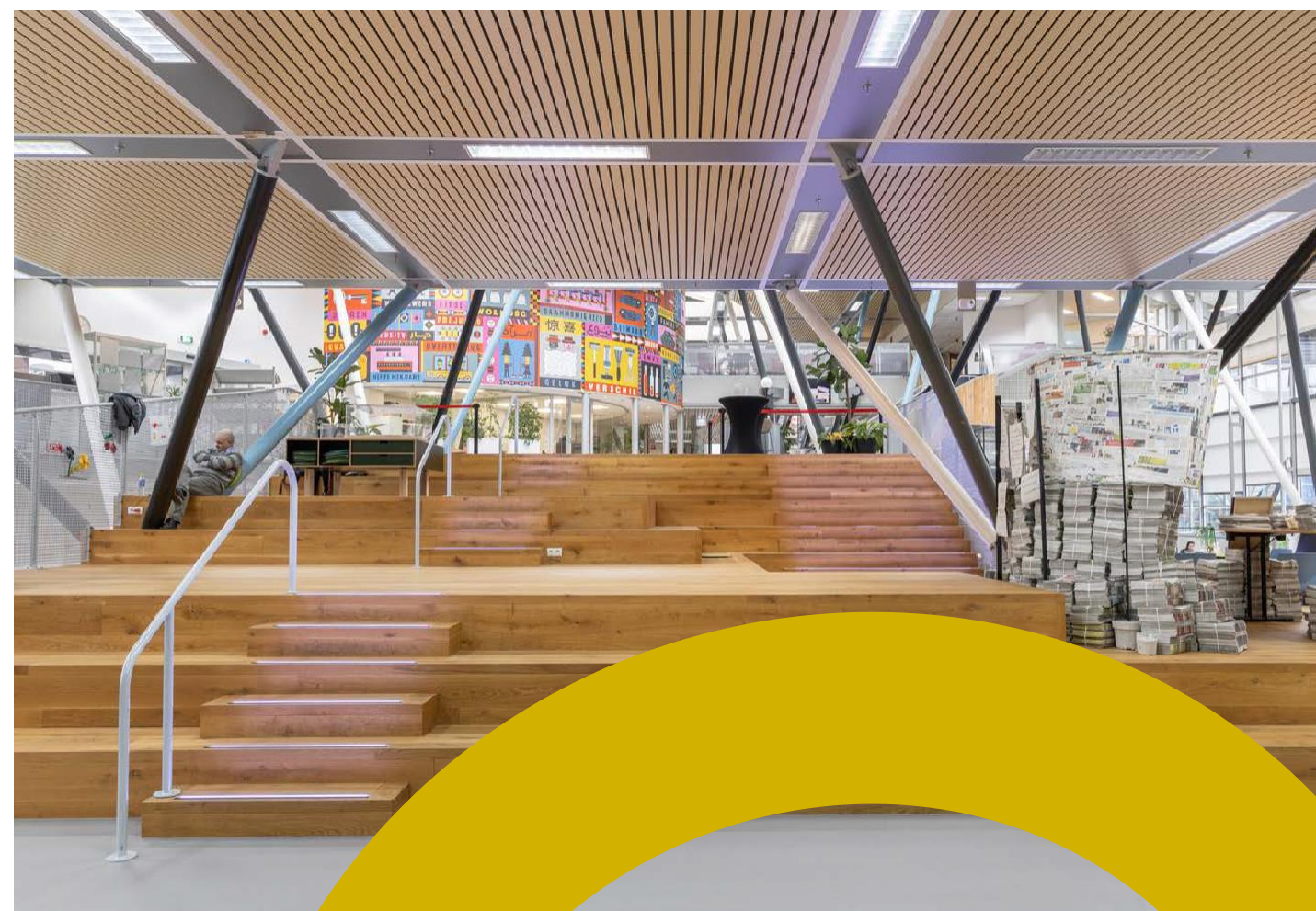
Last summer SNEQ opened, a place for a cup of coffee, a newspaper, book or game. But also for a good conversation, free workshop or inspiring lecture. SNEQ is a warm place where creativity, inclusion and acquainting stand at the core. To gain inspiration, discover a (new) talent and to network. Everyone is welcome, especially people with fewer financial opportunities and distance to the labour market. The name comes from the initials of the four partners: SMO, Nieuwe Veste, Emmaus and Quiet Breda.

[Ontdek meer](#)

Opening meeting spot SNEQ



# YOU SEE US EVERYWHERE



## AT SCHOOL

Nicole van Son

(Chairman of the Breda coalition Rijke Schooldag):

'Discovering what makes you happy; that's what you wish for every child, don't you?'

### Alliance Rijke Schooldag

In 2022, the Equal Opportunities Alliance and 45 forerunners, including a Breda coalition, conducted research into a Rich School Day. One of the participants in Breda is Nieuwe Veste. With extra activities around a Rich School Day, we stimulate talent development and increase opportunities for children. In this way we contribute to one of the four goals of Verbeter (Improve) Breda. In 2023, thirteen primary schools in Breda will start with a Rich school day. Curious about what such a Rich School Day entails?

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### Art&Cop education program

A good substitute for classes when (sick) teachers drop out is essential for schools. That is why Nieuwe Veste developed the Art & Culture education program together with art teachers and teachers from Primary School Teteringen. These are cultural multidisciplinary day programs for the lower and upper classes. The program is deployed to reduce the workload of teachers and to replace teachers in case of illness. The reactions of teachers, students and parents are positive. The program creates employment opportunities for teachers in the creative sector, contributes to the learning objectives and is funded with education funds (not with cultural education funds).

[Ontdek meer](#)



- 50 basisscholen work with us in the field of creativity and through this we reach 16.000+ students.
- 16 secondary schools work with us in the field of creativity
- 4000 participants aged 4-12 years old & 6000 participants aged 12-18 years old are involved in the cultural education offered by Nieuwe Veste at schools in primary- and secondary school

[Ontdek meer](#)



### (Media)Art & Technology: NeoPixel

Creating and owning the process makes young people self-reliant.

Technology is everywhere and Nieuwe Veste makes it accessible to everyone.

Our Makersbase developed a new educational project for this within the (media) Art & Technology subsidy programme from the Fund for Cultural Participation. In a pilot, twelve students from Newmancollege made a light artwork with the Micro:bit. Makersbase developed this into a teaching product for class 7 and 8 of primary education and the first classes of secondary education ([www.micropixel.nl](http://www.micropixel.nl)), to be booked ([www.educatiewijzerbreda.nl](http://www.educatiewijzerbreda.nl)) by schools starting school year '23/24.

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- 4000+ visitors Makersbase; PO, VO, MBO, HBO, courses & activities

### Cultural education Special needs (primary) education on the map!

Every child has the right to cultural education. In order to better align the cultural offer for pupils in special needs primary education with the programme at school, Nieuwe Veste carried out a study together with the S(B)O schools and cultural providers. The Fund for Cultural Participation provided a subsidy for this. There is now insight into the wishes, needs and possibilities of the school, intermediary and cultural provider. The selection of the offer was also improved. The offer was given its own place on the website of Educatiewijzer Breda.

[Ontdek meer](#)

Development trajectory  
Videoproduction:  
Ira Hoefsmid



Nicole Heijsters (Breda College):  
"You just need others, you can't do it alone."

### Did you know that?

- A start has been made in developing and offering more suitable offers for children in special needs education.
- This research resulted in a project at ONS SBO, in which visual studios are offered after school in collaboration with Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur.
- Our Intermediary Cultural Education is affiliated with the national network led by the LKCA and is trained to lead the certified training in Brabant.
- A network with a learning community with participants from the S(B)O and cultural providers has been set up.
- A film report has been made with the experiences of the S(B)O and the cultural field. This is visually elaborated in The Golden Triangle.



Courses & Lessons  
(various students and teachers speak).



## Courses & Lessons

People of all ages learn with us by playing and having fun. After Covid, people are opting for creative courses in their spare time even more than before. We will sing together, make music, dance, paint and act together again. And it is wonderful to finally put up big performances again in front of full halls! The final exhibition of visual art around the theme of COLOR popped off. The West Brabant Youth Orchestra closed with a beautiful performance at the Archeon and at the musical production, everybody was swinging at Sister Act.

We have a lot of new offerings in addition to our familiar classes. For this we work together with more than 50 different partners. From harmonies and fanfares to festivals, Jeugdfonds Sport & Cultuur and the Stedelijk Museum Breda.

[Ontdek meer](#)



Instrument & band  
en wind  
instruments  
(students speaking)



- 3000+ students; aged 14 - 18 years old
- 10% more students than in 2021 of which 74% new enrollments
- More than 100 performances, exhibitions and recitals
- 20 students took a special B, C, or D exam

## Our SBO – Youth atelier

Students of Ons SBO (school for special needs primary education) could participate in the Youth Workshop at their own school. Starting from visual lessons during school hours, Nieuwe Veste created the after-school Youth Workshop together with the school and with the support of the Youth Fund Sport & Culture.

During lessons children can give room to their imagination, express themselves and therefore excel in a different way. This is how we build knowledge together and let children continue to participate in art and culture. The pilot went well. We see a lot hidden talents! There are plans for a sequel.



"It was a lot of fun to work with your imagination!"

Youth workshop, made during the final exhibition at school (students speaking)



Docent

"Je hebt de kans om een aantal weken te werken met kinderen die zich anders niet direct voor je cursus hadden opgegeven."

## Discover your Talent

Encouraging children to develop skills and discover what they enjoy; that's what 'Discover your Talent Breda' is all about. A partnership to introduce children who need help developing their talents to a diverse range of extracurricular activities free of charge. For example, 'Heel Breda Bakt', the most popular activity in 2022. In their own neighborhood, children can participate for six weeks. This contributes to equal opportunities, better quality of life in the neighborhood and a lot of fun. View the offer via the app of Discover your Talent.

- 1400+ participants Discover your Talent, children aged 4-12 years old

Watch our video





## Flip the Page - Young Adult Bookfest

By putting young people who like to read in the spotlight, we want to strengthen both self-awareness and the reading and writing climate in Breda. We also encourage meetings; between readers and between readers and writers. Together with bookstores in the citycenter and a sounding-board group of young readers, Nieuwe Veste organized Flip the Page - YA Bookfest. A special event in which 120 young people participated. The formula for success turned out to be mainly the choice of writers and the combination with creativity. The next edition is on September 16th!

[Ontdek meer](#)

Informationpoints  
Digital  
Government (IDO)



- 6% increase library members
- 500.000+ checkouts; more youth checkouts
- 5100 users online library
- 303 1-year olds through Bookstart suitcases
- 1500 0-4 year olds through daycare locations with Bookstart and 2000 children with activities
- 7700 4-12 year olds through Library at School.
- 30 schools we work with in primary education
- 1700 students 12-17 years old through Library at School
- 3 secondary education schools work with us
- 1600 questions Informationpoint Digital Government

## Informationpoints Digital Government (IDO)

At a Digital Government Information Point (IDO), library staff help visitors find their way around all kinds of (digital) government information in an accessible way. We also often refer to other partners. For example, the Digi-Taalhuis Breda when it comes to digital skills and courses such as Klik & Tik and Digisterker. Or the telephone registration point of Zorg voor elkaar Breda in case of a personal request for help about, for example, care, finances, debts or the WMO. Nieuwe Veste has set up an IDO at the three library branches Centre, North and South. State Secretary Van Huffelen paid a working visit to Bibliotheek zuid and called IDOs in libraries essential services.

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## Living Library

Living Library is an event where visitors talk to a Living Book; someone with a special story. For example a homeless person, victim of the allowances affair or a former addict. In a twenty-minute conversation, they are allowed to ask anything and everything about the Living Book. The purpose of the Living Library is to combat prejudice. Together with local poets, photographers and designers we made a Living Magazine live in the library. More than 100 conversations were held!

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Staatsecretaris Van Huffelen  
"IDO's in libraries are essential social services."

## A SURPRISING MEETING PLACE FOR EVERYONE

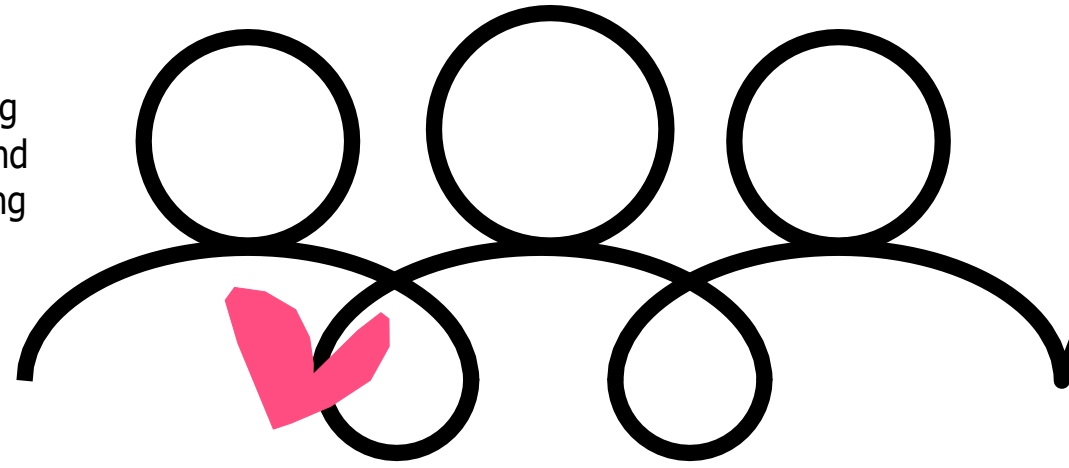
Nieuwe Veste is a place for everyone, both physically and digitally. We are working on a digital platform where citizens of Breda can find all the cultural offerings in the city. We are also a physical meeting place where you can always walk in, for a snack and a drink, a good book, a surprising activity or reading the newspaper. Everyone is welcome.



### BOMEN

Catering point BOMEN completes Nieuwe Veste. The start - just before all corona measures - was not ideal. However, visitors, employees and volunteers of Nieuwe Veste were able to find BOMEN quickly. The contemporary BOMEN freshly prepares almost everything itself, works together with sustainable suppliers and likes to join events of Nieuwe Veste with changing offers. This makes BOMEN both a place for good food and drinks and a meeting point. Feast through the link below.

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### On the way to a digital meeting place

The municipality of Breda considers it important that the cultural offer is visible in one central place online, so that as many citizens of Breda as possible can participate. Reason for Nieuwe Veste to develop a digital cultural platform for Breda. The platform focuses, among other things, on practicing and experiencing amateur art.

- 2000 visitors a day in our locations
- 400 activities a year
- 96.500 online visitors at [nieuweveste.nl](https://nieuweveste.nl)



Financial overview



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