### Safer Cities through Youth Development and Inclusiveness

**Description of event:**
The members of the Dutch Youth Panel (DYP), consisting of four Dutch organizations, hold the opinion that youth and youth organizations do have a crucial role to play in enhancing urban safety worldwide. Youth and youth organizations should have a strong say in decision-making and the implementation of projects which ultimately contribute to safer cities.

In this event, DYP will present a variety of approaches and activities that improve the general position of youth at risk in urban areas. By putting youth's interest, strengths and dignity at the centre, the approaches and activities offer development opportunities, creative opportunities, employment opportunities and inclusiveness in local governance. Ultimately this contributes to enhancing the safety in cities.

Through the presentation, DYP wants to show that repression only does not help in improving urban safety; all stakeholders (youth, private sector, public sector, NGOs) should join in strategies to (re-) integrate youth at risk offering a scope of serious opportunities.

**Name of organization:**
Dutch Youth Panel

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The Dutch Youth Panel consists of four Dutch organizations that are directly or indirectly active in the field of safer cities, youth at risk, youth employment and youth culture. The organizations work in Latin America, Africa, Asia and The Netherlands / Europe. This networking event aims to trigger the development of substantial links between European and African cities and municipalities on the subject of Safer Cities / Youth at Risk.

**Partner organizations:**
- Baobab Connections
- Both ENDS
- Cordaid
- Dutch Youth Council
- Dutch Habitat Platform

**Confirmed speakers:**
N/A

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