

KLEINE HAAG, WELCOME

The Royal Family arrives by bus at the Kleine Haag.

The mayor takes the king and queen to the place where a picture is taken with all storytellers. The storytellers thread everything from the day into one Amersfoort story. They represent the city and region and tell the story of WE, AMERSFOORT. This is then followed by a festive opening of this King's Day. The storytellers go to their place on the route, accompanied by the introduction of a musical theme. All storytellers rush to the Kleine Haag, where they will meet the king. Only the first storyteller remains standing. On the way to the Zuidsingel corner, the king will mingle frequently with the public.

Who is participating?

Primary school children from different schools. The following primary schools are involved:

- Catholic Primary School De Kinderhof
- Prince Willem-Alexander School
- Johannes Calvin School
- Special Primary Education Michaëlschool
- Public Primary School 't Spectrum

ZUIDSINGEL / KLEIN HAAG, STARTING LINE REGIOQUIZ

On the corner of the Zuidsingel and Kleine Haag, is the regional starting line. The royal family visits Amersfoort and the Amersfoort region. The region comes to Amersfoort and the king for a dazzling regional quiz! Participants in the quiz cycle to Amersfoort from every corner of the region. The starting line for the quiz is on the corner of Kleine Haag and Zuidsingel. The bike journey of participants to Amersfoort can be seen on a screen.

Who is participating?

The teams from Baarn, Barneveld, Bunschoten-Spakenburg, Eemnes, Leusden, Nijkerk, Soest, Woudenberg and Amersfoort.

ZUIDSINGEL, WE ALL OF US

On the Zuidsingel. is it WE, ALL OF US. In Amersfoort, everyone is welcome. We are a city of and for everyone! More than 120 different nationalities; old and young; with blond, red, black or purple hair; people above 2.10 m or below 1.60 m; people of different beliefs; very ordinary people and eccentrics; construction workers and artists, everyone acts themselves. Amersfoort is from and for everyone. And we do that together, because strangers quickly become acquaintances here. When

the Royal Family walk along the Zuidsingel, they will see it themselves: Amersfoort is from and for everyone.

Who is participating?

- Storyteller: Rachel Nieuwendaal, Teacher
- Arteganza Foundation together with lots of people from Amersfoort.

BIO STORY TELLER

Rachel Nieuwendaal Teacher

What could be better than a class full of different cultures? Nothing, says teacher Rachel Nieuwendaal of primary school 't Spectrum. "When I first came to this school three years ago, I immediately thought: this is it. Everything from our society comes together here. In my first year at this school, I had children from thirteen different nationalities in my class. That made me feel so proud. " Rachel was born in Tanzania and came to the Netherlands as a ten-year-old girl. She always knew she wanted to do something with children. After some wanderings, she opted to become a teacher. She feels completely in her place, especially at her school in the Schuilenburg district.

"We are all the same on the inside. That is the most important thing I want to teach the children. You can be proud of your religion, your origin, but also respect those of others. Together you are a child, that is what binds."

Rachel has lived in Amersfoort with her family for 24-years. They chose the city for its strategic location. "I find it very pleasant here. In this city, people are just really nice. "

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ZUIDSINGEL, BOOGIEWOOGIE MONDRIAN

At the ZUIDSINGEL there is also BOOGIEWOOGIE MONDRIAAN. Various music groups play tribute to Piet Mondriaan, who is regarded as one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. The walk is enlivened by music that is played live in the gardens behind the water. As one of Amersfoort's most famous citizens, Mondriaan is of course part of King's Day. The birthplace of Mondriaan is a stone's throw from the Zuidsingel. The boogie woogie sounds the beat!

Who is participating?

Fanfare Band National Reserve, DJ King ST, Showband Juliana Amersfoort, Mondriaanhuis (Amersfoort in C).

VARKENSMARKT, RECYCLE YOURSELF

Do and discover! How do you turn old clothing into something new? How do you generate your own energy? How do you organize sustainability in your own home, garden and life?

Sustainability, not only at the level of industry and large-scale wind farms, but also at the level of your own life, in your own home and garden; you can already do a lot without it costing a lot of money! We show examples like: recycling old clothes and giving them a new life. Take the bike more often. Make deodorant or shampoo yourself without packaging. Disconnect your drainpipe from the sewer. Insulate the attic. And you can prepare so many delicious dishes with the 'leftovers' from the days before or the things that threaten to mold in your fridge.

And that is not only environmentally worthwhile, it is also super fun! We will show this and more at the Varkensmarkt.

Who is participating?

Recycle Amersfoort-Leusden, Nicky and Jessie Kroon.

BIO STORY TELLERS

Jessie and Nicky Kroon, Sustainable entrepreneurs

These two entrepreneurial sisters don't just have a mission. They want to rid the world of unnecessary (plastic) waste. And also their own Amersfoort. Jessie: "Maybe you know that photo, that of a dead albatross with a plastic toothbrush in his stomach. I was shocked by that. I also had that same type of toothbrush in my bathroom! That was the reason for me to commit to a zero waste lifestyle. "

Nicky: "We became addicted to it. We are so keen to show that there are fun-to-do alternatives. People are open to that, we see, but they may still need a little bit of support. " And the sisters offer people support with the book "The Zero Waste Project," with communication advice and with workshops. They will also soon open a sustainable hub in the center of Amersfoort, where you can find alternatives to plastic items and attend workshops by Amersfoort creative people. A better life with less plastic is the subtitle of their book. Jessie and Nicky didn't expect them to be happier when they started the project. Jessie: "But it really happened. All the junk has been removed from our lives. That leaves time for the fun stuff. "

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LANGSTRAAT

In the Langestraat, there is an opportunity for the public to meet the participants as they continue their way to the Krankeledenstraat.

KRANKELEDENSTRAAT, STREET OF SMILES

The CliniClowns, with their headquarters in Amersfoort, together with puppeteer Lejo will turn the oldest street in Amersfoort upside down. With a street full of theater! Only accessible for selected public.

Who is participating?

CliniClowns and puppeteer, Lejo Petersen.

ONZE LIEVE VROUWE CHURCH SQUARE, OUR CARING LADIES

At the foot of the Onze Lieve Vrouwe (Our Caring Lady) tower is the theme: caring for each other and faith. Music played here creates the right atmosphere in the square. The Onze Lieve Vrouwe tower is literally the geographical center of the Netherlands. The Spoffin Street Arts Festival gives this a special theatrical interpretation. On the square there is a special setting to meet with exceptional women of all ages. There will be various discussions around the tables with women who roll-up their sleeves for Amersfoort and Amersfoorters: informal caregivers, volunteers, care providers, and entrepreneurs who make their city more friendly, caring, cleaner, and more sustainable. In short, women who make the community more beautiful and finer with sustainable, innovative and / or care initiatives.

Who is participating?

Amersfoort Youth Orchestra (AJO), Street Arts Festival Spoffin, Mirjam Kapelle and Danielle Oomen lead the initiative to provide many 'Caring Ladies' a place at the Lieve Vrouwekerkhof.

And the Dutch Carillon School (HKU) is responsible for the playing of the Carillon - a set of bells played using a keyboard.

WESTSINGEL, OPERA ON THE SINGEL

As soon as the Royal family have come down the stairs and turn right onto Westsingel, they are greeted by Holland Opera, a nationally renowned singing company that has its home base in Amersfoort. The "white house" forms the stage and setting for a short scene in which the bridge over the canal is used.

Who is participating?

Holland Opera.

HELLESTRAAT, ART SQUARE

The Hellestraat in the direction of Stadhuisplein is a wide street with room for the Amersfoort team of Antal Bos, Thijs Trompert and Marisja Smit. They make ingenious use of scrap and other waste products to make large art objects.

Who is participating?

ATM Model Art, Antal Forest, Thijs Trompert & Marisja Smit.

STADHUISPLEIN, TALENT, INNOVATION, SPORT

Amersfoort is a springboard for talent. It is the center of the region where every day students flock from all over and where young talents can flourish. A healthy future, also on a personal level. On this square we experience how street football, free-runners and 3x3 basketball connects people, encouraged and inspired by young coaches. How young children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, together with children without disabilities, become one dance group.

And what young innovative entrepreneurs, "inventors" and smart minds are passionate about. The women's football world cup will also be included in the program here, in collaboration with the KNVB.

Who is participating?

Storytellers: Wieteke Kleinhans and Ibrahim El-Khalki. Studio Pauline, Crackerjacks, GymXL, Indebuurt033, Stichting Leaphy in collaboration with Corderius College.

BIO STORY TELLERS

Ibrahim El-Khalki, Youth worker

If you go into town with Ibrahim El-Khalki, his friends say, you have to be patient. He shakes hands everywhere, talking. Many young people have his phone number, they can always call him.

"I want to show young people that they have opportunities in this society," says the Amersfoorter. He was born in the Liendert district. There he also became interested in neighborhood activities. He particularly liked the football tournaments. "The neighborhood became so much more fun when there was something to do." On his own initiative, he organized his first football tournament in 2013. Immediately 200 people signed-up. "On that day I heard people say to each other: 'How good to see you again, after such a long time .' That made me so happy. " Meanwhile, Ibrahim's initiative has grown into the annual Zer033 Futsal Tournament on New Year's Eve.

By organizing something for your neighbourhood yourself, no matter what, you become more open-minded, more ambitious," says Ibrahim. "You get energy in return. And you become an example yourself. " In Ibrahim's eyes, Amersfoort is a large family that has to keep each other "on board", and help where necessary. "That's why I chose this course. Young people are eager here and I want to help them develop their talents. This city is one where you feel welcome. We are so diverse and at the same time one. We just don't shout from the rooftops how nice it is here. We should do that a bit more. For example on King's Day! "

Wieteke Kleinhans

Mother of Lieveke

Once a week, nine-year-old Lieveke and other special kids enjoy a "normal" Amersfoort dance school. Her mother Wieteke looks on with goose bumps. "My daughter is a dance fanatic. As soon as she gets home, she turns the music on loud. Then she starts to swing and stomp. Yes, she is a very cheerful girl with lots of options," says Wieteke Kleinhans proudly. After a long search at the Amersfoort dance school Pauline, Wieteke found the place that matches Lievekes interests. "I think that children with

disabilities should also have a place in society, not outside of it. Pauline has a normal dance school.

That is exactly what I wanted for my child, even though it took sometime to get used to it. The first time I saw everyone watching, I felt those glances burning in my back. But I thought: I'll continue with it, that's how the world is. "

On King's Day, Wieteke calls attention to children such as her daughter. "This is where my heart is. I think they deserve a stage. They belong to the feeling of we, together we form one society. And yes, they might go to the left if everyone has to go to the right. And yes, they might do a round if everyone has to stand still. But they enjoy! "

ACHTER DAVIDSHOF, REGIOQUIZ

Through the Sint Pieters and Bloklandgasthuis, visitors walk to Achter Davidshof. There is a dazzling game show at Achter Davidshof in which we learn more about the region and the various municipalities compete in an infectious and humorous manner for the honor of having the most knowledge about the region. The team captains and their teams arrive by bike from all the surrounding villages to compete!

Who is participating?

Baarn, Barneveld, Bunschoten-Spakenburg, Eemnes, Leusden, Nijkerk, Soest, Woudenberg and Amersfoort.

ACHTER DAVIDSHOF, ORANGE FESTIVAL

Achter Davidshof the entire park, the road to it from the Bloklandhuis and partly the Smalle Pad becomes a real Amersfoort festival site. A festival where anything is possible. Where art and culture are next to food trucks. Where you can dance and where talents display their skills. And Anna van Heel Holland Bakt is wearing her apron! There is also a lot of music. The festival remains open to the public after the Royal visit.

Who is participating?

Kultlab, Anna Yilmaz (Heel Holland Bakt), Gluren bij de Buren.

SMALLPAD, NATURAL LABYRINTH

On the Smallepad, Amersfoort Zoo presents the Nature Labyrinth, its interpretation of royal animals.

Who is participating?

Amersfoort Zoo

KOPPELPOORT

History at the Koppelpoort: a short theater show with contributions from the city trumpeters of Amersfoort. With a scene with Johan van Oldenbarnevelt and Caspar van Wittel.

Who is participating?

City trumpeters of Amersfoort, Organization Johan van Oldenbarneveltjaar, KaDE /

Amersfoort in C (Caspar van Wittel).

EEMPLEIN, WE AMERSFOORT

King's Day ends on the Eemplein with a short but sparkling and festive finale, accompanied by the Marcel Fisser band. Here artists and storytellers from the day's programme come back together. There is room for a large audience and everyone together sings the national anthem, Wilhelmus and says goodbye.

Who is participating?

Marcel Fisser band on stage, Soloists / musical theme.

What else can you say? Of course there are many more names and organizations and activities that will be added in the near future! Think of artists, organizations and the like. We will keep everyone informed about updates to the King's Day programme via social media and the website.

We publish short films for the event with wonderful storytellers.