

Almere, inclusive city in a new land

Lessons Learned (?)-What next?

Background

• The project: Inclusive City

First results and conclusions

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Background 1 – Dutch Policy

- 1)Emancipation movement disabled people:
 - regaining autonomy and full membership society
- 2) 'Reinventing' Welfare State
 - (Esping Andersen:) From corporatist + socialdemocratic towards anglosaxon
 - Less government, more market (less money)
- 1+2 =)Law on Social Support (Wmo)
 - Local governments responsible for (informal) care and participation disabled people
 - (Budget reduction due to (a.o.) eurocrisis)

Background 2 —city with no history

New land in an old country:





Almere: rapidly expanding city, bordering on

Amsterdam

 A rather new, enthusiastic and cohesive neighbourhood (rather young, rather well-todo)

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• The project: Inclusive City

Start 2010

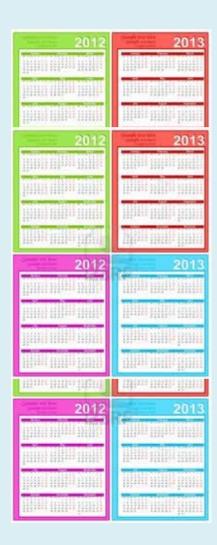
- Spontaneous initiatives citizens Stripheldenbuurt
 - due to care provisions in vicinity
- Ambitions Almere Government, i.c. alderman Wmo...
- Cooperation Disability Studies in Nederland (DSiN) and University for Applied Sciences Flevoland (research and education), with financial support from





Plans Pilot Almere Inclusive City

- Phase 1 (sept.- dec. 2012)
 - Inventarisation existing interventions
 - Neighbourhoodbased research
 - Installation neighourhood comittee
- Phase 2 (jan 2013)
 - StartMeeting
- Phase 3 (jan- dec 2013)
 - Research projects (trying to connect)
 - Description projects
 - Integral description, discerning success factors
- Phase 4 (dec.2013)
 - Results: methodology social inclusion
 - Efficacy and effectiveness



Upp till now..

- Start Meeting march 2013
 - More than 100 attendees
- Since then three meetings with citizens, tours through neighbourhood and inventarisation wishes, possibilities and actions
- December 2013 installation neighbourhoodcommittee
- 2013: chair DSiN at VU Amsterdam

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First results and conclusions and what next???

Conclusions

- Facilitating factors for inclusion:
 - Social cohesion in neighbourhood?
 - Care provisions in vicinity?
 - Political support?
 - Additional Funding?
 - Some one who rules the roost?
- And still:



..... It takes time....



So, what's next?

On the one hand

- March 2014: elections municipalities
- 2015: Changes in Law on Social Support: less money for municipalities and providers long term care
- 'perverse system' health insurance:
 - 'encourages' intramural care

On the other

- National laws: more emphasis on participation ánd inclusion disabled people;
- More social support for community care (cf. attention charity funding)
- International developments, do not stop at Dutch border!!

So, what's next?

The new wildernis

Strength that cares





It may take some time but it's worth it...