



Almere, inclusive city in a new land

Lessons Learned (?)-
What next?

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- 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** + **social-democratic** 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:



Amsterdam

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



Almere : rapidly expanding city, bordering on



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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 neighbourhood committee
- **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 **neighbourhood committee**
- 2013: **chair DSiN** at VU Amsterdam



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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 and 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..