

Annual report 2013

Composition of the board:

The day-to-day board was comprised of the following persons:

Mr. J. Lansen MSc, chairman
Ms. M. Bous-Vocking, secretary
Mr. W. van den Broek, treasurer
Ms. M. Muthert
Mr. E.Schwarz, as from December 2013

Advisors:

Ms. M.Mannesse
Ms. F.Meijer-Degen
Ms. M.Rutten-Saris

During 2013, the day-to-day board gathered four times.

Reputation:

To realize its goals, the Hijman Degen Foundation remains dependent on external financial aid. The Hijman Degen Foundation has a limited number of donors.

The Hijman Degen Foundation qualifies as a public benefit organization (*algemeen nut beogende instelling* or *ANBI*). As a result thereof, donors could benefit from certain fiscal advantages when making donations.

Activities:

In June 2013, a training was organised in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. This is close to the place known for the poison gas murders. The training was given by Ms. F.Meijer-Degen, together with junior trainer Ms. A. van den Ouweland. The manuals and materials used for this training were donated by the Hijman Degen Foundation.

A request to provide trainings in “art therapy and trauma treatment’ within a Syrian refugees camp in Domiz could not go through due to financial reasons, despite numerous efforts on our side. We hope that the necessary means for these important trainings will become available this year.

Furthermore, we received various requests to provide trainings, primarily from Asia. Unfortunately, these trainings could not take place, due to a lack of financial means.

This year we have approached several organisations to raise awareness of the expertise present within the Hijman Degen Foundation. The organizations replied with great interest.

Final modifications are being made to the website. In the course of 2014, the new Hijman Degen Foundation website will be operational.

Ms. F.Meijer-Degen wrote an article on art therapy for a magazine called *Intervention*, under the title: “Art therapy for mental health workers in areas affected by violence: a rarely explored resource”.
Training manual “Coping with loss and trauma through art therapy”:

The training manual that was written by Ms. Fiety Meijer has been completely sold out. However, it is still possible to order the manual on demand. The manual is mostly ordered by persons working in institutions in low-wage countries. For each such order it is assessed whether or not the manual should be distributed for free

In 2013 the following contacts were made:

War Trauma Foundation

IRCT Copenhagen

Kirkuk Center for Torture Victims, Iraq

The Dutch and Danish Red Cross

Médicins sans frontières (*Artsen Zonder Grenzen*)

The co-operating Dutch aid organisations (*Samenwerkende Hulporganisaties Nederland*)