

## **Annual report 2016**

Composition of the board:

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

Mr. W. van den Broek, chairman/ treasurer

Ms. M. Bous-Vocking, secretary

Ms. M. Muthert

Mr. E. Schwarz

Advisors:

Ms. M. Mannesse

Ms. F. Meijer-Degen

During 2016, the day-to-day board gathered three times.

Also there were three working meetings where not all board members were present

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 2016 one training was given for Emma Organization in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan. In preparation of this training intensive consultation took place with staff members of the War Trauma Foundation. We also provided also a workshop for the employees of the WTF.

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 organizations to raise awareness of the expertise present within the Hijman Degen Foundation.

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. Aid workers in institutions in low-wage countries mostly order the manual. For each such order it is assessed whether or not the manual should be distributed for free

In 2016 the following contacts were made:

IRCT, Copenhagen

Kirkuk Center for Torture Victims, Iraq

The co-operating Dutch aid organizations (*Samenwerkende Hulporganisaties Nederland*) NIDOS, The Netherlands

WarChild, The Netherlands  
War Trauma Foundation, The Netherlands  
Emma Organization, Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan