

Annual report 2017

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. Manesse

Ms. F. Meijer-Degen

During 2017, 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 2017 we provided follow-up training for workers of the Emma Organization and training for the University of Erbil department of psychology, Iraqi Kurdistan.

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

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 2017 the following contacts were made:

We have paid a working visit to a treatment center of Yezidi women in Duhok. As a result of this visit we received the request to provide training at this center.

We had intensive contact with Prof. dr. Dr. Jan Ilhan Kizilhan about a contribution to the training for psychotherapist at the University of Duhok on his request, Iraqi Kurdistan. Most likely these trainings will take place next year.

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Emma Organization Duhok, Iraqi Kurdistan
Kirkuk Center for Torture Victims, Iraq
WarChild, The Netherlands
Emma Organization, Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan