



STARTBLOK THE NETHERLANDS

“For the past two years that I’ve been living at Startblok I’ve been able to help my neighbours integrate and teach them the Dutch language. In turn, they have taught me a lot and I’ve gained a number of dear friends who I probably otherwise wouldn’t have met.”

Startblok is a joint housing project enabling young refugees who have recently received resident status and young Dutch people to live together in solidarity. They are all between the ages of 18 and 28 and live together in 565 housing units, consisting of 463 studios and 102 rooms in multi-person apartments.

Each floor also has a communal living space for social activities and there are large outside areas surrounded by lots of trees. What is more, Startblok is managed by its own residents: around 10% of all tenants are involved in keeping the project running!

The goal of Startblok is not only to house young people, but also to enable a good start in Amsterdam for everyone, whether they are from the area or fled their country. Startblok is currently setting up in two other locations in Amsterdam.



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