



## **Webinar: Unaccompanied migrant children in the Netherlands: protection, integration, and transition to adulthood**

The Migration and Borders Working Group of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research (NNHRR) cordially invites you to the webinar **Unaccompanied migrant children in the Netherlands: protection, integration, and transition to adulthood** on **24 June 2021 (15.30-17.00 CET)**. The event will focus on migration and vulnerability, and in particular on the challenges that unaccompanied migrant children residing in the Netherlands face when they reach the age of legal adulthood.

Unaccompanied minors are entitled to specific rights and protections, based on their age. However, when an unaccompanied minor reaches the age of legal adulthood (i.e. 18 years), several of these protections disappear. As a result, young migrants are often left alone to find their way in Dutch society.

Another related issue is the Dutch policy on return decisions and unaccompanied minors. Recently, aspects of this policy were deemed not in line with EU law by the CJEU, after a preliminary question was asked by a judge from the district court Oost-Brabant in Den Bosch.

With this webinar we hope to shed light on the challenges that young migrants and professionals face. Several key stakeholders in this field will contribute to this event (i.e. judiciary, guardianship organization Nidos, Dutch Council for Refugees, Samah, Ithaka (International Transition Classes), Defence for Children Netherlands, academia).

Signing up for this event is possible by sending an email to [k.vanderpas@jur.ru.nl](mailto:k.vanderpas@jur.ru.nl). You will receive a link for Zoom a few days in advance.

## Programme

15.30-15.35 Opening by Dr. Stephanie Rap, Leiden University

15.35-15.50 Presentation I: S. van Lokven (judge district court Oost-Brabant)

- Topic: Dutch policy with regard to unaccompanied minors and adequate reception in the country of origin (*CJEU T.Q. v. Staatssecretaris van Justitie en Veiligheid*)

15.50-16.05 Presentation II: Z. Karekezi (legal officer Nidos, coordinator Connected youngsters and former unaccompanied migrant child)

- Topic: Transition to adulthood of young migrants, the protections/infrastructure in Dutch society and the role of experienced experts

16.05-16.15 Q&A

16.15-16.45 Roundtable discussion (Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland, Defence for Children Netherlands, Ithaka, Samah, ms. Najida Laghrib, prof. Ellen Desmet, Ghent University)

16.45-17.00 Q&A and Closure