

MAY 2020

2019-2020 REVIEW

HERITAGE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS EINDHOVEN

An overview of the coalition's achievements during
the 2019-2020 school year (until May 2020)

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THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

24

There are now 24 programs listed on the Holland Expat Center South's page about heritage language education

www.hollandexpatcenter.com/heritageschools

170

The free HLSE networking event originally scheduled for March 2020 (postponed due to Corona Crisis) had 170 attendees signed up to participate.

Meertalige Kinderen: Wat doe je ermee?
www.hlseindhoven.com/events



As of May 2020, the HLSE mailing list has **81** subscribers.

In the past school year, **6** interviews have been posted to the HLSE website: with the U.S. Coalition of Community-Based Heritage Language Schools, 3M project Meer Kansen Met Meertaligheid, Iceland's "Móðurmál" coalition, Stichting Supportpunt in Eindhoven, Brainport Development, and Taal naar Keuze.

www.hlseindhoven.com/articles

There have been **2** HLSE Meetups: in September 2019 we met for European Language Day and in February 2020 we met for UNESCO World Mother Language Day. About 8 to 12 people attended, representing 5 to 7 different languages per Meetup.

www.hlseindhoven.com/hlse-meetups-2019-2020

3 NEW SCHOOLS STARTED: KOREAN, INDIAN, & PERSIAN

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PARTNERS

The HLSE platform got started in the fall of 2018. Since then, we have developed and strengthened a partnerships with Holland Expat Center South and SALTO Schools. This year we also formed a working relationship with Brainport Development, which invited us to present at the Look Who's Talking mini-conference in February 2020. Our collaboration with the Eindhoven Library has resulted in the beginning of an international children's book collection, starting with an Italian book collection since February 2020 and a Chinese collection to follow. Many others have shown support for our initiative as well. Thank you!

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LOOKING AHEAD

We live in uncertain times. A global pandemic has ground the world to a halt. What will this mean for the budgets of schools, libraries, embassies, families, etc. in the coming months and years? It is impossible to predict. In the face of school closings in March 2020, many heritage language programs in Eindhoven migrated to online lessons. In time, we will know what long term effect this crisis will have on the Dutch education system and the important supplementary education that heritage programs provide. Conferences, seminars, and Meetups may have to take a different form for the unforeseeable future. Please subscribe to the HLSE mailing list to stay up-to-date about developments!