

# International week 13-17 May 2019 Inholland location Alkmaar

## Creating culture

Creating culture is a week-long theme and is a required part of the curriculum at Inholland for all of our second year students.

From ancient to modern times, all cultures and subcultures are characterized by five aspects: the religious, social, and economic, as well as their political structures and legal order.

These five aspects are intertwined, having an influence on each other, visibly or invisibly, even hidden.

How does your culture compare with regards to these aspects?

What is your perception and/or response when being confronted with a foreign culture for the first time? If you could create a new culture, how would it look like? In which ways and remains would other people be able to recognize your new built culture?

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Language: English
- Accommodation: Participants will be hosted by Dutch students wherever possible and practical. We will assist participants with locating affordable hostels as needed.
- Costs: travel costs, some meals, and possibly affordable accommodation if necessary.



### How to prepare for the Dutch International week?

Bring an object that shows a typical and/or unique aspect of your personal home culture.

Prepare a brief presentation introducing yourself, your university (posters and leaflets are great!), as well as the object from your home culture.

Bring some kind of snacks or bites to munch on in the evenings which are special or unique to your culture.

## The city of Alkmaar

Alkmaar is the heart of the province of North Holland. It is situated 40 kilometres northwest from Amsterdam and approximately 10 kilometres east from the beach. Alkmaar has all the amenities of a large city, but is small enough to still retain its intimate old world charm. It has a long history, having played an important role in the 80 Years' War. Alkmaar is also famous in the world for her cheese market. But, Alkmaar is also fast becoming a hotspot for creativity and innovation. There are many shops and a great number of cultural services in and around Alkmaar. The historic inner city contains many cozy pubs, restaurants, and theatres, as well as a film house and a pop stage. Alkmaar is an incredibly beautiful city on the northern coast of The Netherlands.



Just look for yourself at the website: [www.inholland.nl/alkmaar](http://www.inholland.nl/alkmaar) and [www.alkmaarprachtstad.nl](http://www.alkmaarprachtstad.nl)  
You can reach Alkmaar by flying to Schiphol, Amsterdam. Look for information on: [www.schiphol.nl](http://www.schiphol.nl)

Day	Programme
Monday	Arrival Welcome and introduction Getting to know each other, the theme, the place, Alkmaar
Tuesday	Workshops on the theme
Wednesday	Working on designing and creating your culture
Thursday	The internship schools: visits and activities
Friday	Decorating the finding place with remains and visible signs from your designed culture Sharing findings with one another Closing ceremony and departure

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