

Looking for a natural born networker and matchmaker

Starting from September > Minimum 3 > preferably 6 month

Minimum 3 days a week, based in Amsterdam (close to Amstel station)

Hi there! We are looking for a natural born networker and connector/matchmaker to work with us **to connect professional creatives coming from over 12 countries to the creative industry in the Netherlands**. You will work together with the team to expand our growing network and find as many wonderful opportunities as possible to connect newcomers to their next professional step: education, traineeship or employment within the creative industries in the Netherlands. *(By newcomers we mean people relatively new to the Netherlands who are affected by war or humanitarian or economic struggles in their home county)*. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a dynamic, multidisciplinary team from all over the world who together shape the future of Makers Unite.

About Makers Unite and the Creative Lab

At our Amsterdam studio we design and produce sustainable products with a story to raise awareness about migration. Our products are co-created by creative professionals from over 12 different countries. We find and connect with these professionals during our 6 week Creative Lab program. Some of the creatives continue to work with Makers Unite, while others are matched to other opportunities in the Dutch Creative Industry.

We started out with products made from life vest material that were reclaimed from the beaches of Greece in order to create awareness of the ongoing refugee crisis. Since then, we have come a long way in both raising awareness about migration and becoming a creative studio that attracts international (fashion & lifestyle) brands to collaborate with us in both co-creation, production and developing supporting campaigns. We are proud to say that Ben & Jerry's (yes! the big, big ice-cream brand) choose to work with us to develop their first ever 'merchandise for good' collection. You can have a look here: <https://shop.benjerry.de>

Our creatives are newcomers. They come from over 12 different countries and are ready to make their next professional step here in The Netherlands. We find these brave & diversely talented professionals during our Creative Lab program, a 6 week introduction to the creative industry in the Netherlands. For more information on our inclusion program please check our website. <https://www.makersunite.eu>

During your internship, you will:

- Set up a mapping system of the creative industry in the Netherlands.
- Go out and network, acting as an ambassador for Makers Unite.
- Connect to our newcomers to see what the best next step will be for them.
- Encourage individuals & companies to open up opportunities for newcomers.
- Guide interested organisations & companies in connecting with the newcomers.
- Guide our newcomers to connect with organisations & companies.
- Support our team in entering data in our system to improve matchmaking.

You are:

- Enrolled in the last year of your studies or just graduated within Design management, Communications, Anthropology or Humanitarian fields.
- Interested in the socio-political background of newcomers.
- Patient and assertive.
- Know how to solve a problem with a creative approach.
- Don't know everything, yet, but you are more than eager to learn!
- Have a keen understanding and a budding network in the Dutch Creative industry.
- Able to communicate in Dutch and English fluently. Arabic language skills are a bonus!

What we offer you:

- Making direct impact on the lives of newcomers.
- Expand your network in the creative industry.
- Be in direct contact with our participants of the Creative Lab.
- Join excursions to partners to understand their story as well.
- An inspiring international group of colleagues.
- Daily lunch.
- Transportation costs (if more than 12 km).
- 300,- euro compensation per month based on a 4 day work week..

To apply, please send a motivation and resume to share@makersunite.eu with the subject "SD - Internship Application"

For any questions, please contact us at share@makersunite.eu