In this Community Service Learning (CSL) newsletter we share exciting and interesting initiatives and developments related to CSL. This newsletter keeps you informed, updated and hopefully inspires you for future CSL projects.

**Upcoming event! Learning Lab; What do students learn through Community Service Learning?**

Date: Thursday January 21 2021  
Time: 15h30 - 17h00  
Location: online, through Zoom  
Language: English

Community Service Learning offers a new way of learning to students: it is experiential education in which students, teachers and external partners work together on societal challenges. What is it exactly that the students are learning through CSL and how do we get there?

In this Learning Lab, participants can exchange experiences and knowledge on student learning and best practices for teachers supporting the student’s learning process. There will be a short presentation of research on this topic by Marlies Visser and Sevgi Fruytier (VU Amsterdam) and a case study on the Learning Lab Lunetten by Stef Dingemans (Utrecht University). These will be followed by more in-depth-conversations in small break-out groups. So, if you are looking for a unique opportunity to share/gain knowledge around student learning in CSL with teachers from both the VU Amsterdam and Utrecht University: sign up [here](https://vu-live.zoom.us/j/96416290750).

Note; Please sign up before 20 January.

Zoom link: [https://vu-live.zoom.us/j/96416290750](https://vu-live.zoom.us/j/96416290750)  
Meeting ID: 964 1629 0750  
Passcode: 673610

**CITY DEAL INTERVIEWS**

Marijke Visser and Geertje Tijsma were interviewed concerning their city deal research. For more info about these projects click [here](https://www.vu.nl/nl/brancheontwikkeling) (in Dutch)

**CSL SPOTLIGHT**

**STREET LAW**

Street Law is a course in which law students give interactive workshops on everyday law to high school and MBO students. Street Law is in line with the aim of VU Amsterdam as it allows bachelor students to participate in Community Service Learning (CSL). CSL makes students responsible for their own learning process and allows the Faculty of Law to teach law in its social context (Law in Action).

Street Law can contribute to the improvement of (legal) education in many ways. Law students, for example, learn skills that are little discussed in the rest of their studies, such as presenting, collaborating, dealing with diversity, planning and reflecting on their own development. Lecturers who come into contact with Street Law become more creative in finding teaching methods that encourage students to actively learn. The same applies to the teachers of the schools where the VU students have taught. They were enthusiastic about the interactive working methods that the students applied.

Klink [here](https://www.vu.nl/nl/brancheontwikkeling) to read more about the educational materials of street law. For more general information on street law click [here](https://www.vu.nl/nl/brancheontwikkeling).