

Our principles:

- Fight for every job and traineeship, with wages high enough to lead a decent life. Equal pay for equal work - collective tariff-agreements according to the principle of one company, one tariff-agreement. Rejection or withdrawal of deteriorations.
 - Conversion of all temporary employment contracts, flexible jobs and agency work in permanent jobs. Abolition of pulp work and 'red cards' - never again day labourers!
 - We are fighting for a better future for our families and especially for the youth and we therefore purposefully address young people. Friends of the struggle of the port workers are very welcome. We are eager to unite with people working with other companies on the basis of common struggle.
 - We demand and commit ourselves to trade-unions that operate democratically and militantly defend the interests of the workers.
 - We decide in a democratic way about our work and do this without payment. Therefore, we can discuss and struggle in solidarity. We are above party-partisanship: every democrat is welcome.
- Port workers are international, that is why there is no place among us for reactionary, nationalist or fascist ideas.
- In terms of ideology, we have an open outlook, because the idea of a society without exploitation and oppression, when capitalism is over, enlivens our struggle and offers it a perspective.
 - We are financially independent, because we only need to keep ourselves to our own decisions! We welcome gifts, even when they are earmarked in the sense of part of our goals, as long as the donor does not attach any further conditions on his/her gifts.
 - We are committed to maintaining the conditions for the natural environment, by supporting environmental friendly means of transport and support the resistance against nuclear and weapons transports.
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Cruise Saturday June 2nd

Departure at **14:00** hrs.
through the port
of **Rotterdam**

Exchange of experiences:

**Saturday and Sunday
2 and 3 June**

Sat. **17.00 - 18.30** hrs.
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Invitation for the 6th International Dockworkers Meeting



on **Saturday 2**
and
Sunday 3
June
in **Rotterdam**

International Dockworkers Meeting

Dear colleagues,

We are inviting you to the sixth meeting of grass root dockworkers, which will be held on **June 2 and 3** in **Rotterdam**, Netherlands.

Working in the docks always has had an international dimension, because ships from all parts of the world visit the ports.

In this time of mergers and concentration of capital, shipping is dominated by a handful of shipping companies: in all ports we have to cope with the same shipping companies.

And the stevedoring companies have also developed into large international monopolies.

Dockworkers all over the world are employed by the same companies: Hutchison, APMT, Eurogate, DP World, ICTSI, HES and so on. And developments in one port have direct consequences for fellow dockworkers in the other ports.

The exchange of experiences and information between dockworkers and the people that support their struggles is therefore becoming increasingly important. By getting to know one and other and to learn from each other, solidarity can also be further expanded. And that solidarity is a more powerful weapon now than ever.

That is why we invite dockworkers and everyone supporting the struggle of dockworkers for the Sixth International Dockworkers Meeting.

On the **program**, apart from the cruise - presentation of participants, explanation about the International Dockworkers Meeting - how it works and which demands we make. A cultural evening with performances by Bertus van der Horst and Rotterdams Rood.

Short messages from the various ports, exchanging experiences and information about:

- Fight against flexible jobs and dismissals
- Militant trade-union work, how to do?
- The changes in work at the ports
- How can we achieve closer cooperation and more contact?

Conclusions and decisions

There will be private places for overnight stays offered. We can also be helpful in finding an affordable hotel.

Admission: € 34, - (Saturday and Sunday, cruise, food and drink)

Only the cruise: € 16, -

Program

Saturday, June 2:

- 12.00:** **Reception** in the office of Rode Morgen
- 2 pm:** **Harbor tour** through Rotterdam
- 5 pm:** **Exchange of experiences** part 1
- 6.30 pm:** **Dinner cultural program with** among others **Bertus van der Horst**

Sunday, June 3:

- 9 am:** **Exchange of experiences** part 2
- 2.00 pm:** **End**
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