



## **Policy plan 2015 ILC Netherlands**

### **Background**

ILC Netherlands (ILC-NL) is an independent movement of people who aim to put aging high on the social and political agenda. The goal is to activate people in thinking about active and healthy aging in an early stage by organizing debates, media attention, and sharing experiences and expertise, both nationally and internationally.

ILC-NL is committed to the independence state of being of the elderly, requiring tailored conditions, skills and a good living environment. The vitality of the elderly should be promoted while vulnerability and dependency are postponed as long as possible. Also it is important to remain active as an employee, volunteer or entrepreneur without being discriminated because of age. ILC-NL is supported by Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing and *Vereniging Aegon*, and is a member of the International Longevity Center Global Alliance, an international federation of centers for active and healthy aging. The ILC Global Alliance consists of centers in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States. These centers work both autonomously and collaboratively to study how greater life expectancy and increased proportions of older people impact on nations around the world. The priorities of the centers are:

- to identify productive aging as an important topic, not just paid employment, but also continuing talent development and contributions of older people;
- to promote educational, research and policy initiatives, advancing an active, healthy life throughout the life course.

### **Activities ILC Netherlands**

#### *Meetings*

ILC member countries yearly meet to report on their activities and to discuss collaborative research and activities. In conjunction with the meeting, an international symposium is hosted by an ILC Global Alliance member country. In 2015 ILC Brazil will host the symposium on ageing. ILC Netherlands will contribute and prepare a presentation at the conference.

ILC member countries individually also organize (inter)national meetings. ILC Netherlands will organize two meetings concerning labour and selforganisation.

#### *Research*

In 2015 further research on labour, income and participation by ILC-NL is expected. The meetings described above support the research agenda.

### **Financing**

ILC-NL works with a small budget to finance their activities. The staff is funded by Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing and *Vereniging Aegon*. Research is funded by subsidies and sponsorships. The board of ILC-NL is responsible for the financial status of the organization. Yearly, the budget is set by the members of the board and afterwards controlled by an independent controller.