

'City Stories' a big Success!

Thursday November 13, over 100 active residents and professionals from Rotterdam, listened and participated in the City Stories, tales from the City by Scholars and Residents.

The afternoon session lessons from scholars Maurice Specht and Hendrik Wagenaar were all about new and innovative ways of citizen participation in neighbourhoods.

During the evening sessions residents were telling their personal stories and sharing enthusiasm by performing music and dance. These residents from several European Cities gave us an insight in what inspires them to be actively involved in neighbourhood affairs.



During the afternoon a preview was given of a thorough field research amongst citizens of selected areas of 3 major European Cities such as: Antwerp, Dortmund and Rotterdam. Click at the hyperlink for the Powerpoint Presentation:

<http://www.rootlink.nl/downloads/lessenuitdewetenschap1311.ppt>

A number of residents who were interviewed for this research as well as **Nick Booth**, enthusiastic Neighbourhood-web logger and last but not least a German Art collective called: **Biotop-Projekt** participated in this midday session: Scholars City Stories.

This day ended with a big party in which citizens presented themselves and their cultural and historic backgrounds. This was an opportunity to get to know each other a bit better even.

Music and dance from Rotterdam, the HIP HOP house, Traditional Turkish and Armenian music and dance. Oksana Trescenko from Lithuania played folksongs on her accordeon.

Also presented where an Open Air Photo-exhibition (at the Maashaven in Katendrecht) of residents living and working in the area's of Rotterdam Zuid called "De Zuiderlingen", and a theater- project of the Father center Adam from the Hague.

During this special event the new Community blog was introduced and installed by Nick Booth. Look here for comments and photo's and information about the "City Stories" and please join us at:
<http://r4rotterdam.wordpress.com/>



Coming Soon!

Check the RootLink website for City Stories Photo's as well as a video impressions of this special Event on November 13 2008.

Review International residents meeting; November 14, 2008

Read all about it: www.rootlink.com

A full report on the International meeting at Katendrecht whereby residents from several European Cities visited inhabitants of Rotterdam South' neighbourhoods and organisations.

