

Introduction Foundation for Practical Help

Every day more people are in need of help. A decreasing number of people really get the help they need. The HiP foundation wants to change this. HiP mobilizes Christians to give help to people in need.

What is HiP?

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the task of helping people. Helping is a biblical task and should therefore be natural for every Christian. Through Gods Love, every Christian should, within their possibilities, offer help to people in need.

Many Christians are willing, but don't know how or where to start. HiP takes away these limitations and sets people in motion.

It seems that various churches and organisations are not always aware of each other's existence, needs and capacities. HiP brings the organisations together to make the care more effective and efficient.

People in need could be members of a church, but in 90 % of the cases they are non-Christian.

Help is offered through church members, professional Christian organisations and - businesses that are participating in HiP. The help is not given under "the flag" of HiP, but rather through the local church. This is the goal of HiP; to make the local church visible in the community! We have experienced in the various cities, that for most help requests, we are able to find volunteers.

Goals

HiP is founded to organize helping these people. HiP does this by bringing people in need in contact with those who want to help.

Our goals are:

- Mobilizing Christians to help out;
- Helping people in need
(regardless of cultural or religious background);
- Stimulating the cooperation of churches and organisations;
- Supporting the diaconate and charities in their activities

How

HiP has developed a volunteer database. The talents and possibilities of the volunteers and their churches are stored in this database. These talents can be put to work to help others. Christian organisations are also registered with HiP. All these people genuinely want to help people in need.

People, regardless of their cultural or religious background, can ask for help. This varies from help with housekeeping and technical needs to transportation or administrative needs, or just being there for someone. These questions come to us through the helpdesk (0900-4474474). The sort of help needed is registered and compared with the “supply” in the database. HiP brings people in need in contact with people or organisations who want to help out.

HiP also helps the local church. She assists the diaconate by bringing them in contact with professional aid for their own special requests.

If you decide to participate, we can arrange a presentation in your church or organisation. People can apply to be active as volunteer. Then they can be registered in the database with their talents.

As soon as the majority of churches decide to participate and enough helpers are registered, the helpdesk phone number will be made public in the city or village through a wide communication campaign.

Character of the Organisation

The HiP Foundation maintains a communication network. HiP helps the local church establish contacts and therefore breaks anonymity in the society.

HiP supports the local churches in serving them. HiP is focused on a vital church that influences society.

HiP is interdenominational and active in a number of cities and villages in the Netherlands. At the moment many local churches and organisations participate in HiP. These churches and organisations represent the broad spectrum of denominations in The Netherlands. Almost all denominations recommend HiP. There are no financial conditions for participating in HiP.

The HiP foundation has support staff on the payroll. The office is located in Soesterberg and is open during office hours on weekdays. HiP has a board, a director and staff members and is for now nationally orientated. The work is supported financially through gifts from churches and businesses.