

NUt covenant

We will use NUt, a combination of the initial letters of the cities Nijmegen and Utrecht, as our name.

With this initiative we hope to increase/sharpen the value (or *nut* in Dutch) of cultural manifestations and/or expressions.

We, the undersigned, have grown up in an era in which the achievements of modern society seem to be self-evident. The superficiality brought about by these achievements pose a real threat to society.

In addition to this, the growing commercialisation is a cause for concern. Through this we are being inundated with short-sighted messages which negatively influence the way we think, observe/perceive, (feel) and communicate. NUt manoeuvres against these developments and wants to expose them. NUt also intends to question the increasing individualization.

NUt pursues originality which can put a stop to polluting cultural manifestations of present society.

The current manner of consuming can carry on uncompleted; it has to be challenged by different points of view and opinions. Self-development of the individual is our belief. By transforming knowledge in openness and freedom towards each other, we achieve this. This demands for a fair share of curiosity, inquisitiveness and introspection of each participant. In this way, we can inspire each other and mentally bring each other into focus.

We would also like to make known the content of the NUt agreement to our daily environment, without, however, any moralisation. Respect for our fellow man is something the undersigned feel very strongly about.

NUt applies the following fields of interest:

- art;
- history;
- literature;
- media;
- (modern) music;
- cinema;
- theatre;
- travel;
- general social phenomena (GSPs).

The chosen subjects will each be considered for the value (nut) of their expression.

These discussions will take place in relaxing and culturally sound/responsible gatherings.

A number of preconditions is attached to these gatherings which we will now elucidate.

Preconditions

- The undersigned K. will, with his record as a ‘trendwatcher’ watch unsuitable clothing and for clothing that does not tally with the participants’ nature.
- The undersigned D.Q., widely known for his structured method, will take care of the preparation for gatherings and its running according to plan. However, without ruling out any spontaneous turns.
- The gatherings will take place in an atmosphere of relaxation combined with profundity.
- The gatherings will be held in an inspiring location. Awakening nature and a culturally sound setting are examples of this.
- Each participant minimally has an academic level of thinking/mindset. We would like to note that we do not feel at all superior of mind to our fellow man who is not equipped with larger intellectual capacities, on the contrary. Given the objectives of NUt, conversations need to be held at a certain level.
- The formal part of each NUt gathering will come to about two hours. Naturally, we can depart from this i.e. when a relaxing activity is part of it.
- A few times a year, a budget will be reserved/cleared for an enriching excursion. Which afterwards will be put through a thorough analysis.
- Stimulating refreshments could include: espresso, wine, port sherry and nuts (*NUts*). Use of alcohol is by no means obligatory. However, alcohol can, when moderately used, mean a positive contribution to the eloquence of each participant.

- A lot of space is devoted to the cigar which, at a later point, will be an object of study.
- There will be place for studying personal manifestations and contributions of participants. These can be interchanged at any time.
- Furthermore, the services of a guest speaker can be used at particular gatherings. He or she will have the opportunity to transfer their knowledge and to take part in a discussion concerning the themes of that particular NUt gathering.
- A NUt gathering is not meant to cause stress, either before or afterwards. Our motto therefore is: 'Niets moet, NUt mag.' This symbolises the combination of relaxation and profundity.

Conditions that are neither here nor there

- Each participant needs to have visited the place of Herveld (Netherlands) at least once in their life, however not more often.
- Each participant needs to nourish warm feelings towards cats and appreciate their particular qualities and traits.
- Each participant has in the past been unwell at least once after taking a meal in the Nijmegen University refectory.
- Each participant tries not to let a fastfood branch enter their field of vision. Participants are expected to warn each other for this.

Signed February 21st 2003:

Patron

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Thomas Klijn

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secretary

Jasper v.d. Broek

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chairman