

The Department of Social Development City of Amsterdam

The Department of Social Development is an urban service and acts as the professional partner for the municipal administration and the urban districts in bringing the city's social objectives to fruition. The municipality of the city of Amsterdam is administratively organised in fourteen urban districts, including the city centre.

The Department of Social Development operates in six policy areas: Education, Youth, Education and Integration, Sport and Recreation, Art and Culture and Social Security and Healthcare. The Department of Social Development also has its own project office for the social sector: the Service, Project & Advice Department, that concentrates on specific integral - meaning policy area-transgressing - issues.



Those areas affect all Amsterdammers at some time or another. And not a single day goes by without an issue in which the Department of Social Development is involved being in the news. The Department of Social Development is a service of and for all Amsterdammers. A total of around 330 people work at the Department of Social Development.

The residents of Amsterdam, with their questions, ideas and their problems, form the guideline for the formulation of policy and the granting of subsidies. Assignments are received mainly from the municipal administration, where the aldermen are increasingly likely to need a certain product at a certain moment in time.

The Department of Social Development is a strategic policy developer, the principal and director of this complex and exciting field of influence. The Department of Social Development is also an implementing and subsidy issuing authority. Countless authorities and institutions - but also citizens - play a role in this area.



The activities of the Department of Social Development also have areas of common ground with other policy areas, such as economic development, employment and income and urban renewal. That necessitates working in close partnership with other municipal services, urban districts and social institutions. That is the only way to achieve the desired results and make them visible to the city and its 738.763 inhabitants.

The principle aim is to ensure that all Amsterdammers can function independently to the best of their ability. Together with social partners, the Department of Social Development works on the empowerment of Amsterdammers: strengthening their position in social, physical, cultural, mental and economic respects.

The ultimate aim is to create a better future for the current and of course the future generations of Amsterdammers.