

## Curriculum Vitae

Rob (Robert Petrus) van Leeuwen MA



### Work experience

- 01/'16-now **Freelancer Rob of Lions**  
**Lead Facilitator in Erasmus+ Mobilities for Youth Workers and European Youth Foundation (EYF) [Salto trainer profile](#)**  
*SIW International Volunteer Projects, NL, Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, Denmark, Vice Versa, Czech Republic, National Agency Erasmus+ Youth, NL, Bloom Foundation, NL, and Human Rights Education Youth Network, Belgium, Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, France*
- Quality of International Voluntary Service (IVS) and European Solidarity Corps (ESC): "[Sparking Change: Enhancing Community Impact in ESC Activities](#)", NL, '24, "Preparatory Training for Oudemolen workcamp", NL, '23 and '24; "Volume Up", Georgia, '22; "IVS4Life", online and Netherlands, '21; "EYou.net", online and Denmark, '21; "JOYN - Inclusive Volunteering", NL, '19;
  - Sustainability: "[SustainableIVS](#)", Jordan, '25; "[International Advocacy Training on Climate Justice](#)", Peja, Kosovo; 'Sustainable Development in Cultural Diversity: Europe-Asia Bridge for Youth Empowerment', Cambodia, '10;
  - Learner-centred approach towards analysing challenges and solving problems: "[Challenge Accepted](#)", Spain, '23, NL, '23 and Estonia, '24;
  - Facilitation: "[FaciliCraft](#)", NL, '23 and '24; "FACE ON", NL, '22;
  - Youth participation: "[CoE YD Study Session IVS4Youth](#)", France, '22;
  - Human rights education: "Human Rights Education Hotspot", Belgium, '21; "Art of Facilitation" & "Civil Stage", Georgia & NL/online, '17-'18 and '19-'20;
  - Theatre for education: "Say, Act: Never This Again!", Czech Republic, '21, '23 and '24; "[Improv\(is\)je IVS](#)", the NL, '22; "Intercultural Playback Theatre", Italy, '21; "Culture Act", online and the Netherlands, '21;
  - Other thematic focus: team building, non-violent/intercultural communication, non-formal education, personal development, leadership, project management, storytelling, design thinking, learning community.
- Erasmus+ Advisor in the field of Vocational Education and Training in collaboration with Katapult, Utrecht**  
**Pool of Trainers, Youth Department of the Council of Europe**
- 12/'23-11/'24 **Outbound Student Exchange Advisor (60% time)**  
*Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University, Leiden*  
Task: coordinate the international student mobility (outbound) and scholarships
- 05/'19-11/'23 **Manager International Mobility Partnerships (60% time)**  
02/'20-08/'21 **Acting Head International Mobility, Student Affairs-Academic Affairs**  
01/'15-04/'19 **(Erasmus+) Mobility Coordinator**  
*Radboud University, Nijmegen*  
Task: institutional management of international student mobility:
- Increased the university wide student exchange partnerships from six to 120
  - Coordinated the team during the pandemic (advising students to return home and policy making for future mobility programmes)
  - Adjusted the pre-departure presentation into a multi-session conference and created the home-coming session for outbound exchange students
- 01/'14-12/'14 **Office Manager**  
*Youth for Understanding the Netherlands (YFUNI), Vinkeveen*

Tasks: management and development of the YFUnl volunteer network; volunteer recruitment; formalization of the volunteer structure:

- Recruited 30 volunteers in underrepresented regions in the Netherlands
- Created guidelines for the volunteers to implement their tasks

07/'13-12/'13  
06/'10-06/'13

**Project Executive**  
**Project Officer**

*Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Singapore*

Tasks: project management of non-formal education projects for young people, (incl. budgeting/financial reporting, communication, coordination with international partners, participants and facilitators):

- Attracted 400+ applications for the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEF University (AU18) on Sustainable Consumption, an increase of 230% compared to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition, and initiated its international spin-off ASEF Green Action with limited funding
- Elected by his colleagues as a staff representative of ASEF's Human Resource Committee 2011-2012

04/'08-06/'10

**Project Manager**

*SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten, Utrecht*

Tasks: management of IVS projects in the Netherlands including preparation, evaluation and reporting; publicity/ marketing; international communication; subsidy applications; office management:

- Successfully applied for three Youth in Action youth exchanges, while prior attempts by the organisation were rejected
- Significantly increased the number of projects to 15 during the first year
- Recruited and supervised various interns and (volunteering) staff

(Inter-)national volunteering

'20-now

**Member of the Team Education**

*Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations*

Analysing education needs and developing relevant activities for members

'05-'22

**Founder and Chairman**

*Arin Foundation, The Hague*

Project management; monitoring and evaluation; fundraising

08/'09

**Group Leader**

*SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten*

Youth Exchange on volunteering, Amersfoort, the Netherlands

08/'05-07/'06

**Volunteer Teacher Dutch as second language**

*Intercity Foundation in Nijmegen*

Teaching Dutch to immigrants living in the Netherlands

02-06/'05

**Volunteer**

06-08/'04

*Indonesia International Work Camp*

Teaching English at an orphanage; developing a construction project and scholarship programme, Semarang, Indonesia

09-12/'02

**Volunteer**

Administrative work; assistance in a lunchroom, Langebaan, South Africa

Education and trainings

11/'22-12/'22

**Training on Project Management**

*Hart voor Projecten, the Netherlands*

02/'22

**Keys For Change - A Holistic Training for Trainers**

*Egyesek, Hungary*

10/'20-12/'20

**Advanced Training to become an Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Facilitator**

*Soliya*

- 7/'19 **Training on Design Thinking**  
*ArtSquare Lab, Luxembourg*
- 11/'18 **Training on Storytelling, Stand-up Comedy and Neurolinguistic Programming**  
*Cooperativa Sociale Muovimente, Italy*
- 11-12/'16 **Training for Trainers**  
*Youth Trainers' Academy, Lithuania*
- 10/'09 **Advanced Training on Quality of Youth in Action Programme**  
*Youth in Action, Lithuania*
- 09/'06-08/'07 **Southeast Asian Studies**  
*Leiden University*  
MA Socio-Cultural and Economic Development  
Thesis: the influence of the 2004 tsunami on Banda Aceh, Indonesia (8.5)
- 09/'02-08/'06 **Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies**  
*Radboud University (RU)*  
BSc Cultural Anthropology  
Minor Conflict Studies

### Publications

'[A new framework for online solidarity](#)', with te Hennepe, Elisabeth. In: Europe Talks Solidarity. Vienna: European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre (2021)

Coordinator Editor of the ASEF University publication: '[Conscious Consumers for Environmental Sustainability](#)' and '[Cultural Heritage: Challenges and Opportunities](#)' and the Asia-Europe Cooperation in Voluntary Service: 'Health on Stage: [Training Toolkit](#) and [Evaluation Report](#)' (2013)

'A Touch of Tragedy: Pre- and Post-Tsunami Symbolism in Banda Aceh, Indonesia'. In: Peter J.M. Nas (ed.), *Cities Full of Symbols: A Theory of Urban Space and Culture*, pp. 153-177. Leiden: Leiden University Press (2011)

### Practices

	<i>written</i>	<i>spoken</i>
Dutch	fluent	fluent
Indonesian	sufficient	sufficient
Spanish, French	basic	basic
English		

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken Interaction	Spoken Production	Writing
C2	C1	C1	C1	C1

Computer MS Office/Teams, Trello, Prezi, Google Drive, Speed Typing, Zoom

### Interests

Intercultural learning, non-formal education, (international) volunteering, world music, traveling, playing tennis, doing and watching theatre, ice skating, cooking