

de Nieuwe Meent

Matchmaking 2024



We are looking for new members!



It's time to expand our community and welcome our future neighbours to join us. Below, you will find all that you need to know about the process to become a *meentje*!

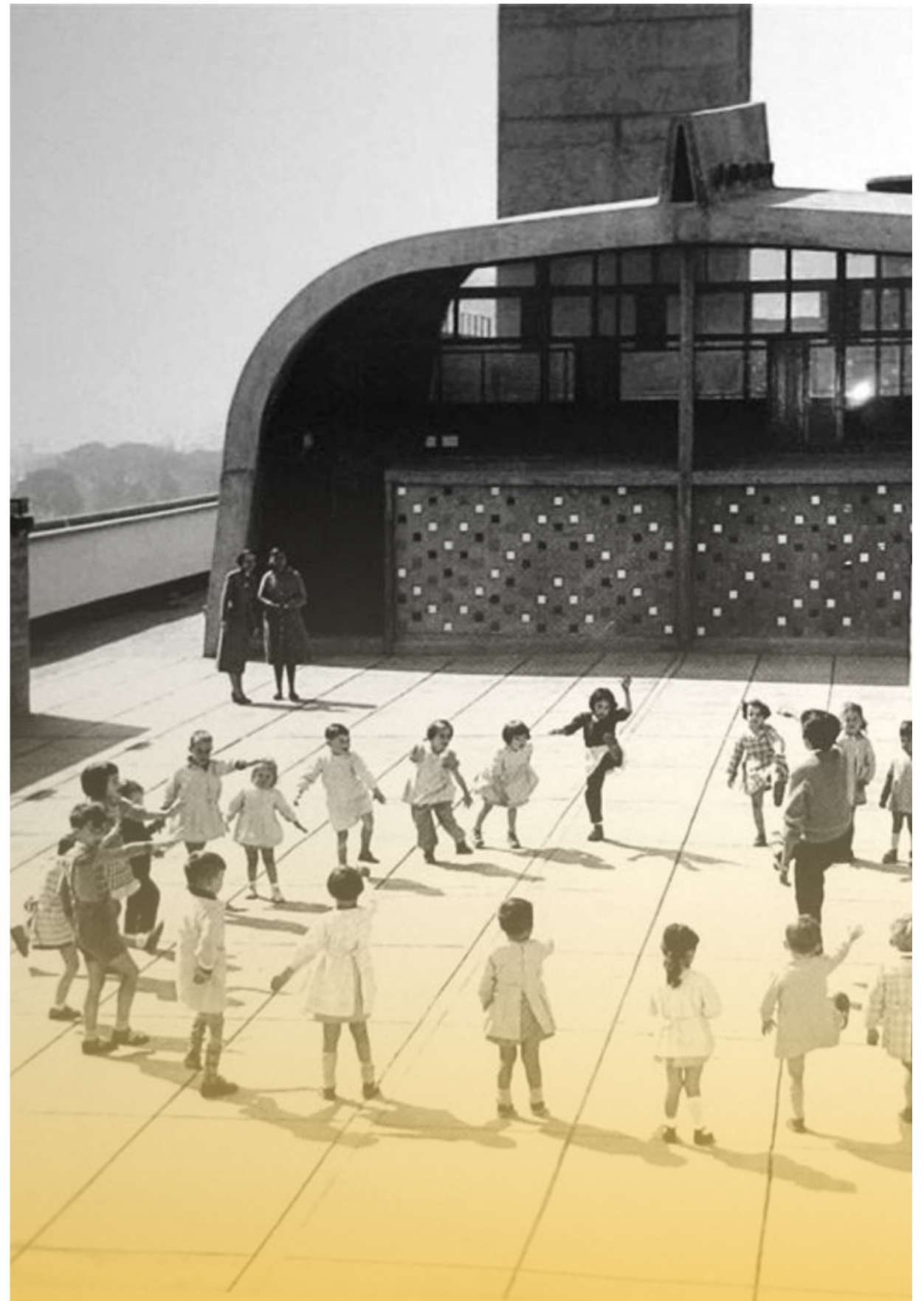
Meentjes: who are we?

We strive to reflect the diversity of the city we live in. Among our current 17 members, we have a BIPOC majority, a constellation of LGBTQ+ identities and some people with disabilities. Some of us are first generation migrants and with working-class backgrounds, and most of us qualify for social housing.

We are a community built around four core values:

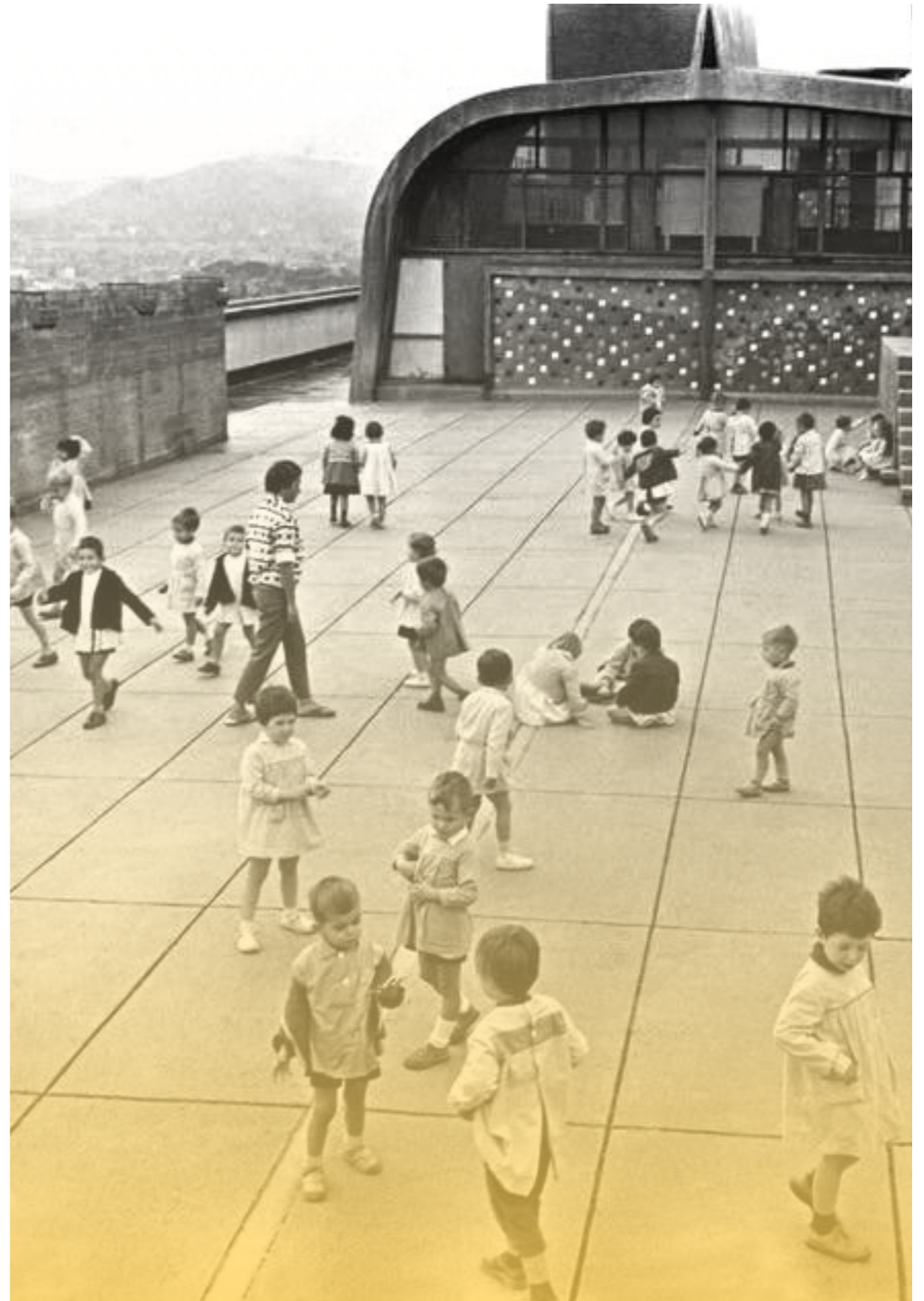
- **Commoning** means shared creation, use and management of resources that we all benefit from.
- With **diversity** we intend to create an inclusive community and actively work to create a safer space for everyone.
- **Care** implies tending to the needs of its members in terms of social relations, financial situation, physical and mental health and more.
- And by **sustainability** we mean maintaining a long-lasting, resilient and adaptable building and community.

Do these values resonate with you?
Then keep on reading!



Profile: who should apply?

- **Our cooperative is self-organised.** We can only live together according to our values with the active participation of all members. Therefore we are not just looking for renters: **we are building an intentional community.**
- We are looking to further **diversify our demographic makeup.** We prioritise candidates that belong to underserved communities or underrepresented identities. We are specifically looking for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, first-generation migrants, seniors and single-parent families.
- **You want to live in a community.** You are interested in spending time together, supporting each other, organising and socialising with your neighbours.
- You have some experience and/or confidence in your abilities for supporting such a project in the long run. **You have relevant skills or willingness to learn.**
- **There is a role for everyone:** some are good with spreadsheets, others with listening. Every skill is valuable: cooking, writing, fixing, growing, planning... What are you good at? What will you get better at?
- The first year(s) of the project will require a commitment of **8h per week on average.** We realise this is quite a lot. Ask yourself: do I/we have the time, capacity and willingness to prioritise this community in the next few years?



Vacancies: available units

dNM has in total 15 independent units and 5 co-living groups of ± 5 people each. At this moment, about half of it is occupied by our current members. For different vacant units, we are looking for different kinds of people:

I. Duplex units

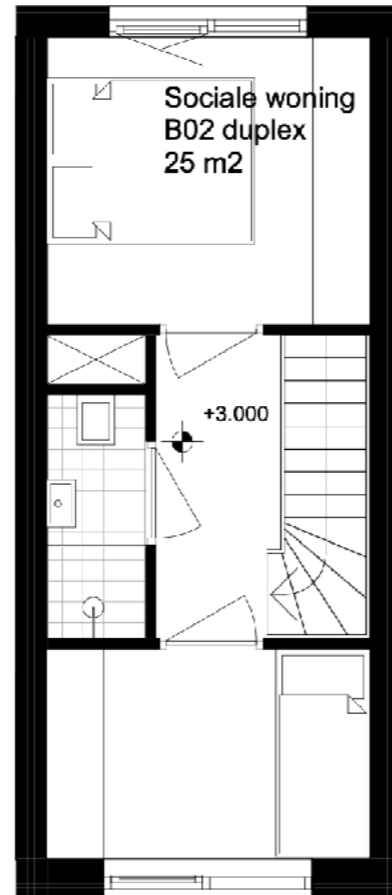
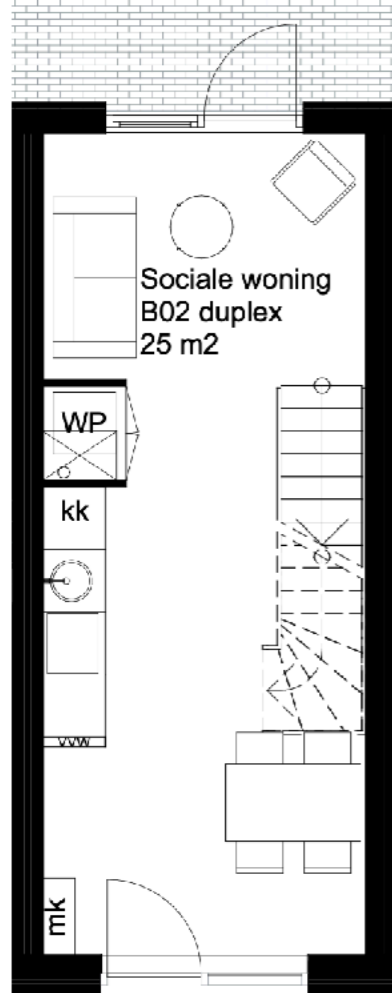
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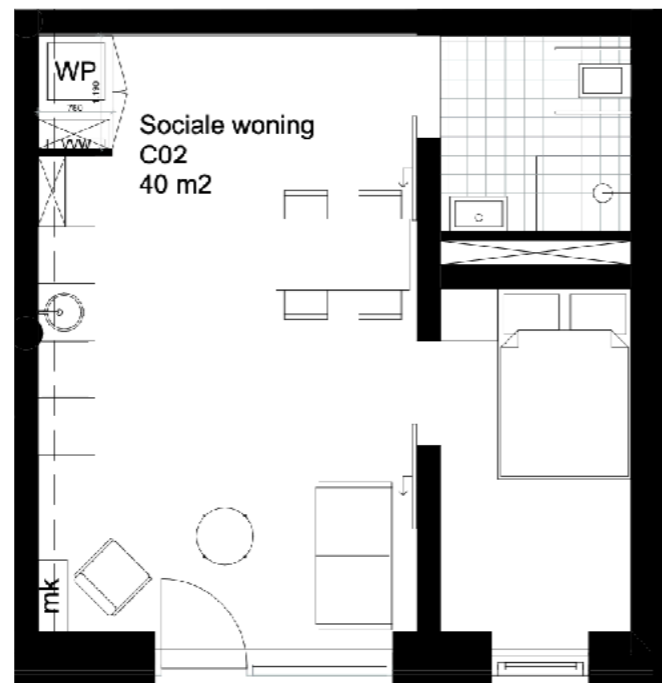
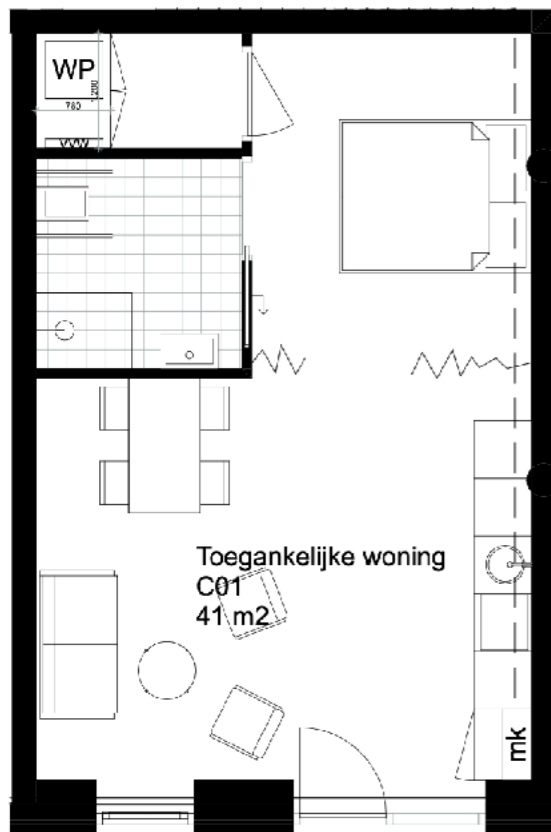


I. Duplex units

These are 50m2 units with two bedrooms. They are south-facing duplexes and are directly accessible from the street and courtyard. They are ideal for a small family, but not entirely suitable for people with accessibility and mobility needs.

We will prioritise (single-parent) families, and in particular BIPOC and migrant backgrounds. Applicants need to be eligible for social housing (see low-income criteria).





II. Studio units

These 40m² south-facing units with one bedroom. Two are directly accessible from the street, the other two from the communal lobby. They are ideal for a student, starter or senior, but not very suitable for families.

One of the units comes with a bathroom equipped to accommodate accessibility and mobility needs. For that unit we want to prioritise a candidate with such needs, and in particular BIPOC and migrant backgrounds.

Applicants need to be eligible for social housing (see low-income criteria).





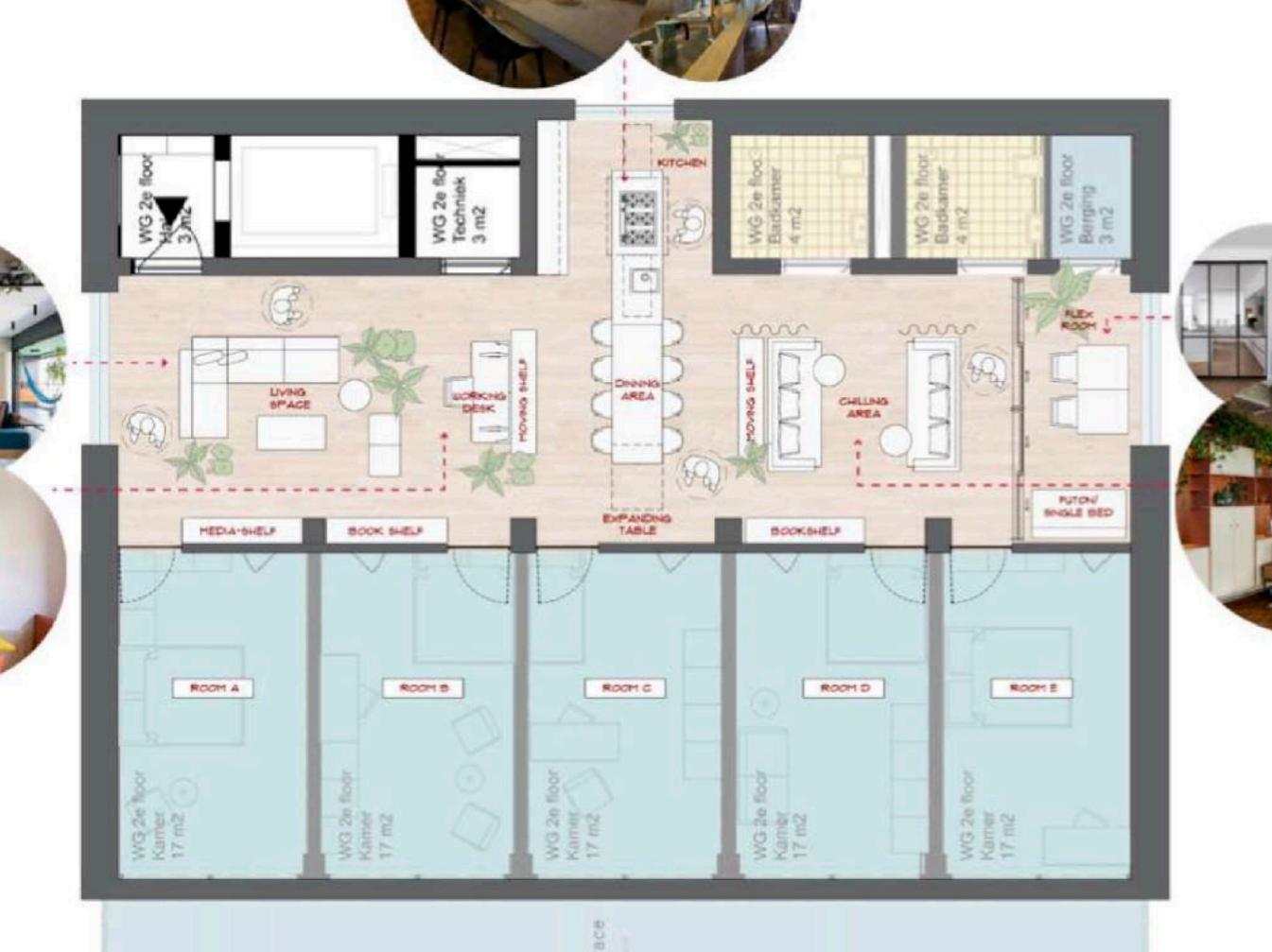
III. 55+ group

This co-living group on the second floor officially counts as five units, but can **accommodate between 4 and 6 inhabitants**. It comes with a shared living room, kitchen, balcony and bathrooms. It's accessible by elevator and the bathroom is adapted to accessibility and mobility needs.

This floor is **allocated for members aged 55 and above**. We prefer an already established group of at least three people. Any remaining spots can be filled later this year.

These units are currently not eligible for rent subsidy, but we are working to make this possible. There is no income criteria and the rent is still within the social housing threshold.





IV. New group

This co-living group on the third floor officially counts as five units, but can accommodate between 4 and 6 inhabitants. It comes with a shared living room, kitchen, balcony and bathrooms. It's accessible by elevator and the bathroom is equipped for accessibility and mobility needs.

We will prioritise already-established groups with a clear character or identity. This can be made up of just adults or any type of (non-conventional) family composition. You need to be at least 3 people, with the remaining spots to be filled later this year.

These units are not eligible for rent subsidy, therefore there is no income criteria. Their rent is still within the social housing threshold.





V. *The Gayas*

The co-living group on the fifth floor also has vacant spots. If you'd like to join them, you will still go through the general admission process. The group will also meet you separately to get to know each other.

It comes with a shared living room, kitchen, balcony, bathrooms and it's accessible by elevator.

These units are not eligible for rent subsidy, therefore there is no income criteria. Their rent is still within the social housing threshold.



Matchmaking: process and timeline

Getting to know each other takes time. This is why we ask candidates to join a matchmaking process over the coming months. This way we will have a better impression of who you are, you will have a better understanding of who we are and if this project is for you.



1. After attentively reading this document and FAQ, you may still have a million questions for us. We ask you to submit them anonymously until 27 January.
2. On Sunday 28 January 16:00-17:00, we will host an **online meeting to answer the questions**. This session will be recorded and transcribed so that you can catch up later (via website or newsletter).
3. If you are still interested, we will ask to fill a short form until 5 February. We will then invite (some of) you to an **onboarding meeting on 11 February**. This meeting will be in person, and you will learn more about how we work together and how you can participate.
4. In March and April, we ask you to **attend all our general meetings** (*Meentvergaderingen*) where we will host workshops to shape the project with your input. You will also **participate in a Work Group** in this period.
5. We will make a **decision in May** and invite selected candidates to become full members. We will also establish a **waiting list** with shortlisted candidates.
6. Just like we have a **limited number** of vacant units, we also have limited spots for the matchmaking process. Depending on the number of applicants, we may open a **second round**, but we cannot confirm this yet.



Summary

This was a lot of information!

Here is a recap of the roadmap:

1. Read this document and the Frequently Asked Questions.
2. Send your questions until 27 Jan using this anonymous pad.
3. Attend the online meeting on 28 Jan and/or check our newsletter or website for the answers.
4. Fill the online application form until 5 February and wait for an invitation to attend the onboarding session on 11 February.
5. Participate in general meetings and join a workgroup for two months.
6. Expect to hear a decision in May.

For any future communication during the matchmaking process, please mail aanmeldingen@nieuwemeent.nl.