

Foundation

Books Away From Home



Policy Plan 2023-2026

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1 INTRODUCTION

General

The Books Away From Home Foundation (BAFH) was established on July 18, 2022.

The aim of the Foundation is to make books available, free of charge, to refugee children from various countries and language areas, in their mother tongue. The availability of books in their first language helps children feel more at home and can ease the transition to their new environment. First-language books are important not only for these children, but also for the schools where they receive their education.

This policy plan describes the objectives and expected results of our efforts in the period January 2023 - January 2026.

Basic details

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Chair:	Bob van de Ven
Treasurer:	Bahar Akbarian
Secretary:	Monika van Miltenburg
Board member:	Stacey Knecht

Staff

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2 MISSION, VISION AND PURPOSE

Mission

To help refugee children, wherever they are, reach their full potential as citizens of the world.

Vision

When children are forced to flee their country and seek shelter in a foreign land, they leave behind more than just their homes, schools, and playmates. The Books Away From Home Foundation believes that staying in touch with their cultural roots can help these children adjust to their new environment, build social skills, stimulate their imagination and ease the trauma they have endured.

Motto

Children deserve books from home, even if they are far from home.

Purpose

The objective of our Foundation is to make children's books available to refugee children, from various countries and language areas and in various age groups. The books provided are in the 'first language' (mother tongue) and are available free of charge to refugee families, host families, refugee shelters and community/meeting centers. Schools and libraries are required to pay the (low) cost price.

In addition to this main objective, the Foundation aims to carry out all further actions related to or likely to promote this objective.

Books Away From Home is a non-profit, volunteer organization.

Why first-language books?

'(Reading aloud) lies at the heart of children's language and reading development and opportunities at school and in society. Reading broadens our thinking, teaches us to understand others better and increases our well-being.'

(source: [Dutch Reading Foundation](#))

The above quote applies to children everywhere. The difference between refugee children and children living in their own country, however, is that refugee children have few (or no) books in their mother tongue. Nor are such books always available at their local libraries. Reading, and being read to, in the language they know best can help these children process traumas they have suffered during their flight. First-language books, with illustrations reflecting life in the home country, are familiar and recognizable. They can help refugee children feel at ease in their new environment, while serving as an important 'bridge' to second language learning: studies have shown that a solid basis in the first language is essential to second-language development and reading skills. Books from home – *away* from home – can also provide a connecting element between refugee children and their new classmates and are a source of great pride ('This beautiful book comes from my country!').



3 HOW IT BEGAN AND WHERE WE ARE NOW

The idea

In March 2022, when thousands of Ukrainian war refugees and their families were pouring into the Netherlands and other parts of Europe, Stacey Knecht woke up one night thinking: “Those kids have no books!” With her own passion for books and commitment to the plight of refugees, the thought that these children had been unable to take along their beloved books was intolerable. How would their mothers read them to sleep? That is how the idea was born to provide refugee children with free books in their own language. In April 2022, Stacey launched the crowdfunding campaign ‘Books for the Youngest Ukrainian Refugees’. The initiative quickly gained wide support from donors and volunteers. But that was only the beginning. In July 2022, together with a team of dedicated volunteers, Stacey set up the Books Away From Home Foundation, whose aim is to make available free, first-language books to **all** refugee children.

Support from all sides, 20,000 Ukrainian children's books printed and distributed

The Ukrainian Book Institute in Kyiv, which represents all publishing houses in Ukraine, gladly cooperated with our venture by providing free print files of more than 36 Ukrainian-language children’s books. Our team selected five titles, colorful children's books that many Ukrainian parents remember from their own childhood. The Books Away From Home Foundation arranged for the books to be printed (Ten Brink Publishers) and distributed. Ten Brink generously supported the initiative by charging only the cost price, in addition to providing their invaluable expertise. The Embassy of Ukraine in the Netherlands fully supported the campaign with advice and publicity. The crowdfunding campaign ‘Books for the Youngest Ukrainian Refugees’ generated many individual donations, in addition to special fundraising events, such as school marathons, church collections, second-hand book sales at the Deventer Book Market, a fundraiser at the renowned Colette Bookshop in The Hague, and a large, unexpected donation from guests at a 50th anniversary party!

The first printing of 10,000 Ukrainian books was distributed last year to refugee families, host families, primary schools, shelters and community centers, followed by a second printing of another 10,000 books in 2023. The books were received with great joy, as was evident from the many photos and messages sent to us by Ukrainian children and their families. We continue to receive orders: not only from newly arrived families, but also from families that arrived in 2022 and, because of the war, have been unable to return. A third printing, and a printing of five new Ukrainian titles, is high on our list of priorities.

Project Sunbird: books in the Persian language, for refugee children from Iran and Afghanistan

Soon after the crowdfunding for our Ukrainian book project, we received requests from schools, shelters, community centers and individuals to organize similar projects for refugee children from other countries and language areas. Based on our vision and mission, the Foundation felt called upon honor this request. In 2023, the book project ‘Sunbird’ was created, for refugee children from Iran and Afghanistan. Sunbird is the first in a series of projects for refugee children in Europe from countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Eritrea, Myanmar and Sudan.

Partners of Books Away From Home

The list of organizations that enthusiastically support us continues to grow:

- [Ten Brink Publishers](#);
- [LOWAN](#): experts in newcomer education
- [‘Kinderzwerfboek’](#): take a book, leave a book!
- [Embassy of Ukraine in the Netherlands](#)
- [Ukrainians in The Netherlands Foundation](#)
- [Dutch Council for Refugees](#);
- [Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University](#) (AKCU)
- [KEIHAN Foundation](#): aims to build bridges between the Netherlands and Afghanistan
- [Gahwara Organization](#): Afghan children's authors, translators and illustrators create new Afghan storybooks

Active support

- [Institute for Research on the History of Children's Literature in Iran](#);
- [IBBY-Netherlands](#): every child has the right to become a reader
- [COA](#): central agency for the reception of asylum seekers
- [‘De Verhalenweverij’](#) (Belgium): promotes reading among disadvantaged groups



4 AMBITIONS 2023-2026

In the next three years

The challenges faced by refugee children and their families are numerous and complex. Our Foundation sees many opportunities to support and inspire these children, but as much as we would like to, we can't help them all at once. Difficult choices must be made. We carefully consider each new project, weighing the pros and cons and discussing at length the impact a project might have. Our aim over the next three years is to launch at least one new book project per year; each book project will focus on a specific language group. We also hope to expand ongoing projects: for example, five new titles for Ukrainian refugee children to add to the five titles we already offer. Our overall focus is to provide refugee children with books in their native language, and to organize/ facilitate activities that reinforce the use of these books:

- book projects for new language groups;
- new titles for ongoing book projects;
- activities to reinforce the impact that first-language children's books can have in schools;
- deployment and expansion of social media, including the Books Away From Home website;
- fundraising activities.

Book projects for new language groups

Between 2023 and 2026, we aim to realize at least three new book projects for refugee children (aged 3-8), possibly expanding to books for older children (9-12). The choice of language area or language group depends on the refugee situation at that time. When selecting book projects for new language groups, we look to see where our efforts can be most effective, based on demand for and availability of children's books.

Our current project-in-the-making, 'Sunbird,' is aimed at the Persian language group, for children from Iran and Afghanistan. Although their spoken language differs (Persian/Dari), the written language is close enough that Iranian children can read Afghan books and vice versa. Two sunbirds with one stone!

Expanded book selection for ongoing projects

We aim to publish five new titles for Ukrainian refugee children to add to the five already offered. A third print run of the five existing books is also possible.

Reinforcing the effectiveness of first-language children's books in schools

Together with our educational partners, such as LOWAN, we wish to develop lesson plans aimed at reinforcing the use of our children's books by (primary) schoolteachers. A lesson plan will consist of questions, discussion points, games and assignments and can be used by newcomers *and* their classmates. The lesson plans will be made freely available on our website.

BAFH website

Our website has received many positive reactions, especially because of the playful design and up-to-date information, such as an interview with Dutch author Martine Letterie about her children's book *Kinderen van Ver* ('Children from Afar'). In future, the website will feature interviews with children's book writers/illustrators from around the world. The BAFH website is also 'linked' to other projects for children, such as 'My Life Journey Book', in which refugee children can write about their journey to the Netherlands, with memories about their home country and their hopes for the future. Expansion of the BAFH website will include a children's page, for newcomers *and* their classmates, with games, puzzles, an interactive world map and more.

New activities

When developing a new project or activity, we carefully consider (financial) feasibility. We are currently exploring grants, sponsorships, and other means of funding.



5 STRENGTHS-WEAKNESSES

In this section, we describe potential opportunities and threats involved in the realization of our plans. The aim is to use our strengths and opportunities to overcome weaknesses and minimize threats.

Strengths

- Direct financial support for children's books. A donation has maximum impact: every Euro means one book, so donors always get 'value for money' – even with smaller donations.
- Our projects are focused, our aims concrete. They are easy to explain, and the results are transparent.
- Many (primary) schools subscribe to the importance of first-language children's books. Education is a huge sector: most children go to school.
- Our children's books are richly illustrated in the style of the home country, often with a 'timeless' (folk tale) character. The product has wide appeal, in large part because they are physical (as opposed to digital) books.
- The project for Ukrainian refugee children has proven successful and is ongoing.
- Cultural exchange is an important theme. Children's books open doors and connect people, whatever their age.
- As long as there are children on the run, there will be an urgent need for books in their native language.

Weaknesses

- There are already many charitable organizations focused on (refugee) children. The BAFH Foundation must focus on its unique, specific goals, so as not to be 'lost in the shuffle.'
- People don't always understand the importance for refugee children of reading in their first language: a solid foundation in the first language is crucial to second language acquisition.

Opportunities

- Schools willingly pay cost price for our books. By extending this payment policy to other organizations, such as libraries, health centers and hospitals, we can create even more opportunities for publication and distribution. For children in (host) families and shelters, the books remain free;
- The website as a 'meeting place' for teachers working with young newcomers, including an interactive forum, lesson plans, tips & tricks for the multicultural classroom, and so on (several members of the BAFH team are educational professionals);
- Collaboration with similar initiatives and organizations in other countries, sharing knowledge, ideas and information;
- Development and publication of new books for refugee children, written and illustrated by native speakers at home and abroad;
- Interaction with migrant communities: members of the Ukrainian, Afghan and Iranian communities have been enthusiastic and eager to cooperate on our first two projects.

Threats

- Inflation forces many people to limit their spending and may make them less inclined to donate;
- Empathy for the plight of refugees may diminish, leading to less (financial) support for our work;
- At present, the demand for children's books exceeds available funding; finding the right balance will be an ongoing challenge;
- Some foreign publishers may be unwilling to make their children's books available free of charge, or at a low rate. In such cases, we need to devise other solutions that are feasible for (and fair to) writers, illustrators and publishers.



6 ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING

Book projects for new language groups

- Project Sunbird: consultations with Afghan and Iranian publishers, and with human rights organizations, writers and illustrators will be held in the coming months (August - November 2023) to further develop this project. Exploratory talks will also be held with LOWAN, IBBY Netherlands, Dutch Refugee Council and COA. In December 2023, the first print run of Sunbird books (in Persian) will be published and distributed. Contact has been made with the Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, which is keen to make free children's books available. In the Netherlands, KEIHAN, an Afghan-Dutch foundation, is participating fully in the Sunbird project. Books Away From Home also hopes to create its own series of Persian children's books for Iranian and Afghan refugee children, in cooperation with Iranian writer/illustrator [Narjes Mohammadi](#). Ms. Mohammadi is currently writing a grant proposal for this project. The books will be printed by Ten Brink Publishers and distributed by our Foundation.
- Additional book projects will be determined in 2024.

New titles for ongoing projects

- Project 'Books for the Youngest Ukrainian Refugees: phase 2.' Our goal is to add at least five new Ukrainian titles to the current selection. The Ukrainian Book Institute in Kyiv, which gave us invaluable support in the first phase of the project, continues to provide their help and expertise. We hope to start this second phase in spring 2024, or earlier, if finances allow.

Strengthening the effectiveness of children's books in schools

- Together with our educational partners, we will develop a series of lesson plans to accompany our children's books. The lesson plans will be downloadable, free of charge, on the BAFH website.
- In 2023-2026, our Education/Schools subcommittee will continue to build our educational network and develop (digital) teaching materials related to first-language reading.
- An Erasmus+ project-proposal will be submitted to the EU in March 2025, with the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Poland and Ukraine as possible partner-countries. The 3-year project, if approved, will tackle the question: How can we reinforce the effectiveness of first-language children's books in our schools? An exchange of knowledge and hands-on experience between the partner-countries will help to achieve practical solutions and create inspiring, educational products.

BAFH website

Our website has been up and running since ... We continue to expand and develop the site and will introduce the following new features in the months to come:

- A Kids' Page for refugee children and their classmates, with book reviews and other contributions (all written by the children themselves!); a forum; an audio version of each of our books, read by native speakers; and an interactive world map, to see where the refugee children come from and encourage topographical knowledge and 'international mindedness'. Also on the Kids' Page: a section 'Cookies Away From Home,' in which children can share cooky and cake recipes from their home country. 😊
- A Teachers' Page, with special attention to newcomer education. When designing the page, we will ask the educational community directly for their input and suggestions.

Other activities

Other plans include presentations and 'book events' in schools, shelters, libraries and community centers, where stories are read aloud by native speakers and (refugee) children make their own books. Which we then (with their consent) will proudly post on our Kid's Page!

Planning

- 2023-2026 ANBI and CBF applications; various fundraising activities
- 2023-2024 Book project 2: 'Sunbird,' production of first edition and distribution of books
- 2023 Participation in Fundraising Training at Fund 1818
- 2023- 2024 Development of lesson plans, together with LOWAN Foundation
- 2023-2024 Books for the Youngest Ukrainian Refugees, phase 2: five new titles
- 2023-2024 Website development
- 2024 Book project 3: language group to be determined
- 2024-2025 Preparation and submission Erasmus+ project: if accepted, project begins September/October 2025
- 2025 Book project 4: language group to be determined; new titles for ongoing projects, if necessary
- 2026 Book project 5: language group to be determined; new titles for ongoing projects, if necessary



7 FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTION

All members of the BAFH Team and Board work on a volunteer basis. This includes our technical expert, Caspar van Wijk (website development).

Our partners (publishers, authors, illustrators) fully support our goal and are committed to keeping costs as low as possible. Production costs for our first project, Books for the Youngest Ukrainian Refugees, were limited to 1 euro per book (excluding shipping costs), which was exceptionally low and enabled us to realize our project.

Due to the high and sustained demand for our children's books, future publication and distribution of first-language books to refugee children is directly linked to the opportunities offered by fundraising.

The following fundraising and promotional activities are planned:

- In August 2023, the BAFH Foundation applied for ANBI status and CBF Recognition, conforming to the standards set by and for the fundraising sector. We await decisions from both organizations.
- In 2023, two directors will attend the Fundraising Training Course at Fonds 1818 in the Hague;
- Bahar Akbarian and Stacey Knecht will research financial support within the philanthropic sector;
- Sponsorship agreements with school boards, corporations and Rotary Clubs (contact has already been made with Rotary Netherlands).
- Expansion of our social media presence through Google Ads, which has given us the opportunity to create free ads for up to 10,000 Euros per month;
- BAFH Team members will explore opportunities for financial support within their own networks;
- Interviews, essays, articles, by the BAFH Team and guest contributors, related to first-language children's books and newcomers in the classroom;
- Crowdfunding campaigns for special projects, such as development of several new Persian children's books;
- Presentations (schools, businesses, charity organizations) to generate more awareness about our Foundation and objectives;
- Lectures at primary schools and community centers to raise awareness about the importance of first-language children's books;
- Regular blog posts appear on the website with news about our projects and those of related organizations. News items are posted weekly on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter. We also publish a monthly newsletter.



8 ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

General

In order to efficiently and professionally implement the activities described in this policy plan:

- The board meets at least three times a year;
- The subcommittees meet six times a year;
- To comply with the new GDPR privacy legislation (Netherlands) we will begin drafting a privacy protocol in 2023, so that we are compliant with legal regulations in 2024;
- We are a member of the trade association [Partin](#);
- Income and expenditure are accounted for in our annual financial report, which will be published on our website.

Annual account and budget

The overview below is a summary of the 2022 annual account (not a complete fiscal year) and the budget for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

2022 (not a complete fiscal year)	Annual account 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024	Budget 2025
Revenue				
Income from own fundraising	€ 18.773,43	€ 12.500,00	€ 20.000,00	€ 22.500,00
Income from joint actions	€ 0,00			
Income from third party actions	€ 0,00			
Income from grants	€ 0,00	€ 5.000,00	€ 7.500,00	€ 12.500,00
Income from investments	€ 0,00			
Other income	€ 0,00			
Total income	€ 18.773,43	€ 17.500,00	€ 27.500,00	€ 35.000,00
Expenditures				
Cost of acquisition	€ 0,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00
Management and administration costs	€ 564,25	€ 550,00	€ 550,00	€ 550,00
Spent on objective	€ 22.152,37	€ 12.600,00	€ 25.000,00	€ 25.000,00
Addition to reserves	€ 0,00			
Withdrawal from reserves	€ 0,00			
Total expenses/expenditures	€ 22.716,62	€ 13.850,00	€ 26.250,00	€ 26.250,00
Assets				
Intangible fixed assets	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Tangible fixed assets	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Receivables and accrued assets	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Cash and cash equivalents	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Total assets	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Liabilities				
Reserves and funds	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Non-current liabilities	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Current liabilities	€ 4.682,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Total liabilities	€ 4.682,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Positive balance / result	€ 738,81	€ 3.650,00	€ 1.250,00	€ 8.750,00

9 CURRICULUM VITAE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

Bob van de Ven, board member/Chair

Personal Details

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Work experience

Since 1994	employed as manager and director in secondary and vocational education and training (VET). From 2006 as interim manager, coach and consultant
Since 2001	advisor in the Netherlands and Germany in the field of education (such as introducing a new international curriculum; introducing Dutch Language and Culture in German schools; advising German Private Schools); administrative advice (including introduction of the Supervisory Board model); jury member Dutch School Building Award, advisor to Dutch companies regarding introduction to the German market
2006 – 2010	project leader Leadership Improvement for Students' Achievement, an international research project in seven European countries, commissioned by the VO-Council and in cooperation with the Universities of Twente, and Cyprus and the Deutsches Institut für Internationale Pädagogische Forschung in Berlin

Board involvement

From 1997	Chair, Dutch Forum for Educational Management
2013 - 2018	Member, Supervisory Board of PCPOW in Naaldwijk
2004 - 2018	Treasurer, International Education Foundation in The Hague
2008 - 2012	Chair, Supervisory Board KPOA in Amersfoort (PO)
2008 - 2012	Chair, Supervisory Board of Ceder Groep Amsterdam (VO)
1995 - 2006	Member, Cultural Education Committee of the Prince Bernhard Cultural Fund
2000 - 2003	Member, Board of Housing Corporation Westland (Vestia)
2000 - 2017	Secretary, Executive Committee of the European Forum for Administration in Education (Paris).
2002 - 2010	Vice Chair, Netherlands Institute for Film Education
2001 - 2010	Member, Foreign Affairs Committee of the VO-Council
2006 - 2009	Chair and founder, Foundation for Dutch Language and Culture in the Lower Saxony Border Region (Nordhorn, Germany)
2023 - present	Chair, Books Away From Home Foundation

Education

- Graduate studies in German Language and Literature (VU in Amsterdam) and Theater Studies (Utrecht)
- Management courses at the University of Bristol (UK) and Appleton (USA)
- Management Drives course (certified user)
- Social skills trainer

Publications

Numerous publications, especially in German and Dutch educational journals, including on the similarities and differences between Dutch and German educational practice.

Bahar Akbarian, board member/Treasurer



Personal details

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Work experience

- 2019 - present Real estate developer, Boelens de Gruyter, Amsterdam
- As a developer, I am responsible from A to Z for the creation of buildings in the private sector, such as homes, offices and hotels.
- 2022 - present Real estate consultant and construction project manager public real estate, ICSadviseurs, Amsterdam.
- I assist mostly public organisations with the planning of new buildings and renovations of their real estate, during initiation, definition and design phases. I also provide construction management for building projects, from start to completion.

Training

- 2012 - 2015 MSc Real Estate and Housing, TUDelft Faculty of Architecture
Graduation topic: Is it faster, and is it measurable? A quantitative study of the effects of integrated contract forms on time aspects in the development process.
Graduated with a 9.0 and honorable mention.
- 2011 – 2012 Extra Courses at MSc Urban Planning, (TUDelft) and Graduate School of Social Sciences (University of Amsterdam) on urban planning and urban sociology.
- 2007 - 2011 BSc Architecture, TUDelft, Faculty of Architecture
Minor: International Entrepreneurship and Development at Faculty of Technical Public Administration, TUDelft
- 2001 - 2007 VWO, Pallas Athene College, Ede
Course of study: Nature & Health, with Mathematics B2 and CKV3

Other activities

- 2022 - present Treasurer at Books Away From Home Foundation
- 2013 Board of The Real Estate Symposium Foundation
- 2008 - 2010 Various committees at student association Stylos, Faculty of Architecture

Monika van Miltenburg, board member / Secretary



Personal details

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Work experience

2001-present	Purchaser at Kuipers Food Processing Machinery BV, Woerden As a buyer, I am responsible for the procurement of products and services. Among other things, I determine the quantity of products or services to be purchased, I negotiate the price with the supplier, request quotations, compare different suppliers and do administration around the procurement process.
2019 - present	Event and lifestyle photography at Monika Van Miltenburg Photography In my photography, I try to capture the energy and atmosphere of the moment. During events and parties, I like to take photos that contribute to that atmosphere: the smiling people, the great-looking cocktail drinks, the picturesque surroundings of the event, well-presented plates of delicious food, anything to capture that moment in one photo.
2000 - 2001	Intermediary Van Der Hoek Harmelen employment agency
1997 - 2000	Travel Consultant - Magellan Biuro Podrozy Poznan, Poland

Training

1996 - 2000	Economics and Tourism Management, University of Economics Poznan (Poland)
1994 – 1996	History of Art, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan, (Poland)
1989 – 1990	VWO, XIII Liceum Poznan

Ancillary activities

2023 - present	Secretary at Books Away From Home Foundation
2022 - 2023	Bookmate at Books Away From Home Foundation
2019 - 2020	Board member at Ladies' Circle LC60 De Haar
2015 - 2019	PR at Ladies' Circle LC 60 De Haar

Stacey Knecht, board member / Director



Personal Details

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Work experience

1986 - present	Literary translator Czech, Dutch, Hungarian, into English
2022 - present	Founder and director Books Away From Home Foundation
2021 - present	'Kinderzwerfboek' Children's Book Ambassador to The Hague, https://kinderzwerfboek.nl/
2016 - 2018	External advisor for literature, Arts & Theatre Institute, Prague, Czech Republic
2016 - 2017	Member Participation Council Zwolle, education and integration 'task force'
2015 - 2016	Jury member Best Translated Book Award 2016
2004 - 2011	Editor-in-chief of The Ledge, a multilingual website on world literature
2010 - 2011	Teacher Dutch as a Second Language, Deltion College and Windesheim, Zwolle
2004 - 2006	Member of 'think tank' Literary Podia Amsterdam, www.litterairepodia.nl
2002 - 2007	Moderator John Adams Institute for their American Writers Lecture Series
2002 - 2004	Co-founder and editor-in-chief of <u>Literair Nederland</u>
2001 - 2003	Policy officer 'promotion of expertise in literary translation', Dutch Literature Foundation
2000 - 2004	Mentor for literary translators, University of Utrecht
2000 - 2004	Advisor on English-language literature, Dutch Literature Foundation Advisory Board
1996 - 2001	Lecturer summer course in literary translation, Dutch Language Union/ University of Amsterdam
1996 - 1998	Lecturer University College of London M.A. Programme Literary Translation

Awards, Grants

2015	Best Translated Book Award 2015, First Runner-up, for <i>Harlequin's Millions</i> by Bohumil Hrabal
2006	Project grant for 'The Ledge', Prince Bernhard Cultural Fund www.cultuurfonds.nl
2004	Incentive grant for 'The Ledge', Digital Pioneers www.digitalepioniers.nl
2000	Aga Khan Prize (<i>Paris Review</i>) for translation of Marcel Möring's short story 'East Bergholt'
1999	Honorable Mention Vondel Prize for <i>Desire</i> (Hugo Claus)
1996	Inaugural Vondel Prize for <i>The Great Longing</i> (Marcel Möring)
1993	James S Holmes Award for <i>Back to the Congo</i> (Lieve Joris)

Training

2010 - 2011	Teacher training Dutch as a Second Language, Windesheim/VU, completed with diploma/certification
1978 - 1980	Royal College of Music, London, M.A. Music
1974 - 1978	State University of New York at Purchase, B.A. Music and English Literature