

**Poverty is not just**  
**living on a low income**  
**or being jobless**  
**or living in bad**  
**housing conditions**  
**or having a hard time at school**  
**or suffering from poor health**  
**or having to face things**  
**all alone**  
**or...**

**Poverty is all of these problems**  
**all at the same time**  
**and all intertwined.**

**It turns surviving into**  
**a full-time job**

Most people are well off.  
They have every reason to live  
happily in our country.  
Unfortunately...  
still too many people  
drop out  
due to unemployment, illness,  
financial or family problems.  
For these people there is



**welzijnsschakel**  
**'t Ver-Zet-je**

't Ver-Zet-je  
is a group of local people  
who fight poverty  
and social exclusion  
**all over Hoogstraten.**

## What is 't Ver-Zet-je?

### a welfare link

a team of people with or without hands-on experience of living in poverty

### meeting place

activities for anyone who has to face poverty, lending an ear to figure out how to overcome problems (we are still looking for a meeting point)

### help out

we can offer practical help for transport, moving out, shopping ...

### feelgood activities

relaxing and affordable, a day out, a streetparty, a coffee break, Christmas party, Saint-Nicholas party, distributing second-hand toys

### fighting poverty

October 17 **international day for the eradication of poverty**: street action to make the voice of the poor heard (symbolised by hanging blankets from windows as a means to escape poor living conditions), school information campaign, 'Soep op de stoep' (offering soup to passers-by), 'CoffeeStop'



## 't Ver-Zet-je

prevents people from living in isolation and helps them to acquire a decent place in our society.

We believe it must be possible for people who do and those who do not have to face living in poverty to learn from each other and together change things.

## How can you contact 't Ver-Zet-je?

### If you think you may need us ...

### or if you feel the need to lend us a hand ...

### do not hesitate and contact us:

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