# Why Bond Precaire Woonwormen?



The Bond Precaire Woonvormen (BPW) was established with the purpose to claim the right to live in the city, where renting is increasingly becoming temporary, uncertain or too expensive. A risk that the growth of the precarious forms of housing entails is that the indefinite renting contract with full rental rights and a healthy, well-functioning social housing stock is under pressure to conform with the free market. As a result, the stock of available social housing units is gradually diminishing, and the rental contracts are now short-term. Home seekers are increasingly finding themselves in almost lawless

situations. The Bond Precaire Woonwormen (BPW) has been an active voluntary association since 2010 and fights to keep the long-term social housing spaces available for everyone. Specifically, the BPW organizes tenants in solidarity networks, offers advice regarding legal issues and provides moral support to flex residents who want to stand up for their rights.

# If you want to change something you have to get organized!

#### What we do.

The Bond Precaire Woonwormen (BPW) is a solidarity movement. The BPW operates with the help of volunteers who support each other and believe that housing is a fundamental right that we all must stand up for. We offer support to temporary (flex) residents regarding disputes with the property owners, but we are not a service institution. You will have to do the work yourself. We provide tips and advice and can help build a solidarity network, put pressure on the property owners, change power relations and claim housing rights directly. For legal disputes we can refer you to specialized tenancy lawyers.

## What we don't do.

You act yourself towards the property owner, the agency or the government. We do not take over the case but can advise you at every step. In addition, we count on your support. If you only come for free, individual assistance but you do not want to contribute to make our solidarity movement stronger, then unfortunately we cannot help you.

# What we expect from you: Solidarity.

It's all about solidarity. We expect you to support us in the future as we all fight together for housing security. You can participate in both offline and online promotions and campaigns of the Bond Precaire Woonvormen. As a first step, we require all applicants to become members of BPW.

# How we work

Housing is a fundamental human right. Unfortunately, new policies made housing increasingly uncertain and expensive. This must change. As individuals we are often powerless but together, we stand stronger. With solidarity we can build the strength to demand a stable home for everyone. You will become part of a local solidarity network that you help to set up. We can put pressure on property owners, but also on the market and policies. Read the detailed plan with our method and objectives, here.

# SET UP A SOLIDARITY NETWORK!

Together we stand strong!

What you can't achieve as an individual, You can achieve as a group. It starts by creating a solidarity network in your city or neighbourhood. With the support of this network you can give social and political pressure. How do you do that? The BPW has made a step-by-step plan for you.

CHECK THE STEPS.

## SOLIDARITY NETWORK ROADMAP

#### .1 INFORM!

What kind of contract or problem do you have? Check the website of the BPW and inform yourself by using the questionnaire on <a href="https://bondprecairewoonvormen.nl/vragenformulier-tijdelijke-bewoners/">https://bondprecairewoonvormen.nl/vragenformulier-tijdelijke-bewoners/</a>

## .2 ANALYS!

We analyze which rights you have or don't have. Together we are going to try to solve your problem.

Are your neighbours in the same situation?

## .3 CONTACT!

Contact the landlord and discus your problem. Will it be solved?

>Yes? "HOORAY"

>No? »Organize further."

## .4 ORGANIZE!

Often landlords do not listen to individual tenants, but they tend to listen to organised groups.

- >Contact your neighbours or co-tenants.
- >Organise, together with the BPW, a tenants meeting in your neighbourhood.
- >Contact, together with BPW, a specialized tenancy law lawyer.
- >Discuss the common problems as a group, and make a list of demands.

## .5 PUBLISH!

Make your housing struggle visible. This is the way to build social pressure.

- >Give your group a name. The BPW can help you with that.
- >Create accounts on social media or build a website.
- >Make sure that your housing struggle is visible for friends, family, local press and local politics.
- >Download posters on the BPW website and hang them up in your neighbourhood.

## .6 CONFRONT!

Now it's time for the landlords to grant our demands.

Make use of your solidarity network while you are negotiating and do not let yourself be played off against each other.

The more people openly support you, the stronger you stand.

- >Build social and political pressure with tenant actions.
- >Invite the local press, this will increase the pressure.
- >Dare to confront.