

Social network
developed for LGBTI
asylum seekers,
refugees
and newcomers



COCKTAIL

Are you an LGBTI newcomer or do you know an LGBTI newcomer who might be interested in **cocktail**?

Please contact us!

We welcome all reactions, questions and ideas.

cocktail is a social network developed by COC for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex asylum seekers, refugees, and newcomers.

cocktail wants to help reduce the isolation that LGBTI newcomers might feel in their community and introduce them into the Dutch society in a safe way.

cocktail wants to help improve the social climate for/and the safety of, LGBTI newcomers and migrants in the Netherlands.

cocktail is fully run by volunteers. **cocktail** organizes buddy-contact between a LGBTI newcomer and a cocktail volunteer. Through meetings and activities **cocktail** wants to create a space where you can be yourself and feel accepted.

LGBTI people are being discriminated against and threatened in large parts of the world. In some countries they are imprisoned or even sentenced to death. Often fleeing is the only option. They have to leave family and friends behind for an uncertain future in a strange country. In addition, the sexual orientation or gender identification of LGBTI refugees is often not accepted or tolerated by their fellow newcomers, just like in their country of origin. This can lead to severe forms of threat, isolation, feelings of anxiety, depression or worse.

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