



## Meeting of the European Branches of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation- Programme May 1st- May 3rd

### 1 May

Participants arrive in The Hague, Stayokay Hotel

**venue: Scheepmakersstraat 27, 2515 VA Den Haag, Nederlande**

16:00 Introduction of participants based on three questions:

- What gave you hope during the last year?
- Who could help?
- What do you expect from this weekend?

- Updates from IFOR branches and other organisations present, Re-thinking security initiatives

18:00 Dinner: vegetarian and vegan buffet

19:15 Presentation by Ralf Becker, Sicherheit Neudenken

20:30 "Prayer for peace in Ukraine and in all communities and countries stuck in cycles of conflict and violence" – ongoing online event

21:00 Discussion about the presentation and prayer

## 2 May

Breakfast 8:00

9:00 Reflection by Bishop Joris Vercammen (tbc) on moral choices in times of war

9:45 Counteracting Militarisation: Introduction, underage recruitment, nonviolent alternatives

10:30 Coffee/tea

11:00 Counteracting Militarisation: conscientious objection in the countries represented, defunding military and call for a peace budget

12:30 Lunch buffet

13:30 Discussion with and learning from refugees from war and conflict zones facilitated by John van Tilburg (INLIA)

15:00 Coffee/tea

15:30 Continuation

possible action points:

-open letter re peace funding, underage recruiting or asylum for conscientious objectors

17:00 Closing with singing (Taizé, Iona)

17:15 /17:30 Walk to Scheveningen

18:30 Evening meal in Scheveningen (fish and chips), see the sea, see if the waves bring peace

## 3 May

8:00 Breakfast,

9:00 Clear rooms (there is space for luggage storage at Stayokay)

9:15 Take the tram to the Peace Palace

9:30 – 11:30 Guided tour of the Peace Palace, or peace walk and a moment of celebration at the eternal flame.

11:30 IFOR updates, closing, evaluation; 15 minutes of singing together

13:00 Closing lunch

