

# **BPW WORKSHOP FIGHTING HOUSING INJUSTICE**



## **BOND PRECAIRE WOONVORMEN Amsterdam**

*in cooperation with*

**RADICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**



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# INTRODUCTION TO BPW



**Union against Precarious Housing**



**Activists, volunteers**



**Right to Housing and the City - #FuckFlex**



**Fight against housing injustice:** [PRECAIREWOONVORMEN.NL](http://PRECAIREWOONVORMEN.NL)



- temporary/short-term contracts
- inaffordable rents
- evictions
- public housing shortage
- no self-determination



**Local groups**  
e.g. BPW Amsterdam



**Solidarity movement**

**Join..., get help..., help others... in precarious housing situations**



# THE HOUSING CRISIS



- 🏠 Liberalization / Commodification
- 🏠 Speculation / Real Estate investors
- 🏠 Cuts on social / affordable housing
- 🏠 2008 Financial Crisis
- 🏠 Bad long-term vision and coordination

# WHAT WE DO



**Solidarity  
networks**



**Publicity**



**Action!**

A promotional graphic with a red and blue color scheme. It features a woman's face, icons of a house with a clock, a house with a fist, and a house with a Euro symbol. The text reads: "SHORT TERM? UNCERTAIN? OVERPRICED?" and "STAND UP FOR YOUR HOUSING RIGHTS WITH BOND PRECAIRE WOONVORMEN". The BPW logo is in the top right corner.

**SHORT TERM?  
UNCERTAIN?  
OVERPRICED?**

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# SUCCESS STORIES



**ILLEGAL EVICTION STOPPED**

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With the help of **BPW East** (a new k... movements in Rotterdam (squatte... arrived at 9:20 am to all appea...

**STOP EVICTIONS IN THE OLMENHOF**

**Residential care cre...**

Owner Woonzorg, actually a ho... the commercial vacancy manager Plaza... **shering unreasonable costs. Rental end...**

tenants will have to leave  
former Olmenhof care  
alternative

The residents of the Klokkenhof have been deprived of their right to housing security for years due to internal relocations. Every two years they were offered a new flexible contract at a different address in the building.

**Earlier last year** the residents were suddenly told that the building is being renovated and that internal moves are no longer possible. This would put about 100 temporary tenants on the street.

*"Two months ago I became overwrought by the situation. My girlfriend who lives in the flat has had a burnout since March last year. No one realizes what it does to you when you work very hard and are constantly under pressure from imminent homelessness."*

**Bibi, temporary resident of the Klokkenhof**

**Also read the article**

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# HOW WE ASSIST



1. Register online
2. Make an appointment with your regional/local BPW group
3. Explain your housing injustice situation
4. Follow the step by step plan

# CALL TO ACTION



**Become a member**



**Join a local group**



**Join our campaign Wij Weigeren De  
Huurverhoging**



**We Refuse Rent Raise**



**Help BPW grow nationally**



**actions and campaigns, (social) media, ...**



**...**



# WORKSHOP (1)

## TOPICS

1. Are you or do you know someone facing housing injustice?
2. Is the BPW approach okay, or are there other ways to fight housing injustice?
3. How would you convince people to stand up for (their) housing justice?
4. What challenges do you expect to face?

# WORKSHOP (2)

## ASSIGNMENT

1. Split up in groups (4 to 6 people)
2. Each group
  1. Pick a housing injustice example (real or made-up)
  2. Work out a plan to fight that housing injustice
  3. Roles: note taker, presenter, researcher, ...



# WORKSHOP (3)

## PRESENTATION AND REFLECTION

### 3. Each group

- present your results

### 4. Conclusion and reflection

- evaluation and feedback
- constructive criticism
- positive reinforcement

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