

# Annual Report 2024–2025

## Stolpersteine Foundation

This report of the Stolpersteine Foundation provides an account of the Foundation's activities during the years 2024 and 2025. During this period, the Foundation's work included the installation of Stolpersteine in the municipalities of Amsterdam and Utrecht.

## Mission and Objectives

The Foundation's purpose is to preserve the memory of the victims of National Socialism during and around the time of the Second World War, and of the occupation and persecution by the Nazis that resulted from it, through participation in the Stolpersteine project of the German artist Gunter Demnig.

In carrying out this mission, the Foundation works closely with descendants, local residents, and the Municipality of Amsterdam.

## Governance and Organisation 2024–2025

### Supervisory Board

- Jaap Goudsmit (until 24 June 2025)
- Johannes Romijn (to date)
- Alexander Stukenberg (7 January 2025 – 10 April 2025)

### Executive Board

- Alexander Stukenberg (Director until 7 January 2025)
- Timo van Barneveld (Director from 16 December 2024 to 24 June 2025)
- Josine Calff (Secretary from 25 March 2025 to 22 July 2025)
- Jaap Goudsmit (Chair from 25 June 2025 to date)

Between March and June 2025, the Board met on a weekly basis.

### Volunteers

In 2024 and 2025, a group of volunteers ranging from 6 to 12 people was active. The volunteers conducted archival research to determine the inscriptions for requested Stolpersteine, communicated with applicants, and supervised the installation of the stones in cooperation with paving crews from the Municipality of Amsterdam.

The volunteers met four times during the reporting period:

- 19 December 2024
- 7 April 2025
- 25 April 2025

- 20 October 2025

## **Cooperation**

In addition to its cooperation with Stiftung Spuren / Team Benelux, the Foundation works closely with the Municipality of Amsterdam, which is responsible for installing Stolpersteine in public spaces. This includes not only the installation of new Stolpersteine, but also the removal and reinstallation of existing stones when required due to public works (including fibre-optic cable installation).

On 25 February 2025, the Amsterdam Municipal Executive (College of Mayor and Aldermen) adopted a decision regarding cooperation with the Foundation, under which the municipality bears the costs of installing the stones. The paving crews of City Works (Service Team East) carry out the installations.

## **Governance Changes**

Partly as a result of the Director's departure in early 2025, there has been a growing conviction that a governance structure consisting of a Board of three unpaid members is more appropriate for the Foundation, with a particular focus on maintaining close contact with volunteers.

The Supervisory Board therefore took the necessary steps to enable a new Board to take office by the end of 2025. Under this new structure, a Supervisory Board will no longer be required.

The new Board consists of:

- Hugo Arlman (Chair)
- Willem Roos (Secretary)
- Jacques Noach (Treasurer)

## **Division of Responsibilities between Stolpersteine Foundation Amsterdam and Stiftung Spuren**

Following initial uncertainty, it was agreed that the Stolpersteine Foundation would not be involved in the production of Stolpersteine.

The Benelux Team of Stiftung Spuren produces Stolpersteine for Amsterdam and for other locations outside Germany in the workshop located in the garden of the Goethe-Institut Amsterdam.

The Foundation organises and coordinates applications for Stolpersteine in Amsterdam, carries out the necessary historical research, and manages communication with applicants, including invoicing. The stones are then ordered from Team Benelux.

After delivery, the Foundation organises and supervises the installation of the stones in Amsterdam in cooperation with Service Team East of the Municipality of

## Activities in 2024–2025

Considerable effort has been devoted to reducing the number of pending ap

	2024	2025
Stolpersteine installed	1,034	1,057
New applications	898	622*
Pending applications as of 31 December	2,170	1,535

\* Application intake suspended as of 1 November 2025

## Key Dates in 2024 and 2025

- 28 June 2024: Installation of the 2,500th Stolperstein in Amsterdam by Mayor Halsema.
- 1 November 2024: Installation of the 3,000th Stolperstein in Amsterdam.
- 27 January 2025: Installation of a Stolperschwelle at the Artis / National Holocaust Museum tram stop.
- 29 January 2025: Installation of a Stolperschwelle at Beethovenstraat tram stop.
- 9 April 2025: Installation of 28 Stolpersteine for residents and staff of Halberstadt Retirement Home.
- 3 June 2025: Farewell to Alexander Stukenberg.
- 20 June 2025: Installation of a Stolperschwelle at Victorieplein tram stop.
- 14 October 2025: Installation of the 4,000th Stolperstein in Amsterdam.
- 1 November 2025: Introduction of the application suspension and priority scheme for elderly applicants with a direct personal connection to the person for whom a stone has been requested.

## Outlook for 2026

In the coming year, the Foundation aims to:

- Draft new Board Regulations.
- Change the Foundation's name to **Stichting Stolpersteine Amsterdam**
- Complete the organisational separation from the Utrecht organisation.
- Develop and implement a new website.
- Develop and implement a new IT infrastructure for operational processes.
- Deliver Stolpersteine that cannot be installed in the short term directly to applicants.
- Adjust the timing of invoicing.
- Reach agreements with Stiftung Spuren / Team Benelux on the number of Stolpersteine that can be ordered and delivered each month.
- Reach agreements with Stiftung Spuren on the pricing of the stones.
- Establish a volunteer organisation, including volunteer recruitment, volunteer meetings, and a handbook covering the various tasks.

