

Annual Report 2024–2025 Sichtung Stolpersteine

This Annual Report of Stichting Stolpersteine provides an account of the Foundation's activities during 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 mission is to preserve the memory of the victims of National Socialism before and during the Second World War, and of the Nazi occupation and persecution that followed, through participation in the Stolpersteine project initiated by the German artist Gunter Demnig.

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

Governance and Organisation (2024–2025)

Board of Directors

- Alexander Stukenberg (Director until 7 January 2025)
- Timo van Barneveld (Director from 16 December 2024 until 24 June 2025)
- Josine Calff (Secretary from 25 March 2025 until 22 July 2025)
- Jaap Goudsmit (Chair from 25 June 2025 until 26 February 2026)

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

Supervisory Board

- Jaap Goudsmit (until 24 June 2025)
- Johannes Romijn (until 26 February 2026)
- Alexander Stukenberg (7 January 2025 – 10 April 2025)

Volunteers

During 2024 and 2025, between six and twelve volunteers were actively involved in the Foundation's work. They carried out archival research to establish the correct inscriptions for requested Stolpersteine, maintained communication with applicants, and coordinated the installation ceremonies in cooperation with the Municipality of Amsterdam's street works team.

The volunteers met on four occasions 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 both the installation of new Stolpersteine and the temporary removal and reinstallation of existing stones when public works are carried out, for example during the installation of fibre-optic infrastructure.

On 25 February 2025, the Amsterdam Municipal Executive (College of Mayor and Aldermen) adopted a decision governing its cooperation with the Foundation, confirming that the Municipality would bear the costs of installing the stones. Installation is carried out by the Street Works Department (Stadswerken), Service Team East (Serviceteam Oost).

Governance Changes

Following the departure of the Foundation's Director in early 2025, it became clear that a governance model consisting of a three-member, unpaid Board would be more appropriate for the Foundation, with particular emphasis on maintaining close contact with the volunteers.

The Supervisory Board therefore took the necessary steps to establish a new governance structure, enabling a new Board to take office at the beginning of 2026. The new Board consists of:

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

Under this new governance model, a Supervisory Board is no longer required.

Division of Responsibilities between Stichting Stolpersteine Amsterdam and Stiftung Spuren

Following an initial period of uncertainty, it was agreed that Stichting Stolpersteine Amsterdam would not be responsible for producing Stolpersteine.

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

The Foundation organises and coordinates applications for Stolpersteine in Amsterdam, conducts the necessary historical research, communicates with applicants (including invoicing), and subsequently orders the stones from Team Benelux. Once delivered, the Foundation organises and supervises the installation of the Stolpersteine in Amsterdam in cooperation with Serviceteam Oost of the Municipality of Amsterdam.

Activities in 2024–2025

Considerable effort was devoted to reducing the backlog of pending applications. At present, the principal bottleneck is the maximum number of Stolpersteine that can be ordered each month from Stiftung Spuren in Germany.

Over the past two years, the number of requested but not yet installed Stolpersteine has been reduced by 635.

Key Dates in 2024 and 2025

- **28 June 2024** – Installation of Amsterdam's 2,500th Stolperstein by Mayor Femke Halsema.
- **1 November 2024** – Installation of Amsterdam's 3,000th Stolperstein.
- **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 commemorating residents and staff of the Halberstadt Residential Home, Plantage Middenlaan 17.
- **3 June 2025** – Farewell ceremony for Alexander Stukenberg.
- **20 June 2025** – Installation of a *Stolperschwelle* at Victorieplein tram stop.
- **14 October 2025** – Installation of Amsterdam's 4,000th Stolperstein.
- **1 November 2025** – Introduction of a temporary suspension of new applications and a priority scheme for elderly applicants with a direct personal relationship to the individual being commemorated.

Outlook for 2026

During the coming year, the Foundation intends to:

- Complete a comprehensive revision of its Articles of Association.
- Change its name to **Stichting Stolpersteine Amsterdam**.
- Develop and launch a new website.
- Develop and implement a new IT infrastructure for its operational records.
- Introduce measures to prevent the workshop from becoming overcrowded with Stolpersteine that cannot be installed in the short term.
- Revise the timing of invoicing applicants.
- Reach agreements with Stiftung Spuren / Team Benelux regarding the monthly number of Stolpersteine to be ordered and delivered.
- Further develop the volunteer organisation by recruiting additional volunteers, establishing regular volunteer meetings, and producing a handbook covering the various volunteer roles and responsibilities.

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