

## **FREEDOM EVE THE HAGUE 2026**

**Saturday 27 June 2026 — 14:00 to 19:00**

**Location:** Kunstenplein, Amare (Ground Floor)

**Entrance:** Revolving doors on the Spuiplein side

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**14:00 — Walk-in** LED screen showing relevant videos.

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#### **14:15 – 14:40 — Djembé Workshop**

**Instructor:** Drum master *Mandiaye* Open to all ages. Registration at the Africa Life reception table. *Limited drums available — full = full.*

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#### **14:40 – 14:45 — Welcome**

**Host:** *Vijay Sampatsing* - Radio presenter (MeerRadio – “Onbekend Maakt Onbemind”).

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#### **14:50 – 15:05 — Speech - Mariëlle Vavier**

Alderman for Poverty, Inclusion & Public Health.

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#### **15:15 – 15:25 — Musical Opening**

**Featuring:** *De Nubische Club* Traditional Sudanese songs expressing resilience, pride, and cultural heritage.

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#### **15:25 — Speech**

**Speaker:** *Mikal Tseggai* - Member of the Dutch House of Representatives.

#### **15:35 – 15:45 — Speech**

**Speaker:** *Rabin Baldewsingh* - National Coordinator against Discrimination & Racism.

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**15:50 – 16:20 — Salsa Workshop - Instructor:** *Windert Kastaneer* - Two-time Dutch Salsa Champion. Registration at the Africa Life reception table. *Full = full.*

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**16:25 – 16:40 — Ambassadors' Reflections**

Perspectives on the Trans-Atlantic slavery past.

Expected representatives:

- Brazil
- Nigeria
- Suriname
- Minister Plenipotentiary of Curaçao

Also speaking: *Buhlebezwe Siwani* (artist & designer of the Slavery Memorial)

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**16:40 – 16:55 — Peace Ritual Screening**

Traditional peace offering filmed at the Slavery Monument (Lange Voorhout).

Featuring:

- Edo people (Nigeria)
- Maroons (Suriname)

**Free tasting** of foods eaten during the slavery era.

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**16:55 – 17:15 — Igbo Masquerade Performance** - Traditional ritual dance from southeastern Nigeria. Sacred masks representing ancestors, protective spirits, and moral forces. **Also present:** *Yoruba Heritage Club The Hague*.

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**17:15 – 18:00 — Knowledge Quiz**

Topic: The Hague's slavery & colonial history. **Host:** *Paula Udondek* - Participants receive a Freedom Eve pen & notebook. Three winners receive a special keepsake.

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**18:05 – 18:25 — DJ Lex**

A festive, high-energy DJ set full of rhythm and joy.  
Time to dance and celebrate together.

## **18:30 – 19:00 — The Reincarnational Band**

Featuring *Michael Kituu*.

Authentic African music, traditional rhythms, and powerful Roots Reggae.

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## **19:00 — Closing**

### **Food by Kate Kitchens**

Affordable, delicious West-African dishes: Fried Rice, Jollof Rice, Chi-chi, and more.

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### **MARKET STANDS**

- Coöperatie Eva, Bybarima, Michael Kituu, Muku Beauty
  - Said Idris (African outfits), Kaabassi, Vincent Gambah – Afroeuro
  - Stichting Africa Life
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### **ABOUT FREEDOM EVE**

A commemoration rooted in reflection, healing, unity, and historical awareness.  
Honouring ancestors, acknowledging the past, and strengthening community bonds.

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### **ACCESSIBILITY — AMARE**

**Address:** Spuiplein 150, next to City Hall

- Paid parking in the city centre
  - Public transport recommended (see [htm.nl](#))
  - Bicycle parking available at City Hall
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### **SPECIAL THANKS**

- Municipality of The Hague
- Amare
- All volunteers