

## Press Release

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Princess Laurentien, Minister Plasterk and Secretary of State Van Blijsterveld (OCW), 6th October 2008 in Middelburg and Vlissingen for provincial attack plan low literacy

Her Royal Highness Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, together with Mister Dr. R.H.A. Plasterk, Minister of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) and Madam J.M. van Blijsterveld, Secretary of State of the department of OCW, will pay a working visit to Middelburg and Vlissingen on Monday 6th October. The working visit is made in the context of the provincial attack plan low literacy.

With the attack plan low literacy, the province of Zeeland wants to reduce the number of low-literate adults. Various actors, amongst which family health centres, ROC (regional training centres) and employers are collaborating. The working visit is the official start of the attack plan.

In the Zeeland library in Middelburg, the Princess, the Minister and the Secretary of State will be interviewed about the necessity of the attack plan low literacy and the importance of involving local communities. The library also hosts an information market and a rap demonstration and Stichting Lezen & Schrijven will offer a workshop. The Princess and the members of government will then visit two partners of the province making a contribution to the attack plan low literacy: the ROC Zeeland and the Rabobank in Vlissingen.

At this moment, the province of Zeeland has some 36.000 low-literate persons, especially elder and non-employed people. Only 150 of them attend a course or training. Objective of the Zeeland attack plan low literacy is to get more people to attend a course or training session, to hence decrease the number of low-literate people.