

Bersih NL Summary Report 2016

2016 was a historic year for Bersih NL because since February 2016, we are an official Stichting (NGO) registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce and launched our own website! With the registration of Bersih NL as an NGO, we will have our own bank account and financial reports are available online and is accessible to all. Appendix 1 shows Bersih NL 2016 Financial Statement.

Our main goal is to create a platform for Malaysians from all walks of life in the Netherlands and nearby countries, for them to be informed and to share their views about the social, political and economic situation in Malaysia. We started with 12 members and we believe many more concerned Malaysians on the social, political and economic developments in Malaysia will join us. After our forming, Bersih NL has hosted many Malaysians get together events. We received guests from Geneva Mr Bala Chelliah and his wife, Sharnti on 21 February 2016 in Utrecht to celebrate Chinese New Year. The event was attended by 18 members, guests and friends of Bersih NL.

We had also the privilege to receive guests from Bersih 2.0 on 16-18 September 2016. Manager Mandeep Singh and Advocacy Coordinator Zoe, fulltime staff of the Bersih 2.0 Secretariat, met with Bersih NL members in The Hague. We discussed current issues and incidents in Malaysia, including the abuse of power by the current federal government and Bersih 5's demands. The Bersih 5 rally was held in Kuala Lumpur on 19 November 2016 and at the same time, Bersih NL organized a parallel Bersih 5 rally in front of the Malaysian Embassy, The Hague. We had about 30 concerned Malaysians, their family and friends joined us for the march from the Peace Palace to the Malaysian Embassy. The event lasted for 1.5 hours.

After the event, the board members of Bersih NL were invited to attend the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam to watch The Borneo Case, a documentary about corruptions and deforestation issues in Sarawak. The documentary was produced by Dylan Williams/Erik Pauser from Sweden. More details: <https://www.idfa.nl/industry/festival/film-list.aspx?partID=A0015706-407F-4C4C-AC4A-E511FD24285E>

The event followed by a drink session with Dylan and Erik's team. We were very inspired by their interest and knowledge about the political issues in Malaysia and they offered their help in anyways to further expose our plights to the international community.



Figure 1 - Photo of Bala meeting our Bersih NL members



Figure 2 - Photo of Mandeep and Zoe meeting our Bersih NL and Bersih Germany members



Figure 3 - Photo of Bersih 5 organized by Bersih NL in front of Peace Palace, the Hague

Other work done by Bersih NL was the analysis on the re-delineation of Electoral Boundaries in Sarawak before the eleventh Sarawak state election held on Saturday, 7 May 2016. Using publicly available data on the 11 new constituencies created in Sarawak for the State Election, we predicted the BN will have a bigger win from the re-delineation exercise. More details available on our website: <http://bersih.nl/2016/05/05/re-delineation-of-electoral-boundaries-in-sarawak-will-win-more-seats-for-bn-the-ruling-party/>

We have also approached other human rights organization like Lawyer for Lawyers Netherlands (<http://www.advocatenvooradvocaten.nl/>) to discuss how we can collaborate.

Besides advocacy work, we had great summer picnic in June with our Bersih NL members in the Hague. Again, great Malaysian delicacies were shared and savored together! In that session, many ideas were exchanged including the setup of an online forum on the Bersih NL website for closed discussions and to exchange ideas.



Figure 4 - Bersih Netherlands had our summer Bbq picnic in the Westbroekpark, The Hague on 26 June 2016

Appendix 1

Bersih Network Netherlands Jaarrekening 31.12.2016

Activa

<u>Bank</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Lopende rekening</u>	€ 692,42
<u>PayPal rekening</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Spaarrekening</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Niet in balans-EUR</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Kas</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Debiteuren</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Te vorderen BTW</u>	€ 12,06
<u>Voorraad</u>	€ 33,43
Totaaltelling activa	€ 737,91

Vreemd vermogen

<u>Lang lopende leningen</u>	€ 400,00
<u>Crediteuren</u>	€ 0,00
<u>Te betalen BTW</u>	€ 0,00
Totaaltelling vreemd vermogen	€ 400,00

Eigen vermogen

Ingehouden winst	€ 337,91
Totaaltelling eigen vermogen	€ 337,91

Totaaltelling passiva	€ 737,91
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