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What does Voeks mean for you?

Issues of Importance to Pensioners

The Dutch Shell Pensioners Association “Vereniging van Oud-Employés der "Koninklijke/Shell" (Voeks)” concerns itself with important issues of interest to pensioners and future pensioners. Voeks is therefore also available to those who will later receive a pension benefit from the Stichting Shell Pensioenfonds (SSPF) and/or the Shell Nederland Pensioenfonds Stichting (SNPS). Joining Voeks is important to keep our association strong and representative for all concerned.

Your Shell Pension

Two Voeks members represent the pensioners in the Board (“Bestuur”) of SSPF. In addition, Voeks nominates representatives of pensioners and ex-employees who are not yet pensionable in the Accountability Council (“Verantwoordingsorgaan”, VO). This body is an important player in overseeing the best interests of Shell pensioners. It provides solicited and unsolicited advice to the Board of SSPF. The VO consists of fourteen representatives (four from employees, two from the employer and eight Voeks members representing the pensioners).

At a national level, Voeks can advise and contribute to the KNVG (Koepel van Nederlandse Verenigingen van Gepensioneerden).

The constitution of SNPS, the new Shell pension fund founded in 2013, contains the possibility for representatives of the pensioners to be represented in the Board and the Accountability Council, as soon as the total number of pensioners exceeds 10 % of the number of participants and pensioners together. This is not yet the case but the number of pensioners will increase in the future.

At present SNPS carries out the net pension scheme for those who decided to participate in that arrangement. In this way Voeks will be increasingly involved in SNPS.

Benefits for Members

Voeks members can enjoy discounts on certain offers and financial arrangements. Voeks members can also take part in the Health Insurance “**Voeks/Zilveren Kruis zorgcollectiviteit**”. This can be advantageous for Shell-leavers who cannot make use the traditional Shell/ZKA collectief. More information is available at www.voeks.nl

Activities

A strong aim of Voeks is to maintain and strengthen the relationship of ex-Shell employees (and their partners). Therefore, various activities are regularly organized, such as lectures on current issues, excursions, dinner clubs, museum visits, bridge, golf and computer courses. This makes for a pleasant way to meet old friends and new acquaintances. Voeks has more than 11 000 members nationwide, and is divided into eleven regions, where these activities are coordinated.



Welfare Work

Voeks recognizes the importance of the welfare of its older members. Members who need assistance in some way, are visited regularly at home by contact persons from the appropriate region.



Communication

The magazine of our association, Voeksnieuws, is published ten times per year. It is sent to all members and donors. Voeksnieuws is also used by Shell Nederland and the Shell pension funds as a medium to communicate important information concerning members pensions. The VO of SSPF also reports topics from its meetings which may be of importance to members.

Voeks also communicates with its members via the national and regional websites and various meetings such as the General Assembly (Algemene Ledenvergadering, ALV) and the Regional Assembly's (Regionale Ledenvergaderingen, RLV). Communication is also possible via MijnVoeks.



Membership

The annual contribution is € 20 (if joining in the second half of the year €10). This amount is deducted annually from the January pension payment. If you do not yet receive a pension, payment is made by acceptgiro. Donors pay a minimum of € 35 per year.

On the Voeks website, www.voeks.nl, under the heading "Voor de leden" is a link "Aanmelden als lid" with a digital membership application form.

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