

# Summer School 'Sites, Objects and Practices of Hope'

## Religious Heritage in Amsterdam and Groningen

How can religious sites, objects and practices give hope for the future? In this Summer School, students will dive into the world of religious heritage, focusing on past, present and future. They will meet with experts from museums, universities, faith communities and religious heritage professionals and learn about the role of heritage in musealisation, multifunctional use of religious buildings and the life of religious communities. While secularization seems to push religious objects and buildings into the realm of the past, handing them over to museums and secular heritage organizations, we want to ask how this new heritage can play a role in the future. In short, we want to explore the question together: what hope lies in the religious past?



**23 – 27 August, 2021**

For BA/MA/PhD students and young professionals employed in museums and heritage organisations

Location: Amsterdam, with an outing to Friesland and Groningen

Costs: €300,- incl. daily lunch and excursions, champing and welcome dinner on Monday night, excl. overnight stay and public transport.

If, due to COVID-19, the Summer School cannot be offered this year, students will be reimbursed.

Deadline for application: 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021

Admission documents: CV and motivation letter

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<https://www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/religious-heritage/>

The Summer School is a joint collaboration between the Reinwardt Academy, Museum Ons' Lieve Heer op Solder, Vrije Universiteit, the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and other partners of the Network Religious Heritage.

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Each day, a range of excursions take place throughout Amsterdam. This will give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in museums, churches, mosques, Buddhist temples, synagogues and repurposed religious sites. A two-day excursion to Friesland and Groningen, during which the students will go champing (church camping), gives the opportunity to dive into the religious heritage of the Dutch countryside.

At the end of the week, the students will present vlogs they have made during the School, through which they can voice their own thoughts and perspectives.

### Monday 23 August, Amsterdam

Morning Registration at Museum Ons' Lieve Heer op Solder  
Welcome  
Tour of Museum  
Lunch

Afternoon Introduction to the main themes: Hope, Sites, Objects and Practices  
Instruction on how to make a vlog  
Religious Highlight Walk

Evening Welcome dinner

### Tuesday 24 August, Amsterdam

Morning Coffee and tea  
Lectures:  
Musealisation of religious spaces and collections, by *Hermine Pool*  
Multifunctional use of church buildings, by *Elza Kuyk*  
Lunch

Afternoon Excursions:  
Jewish Cultural Quarter-tour  
Miracle of Amsterdam-tour

Evening Departure to Friesland  
Overnight stay in several countryside churches

### Wednesday 25 August, Friesland and Groningen

Morning Breakfast at church  
Morning prayer in church of Jorwert  
Seminar: Church life and heritage: religious communities of village churches, by *Todd Weir and Henk de Roest*

Afternoon Travel to Groningen  
Excursions:  
Schoolkerk, Garmerwolde Synagogue, Groningen

Evening Departure to Amsterdam

### Thursday 26 August, Amsterdam

Morning Coffee and tea  
Seminar: Material religion without a space: newcomers inside perspectives, by *Madelon Grant*

Afternoon Excursions:  
Blauwe moskee  
Bijlmer  
Amsterdam Zuidoost

### Friday 27 August, Amsterdam

Morning Presentation of vlogs  
Lunch

Afternoon Final lecture  
Interactive plenary discussion  
Closing ceremony  
Farewell drinks