

Apply now: funding available for Caribbean journalists wanting to attend the Dutch Journalism Festival in Deventer

Are you a journalist working on one of the six Caribbean islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands? Would you like to meet fellow journalists from the islands and the European part of the Kingdom. Do you want to exchange experiences and contribute to stronger journalism throughout the Kingdom? Now's your chance!

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The Dutch Fund for In-Depth Journalism is offering five journalists from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom the opportunity to attend the first edition of the Dutch Journalism Festival in Deventer, with travel and accommodation costs covered. This is a unique opportunity to make new connections, gain knowledge and actively participate in a special session on Friday 12 September 2025. The title of the session is The Caribbean and European Netherlands in Conversation: a Shared Journalistic Future.

What are we offering?

The Fund will provide a travel allowance of around €1300 each for five journalists from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, so they can attend the Dutch Journalism Festival in Deventer on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September 2025.

The selected applicants will receive:

- €1300 to cover travel expenses (return flights and transport within the Netherlands).
- Two nights' hotel stay, breakfast included, in Deventer (11–13 September 2025).
- Admission to the entire festival, including the conference session The Caribbean & European Netherlands in Conversation: Shaping a Shared Journalistic Future, and a communal lunch.

Ofcourse you have the option to book flights to stay in the Netherlands longer than just the days in Deventer. Please note that we will only cover accommodation expenses for the two hotel stays in Deventer.

What can you expect at the Dutch Journalism Festival?

The first edition of the [Dutch Journalism Festival](#) is inspired by the International Journalism Festival in Perugia. It will be held in the historic city centre of Deventer. Selected applicants can attend all festival events and activities, including workshops, panel discussions, and lectures on current journalistic topics – from investigative journalism to digital innovation. The full programme is available [here](#). There will be ample opportunity for spontaneous meetings and informal conversations, making the festival the perfect place to build new contacts and strengthen your professional network.

About the conference session The Caribbean & European Netherlands in Conversation: a Shared Journalistic Future

On 12 September, the Fund will host a special session at the festival, titled The Caribbean & European Netherlands in Conversation: a Shared Journalistic Future. This interactive event will bring together journalists from the Caribbean and European parts of the Kingdom to share their experiences, discuss shared challenges and opportunities, and work toward better representation and mutual understanding in journalism. We will explore how connection, knowledge exchange and mutual understanding can be strengthened within journalism across the Kingdom, through case studies of journalistic collaborations in the Caribbean, an in-depth panel discussion, and a focused networking session. Speakers will be announced soon.

The session will also look ahead to funding opportunities for Caribbean journalists in 2026.

The session will offer participants from the European Netherlands a better understanding of the journalistic realities on the islands and give Caribbean journalists a deeper insight into the workings and dynamics of the European Dutch media landscape. You'll gain fresh ideas, new contacts and practical tools. The session concludes with a communal lunch – the perfect opportunity for further connection and exchange.

Who can apply?

This call goes out to journalists living and working on one of the Kingdom's six Caribbean islands (Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba). As an applicant you should be professionally active as a journalist, interested in collaboration and knowledge exchange within the Kingdom, and available from 11 to 13 September 2025. Selected applicants are also expected to write a brief report about their experiences at the festival for the Fund. With your permission, we may post your report on our website or social media.

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Would you like to attend the festival? If you do, please complete and submit [this](#) online form before Monday 21 July 2025 (Caribbean time). You'll be asked to provide brief descriptions of your work, motivation and expectations. The form is available in Dutch and English and may be completed in either language. Select your preferred language in the top right corner of the page.

An independent [advisory committee](#) appointed by the Dutch Fund for In-Depth Journalism will select up to five candidates based on their motivation. Successful applicants will be notified in early August.

If you have any questions please send us an email: talentontwikkeling@fondsbjp.n

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