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New TV show Expaterience for and by expats premieres Saturday, May 24

Unique media project highlighting expats' lives, successes, and challenges in The Hague region

A brand-new TV talk show will launch on Saturday, May 24 on TV platforms in The Hague region and online, live and on-demand.

Aptly titled **Expaterience**, the show will focus exclusively on everyday experiences of expats living in Greater The Hague, on their successes as well as the challenges they may encounter in their personal and professional lives abroad.

Expaterience is the first English-language TV program and online & social media presence produced by RTV Discus, the community access public service TV producer in The Hague region, for almost thirty years. As such, the launch of **Expaterience** heralds the expansion of RTV Discus' current line-up, signifying its third TV production, alongside the long-standing Dutch-language programs: social issues talk show, Zaterdag Live, and current affairs news magazine, Escampjournaal.

In a notably short span of time, in less than three months this Spring, a complete new **Expaterience** team of twenty international volunteers was formed from scratch, with more to follow shortly — all under RTV Discus' seasoned crew members' guidance, and on a monthly rotating roster of hosts and editors.

Host of **Expaterience**'s maiden episode, **Sanjay Sharma**: "I am truly thrilled to be presenting **Expaterience**'s very first show, working together with a great group of fellow team members. Being expats ourselves, we aim to showcase real-life stories and experiences while building bridges and fostering deeper connections with the local community of The Hague and Dutch society at large."

— The novel idea —

The novel idea of a dedicated TV show for and by international volunteers in The Hague and vicinity was conceived upon the insightful recommendation shared with RTV Discus' Board by **Gert-Jan Aleman**, Director of PEP Den Haag, last year.

In symbolically coming full circle, Gert-Jan will be **Expaterience's** first guest, looking back at PEP Den Haag's successful volunteer job fair at Amare, earlier this month, as well as highlighting activities in support of internationals seeking meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Says Gert-Jan Aleman: "I feel very honored, not only to be the very first guest of **Expaterience**, but above all to witness how quickly this dedicated team of new volunteers have developed this new media project, exemplifying the growing ties between international and local communities, exactly as is the case within RTV Discus, fantastic!"

Guest line-up of episode #1 'Experiences of/with expat volunteers':

- **Gert-Jan Aleman**, Director of PEP Den Haag
- **Tetyana Benzeroual**, Project Lead of Volunteer The Hague
- **Anita Ham**, medical anthropologist & cultural sociologist, The Hague University of Applied Sciences
- **Matthew Beckmann**, copywriter and art historian, US expat living in The Hague

Completing this first episode's on-air team, joining **Sanjay Sharma** (host), are **Nicoletta Pisanu** (Expaterience News anchor) and **Anupama Srivastava** (stand-up comedy/opinion contributor).

How to watch Expaterience:

Saturday, May 24

11:00-12:00 **LIVE BROADCAST and on-demand**

online: expaterience.nl / Facebook / Instagram / LinkedIn

18:00-19:00 **REPEAT / SEMI-LIVE BROADCAST**

online & Den Haag TV

cable TV: on Ziggo ch. 40, KPN ch. 1312, Caiway ch. 12, Odido ch. 829 and other providers,
more viewing options and more information on expaterience.nl

Expaterience On-Air Team:



Sanjay Sharma
host

Nicoletta Pisanu
news anchor

Anupama Srivastava
columnist

Alex MacDonald
host

Expaterience logo:



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