Walking seminar Living Stories



Join our walking seminar "Living Stories"

— discovering Breda's murals and the stories they tell.

1 DAY Pre-meeting (online): week before (day to be announced)

2-6 FEBRUARY, 2026

1 DAY Post-meeting (online): week after (day to be announced)







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Meet the Experts



Prof. Dr. Jörn FrickeProfessor Leisure in a Social Context at Breda University of Applied Sciences

Dr. Jörn Fricke's work focuses on leisure, tourism, and community resilience. Trained in human geography and tourism management, his research explores how leisure experiences and local initiatives strengthen sustainability and social cohesion.



Dr. Rana Habibi Lecturer and researcher at Breda University of Applied Sciences

Dr. Rana Habibi is a lecturer and researcher whose work bridges non-western urban history, inclusive urbanism, and climate-responsive city planning. She has taught and practiced internationally, from Europe to Asia, and participates in several EU-funded projects including KreativEU and Neon.



Drs. Kristel ZegersLecturer and researcher at Breda University of Applied Sciences

Kristel Zegers focuses on the intersections of culture, creativity, and urban development. Her research explores how the creative industries and cultural initiatives contribute to social innovation, value creation, and sustainable city development.



Dr. Ilja SimonsLecturer, researcher and sociologist at Breda University of Applied Sciences

Dr. Ilja Simons is a sociologist specializing in storytelling, cultural events, and community formation. Her research examines how people create identities and places through narratives, performance, and shared rituals.

Topic: Living Stories

Date of Event:

1 Day preparation (online)

5 Days in Breda (2-6 February)

1 Day Harvesting (online)

Organizers:

Breda University of Applied Sciences' research Unit: Places and Flows, in partnership with Blind Walls Gallery and with Urban Living Lab, Breda.

Two academies will be collaborating in delivering the program: Academy for Leisure & Events and Academy for Built Environment & Logistics.

Description:

The Walking Seminar will take place in the first week of February, partially overlapping with the festival ""Blind Walls Fest"". The latter is organized by the Blind Walls Gallery (BWG), an Associated partner of KreativEU.

BWG is the museum of the street, with more than 140 murals telling stories of Breda. The program will include guided tours in several neighbourhoods of Breda, the opening of the Blind Walls Gallery Film Festival and attendance of the Industry Day of the festival, with various stakeholders.

