

Bio

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The workshop “the long route”.

In the fifties many children from the working class emancipated in the educational system by piling vocational training programs up to and including the universities of applied sciences or master studies. This course (sometimes called “the royal learning route”) took some years more than the usual course through high school and bachelor-masterprogrammes. Though the Dutch government tried to reduce the use of the long route, we see nowadays a growing stream of youngsters, with a different ethnic or social background, going towards a bachelor or master degree via this vocational training route. In this workshop we explain this route, its successes and obstructions and will discuss possible improvements to encourage the emancipation of this new “working class”.