

Netherlands – EC-VPL and IVC den Helder

Institution	EC-VPL and IVC den Helder
Interviewed Person	Abdullah (32), from Syria

I – Preparation

Abdullah (32) was born in Syria Damascus. He has been living in the Netherlands for two years. He has two children, a six year old boy and a two year old girl.

“I studied electronics on MBO (community college) level. I have an international diploma.”

II – Awareness

“I have participated in the pre-VPL training “Spreek je uit”. The training was important to help me find work and now I know what I am going to do. It has given me a direction to work in. I have more contacts. I feel more comfortable while speaking and approaching new people. That’s how I have made new contacts who help me find a job.

III – Starting up

The “Spreek je uit” training is a pre-VPL training that has been developed for newcomers who are not yet at the level needed to participate in the VPL training.

“I studied electrical engineering in Syria. I was good at it. It wasn’t my dream to become an electrician. I work on instruments for security. I was a team leader. I want peace, a peaceful life for my family. I want to pass my integration, get a job and continue to learn in the company.”

IV – Documentation and support

“The VPL trainings could help me find the correct level for me to further my studies.”

V – Assessment

“I had an assessment in which I had to present myself. I used a time line to speak about what I had learnt in Syria and what I would like to do in the near future. I made a PowerPoint presentation.”

VI – Impact

“To develop further I will first need to pass integration, then find a job and maybe study further. I would like to work for the IOM (International Organisation for Migration).”