

To all residents/entrepreneurs in the Binnengasthuis site area.

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Start of construction work at former CREA building (Grimburgwal/Turfdraagsterpad 15-17) and foundation integrity investigation at former CREA 2 building (Vendelstraat 2) and Convent (Nieuwe Doelenstraat 15)

Dear residents, business owners and other interested parties,

We will be starting construction work at the former CREA building and conducting a foundation integrity investigation at two buildings on the Binnengasthuis site in the near future. We are writing to explain how these activities will affect you.

Construction work at former CREA building (Grimburgwal/Turfdraagsterpad 15-17)

Following completion of the Special Collections department and the Media Studies and Archaeology building, the former CREA building is next in line to be renovated as a part of the UvA's City Centre Campus development effort. The building is home to the various Art, Religion and Cultural Science programmes.

The building interior will be prepared for construction from the start of July through mid-August. Amongst other activities, this will involve removing the carpeting, old sanitary facilities and damaged ceilings – non-authentic facilities added after the original construction. This will offer the UvA more insight into the building's structural characteristics. The results will be applied to improve plans for the renovation effort, which is scheduled to start in January 2014. The activities were explained in further detail in the presence of the contractor during the third Coffee With the Neighbours meeting on 10 June. A report on this meeting will be published on our website www.uva.nl/binnenstad in the near future, in the 'Publications' section.

Foundation integrity investigation at former CREA 2 building and Convent

We will also be starting a foundation integrity investigation at the former CREA 2 building and Convent on Wednesday, 26 June. We have commissioned Wareco, a specialised foundation integrity investigation company, to assess the condition of the buildings' foundations. Wareco will start its investigation on Wednesday, at 07:00. 1 x 3 metre boreholes will be drilled at several locations inside and outside the building. See the appendix for an overview of the exact locations. These boreholes are necessary in order to inspect the wooden pile foundations. Temporarily rising ground water may have to be drained off. The equipment used to drain this water may cause some noise disturbance.

A part of the access gate to the courtyard will be removed on 26 June so that the excavator can be moved onto the courtyard. The gate will then be immediately replaced and will be closed in the evenings from 26 June through 5 July in accordance with current procedures.

Minimising inconvenience

Although construction work inevitably causes inconvenience to the surrounding environment, the UvA will do everything in its power to keep disruptions to a minimum. Amongst other measures, we have reached clear agreements with the contractor on accessibility, liveability, safety and communication. For an overview of these agreements, see the 'Publications' section of our website www.uva.nl/binnenstad.

Development of City Centre Campus

These activities mark the next phase of construction work at the City Centre Campus. The City Centre Campus is being developed as part of the University of Amsterdam's efforts to cluster related academic disciplines at four open city campuses. In addition to the City Centre Campus for Humanities, these include the Science Park in Watergraafsmeer for science programmes, the Roeterseiland Campus for the Economics and Business, Law and Social and Behavioural Sciences faculties and the AMC-UvA for medical study programmes. Amongst other objectives, we aim to promote cooperation between the various study programmes, and collaboration with the business community, institutions such as the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) and our surrounding environment.

More information or any questions?

For the latest developments at the City Centre Campus, see www.uva.nl/binnenstad. If you have any questions, comments or complaints, please contact Carin Bosboom, City Centre Campus area manager by phone on 020 - 525 7704 or via email atomgevingsmanager-binnenstadcampus-bb@uva.nl.

We hope that this provides all the information you need;

Yours sincerely,

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