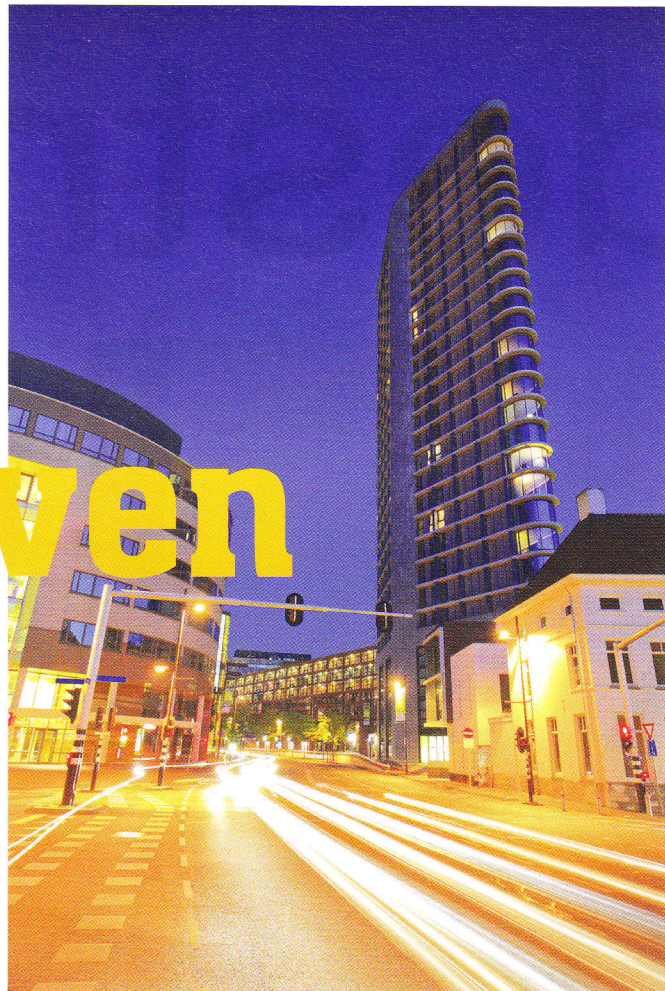


# Living it up in Eindhoven



Moving abroad is always a difficult step. 'Newbies' to NL are safe in the knowledge that there are always people willing to help. Heather Tucker spoke to Lin Pender, the current organiser of Eindhoven Expats (along with her husband Andy), to see what it's all about.

## How did Eindhoven Expats get started?

My husband decided that I did not have enough to do when I stopped working in Scotland and came to Eindhoven. He started up the website to give me an interest. I wanted to meet people, but I could not speak Dutch, neither could he, and this was supposed to be a way to make

friends. We lived in Woensel at the time, and it was too difficult to get into town and back at night, especially if you wanted to go for a drink, of course you could not drive. When we found the flat in town, we joined two groups called MeetIn Eindhoven and MeetUp Eindhoven. We had been to two meetings when the guy who ran the MeetIn group

told us he was going back to the UK to work and there was no one to take over and organise nights out. I did not want to lose the opportunity of meeting people, so I volunteered (I think I was drunk at the time!).

## How often and where do you meet?

We meet every Friday.

One Friday for drinks in a pub at 8.30pm and the next Friday in a restaurant or Eet Cafe for a meal at 7.30pm. We try to meet in different pubs and restaurants each week.

## Who are your members?

Our membership is growing. We have people from all over the world: Germany; Belgium; Austra-

lia; USA; New Zealand; UK; Chile; Portugal; India; Far East; and Eastern Europe. We have a couple of Dutch people who come along also, with their partners. They are all different ages. Some are single, some are married and some are living with each other. We are essentially a group of like-minded people who are away from home and want to have a chat in English.

## What has been your most exciting and successful event to date?

They are all memorable, but I think the most exciting was the time that 17 people ended up sitting in a small restaurant all trying to talk at once and get drinks ordered. We must have driven the staff mad!

For more information including details of the next event, visit the Eindhoven Expats website at [www.eindhovenexpats.com](http://www.eindhovenexpats.com) or contact Lin and Andy via email: [info@eindhovenexpats.com](mailto:info@eindhovenexpats.com).

