

Exploring “Home”

A workshop for newly cohabitating local and refugee students

In recent years, mixed co-housing has been proposed as a solution to address two interconnected challenges in The Netherlands: 1. providing housing for young starters, students and status holders—refugees granted residency—and 2. fostering integration. However, despite its potential, such projects often encounter significant obstacles, including navigating cultural differences, managing integration, and addressing the psychological needs of residents. These challenges test not only the tenants but also the organizations that support these initiatives. This research project set out to explore:

How Dutch students and newcomers could live together in ways that enable both groups to thrive?

Proposed intervention

A workshop aimed at establishing the best possible living conditions within mixed co-housing groups by fostering open communication about expectations and envisioning an ideal home together.



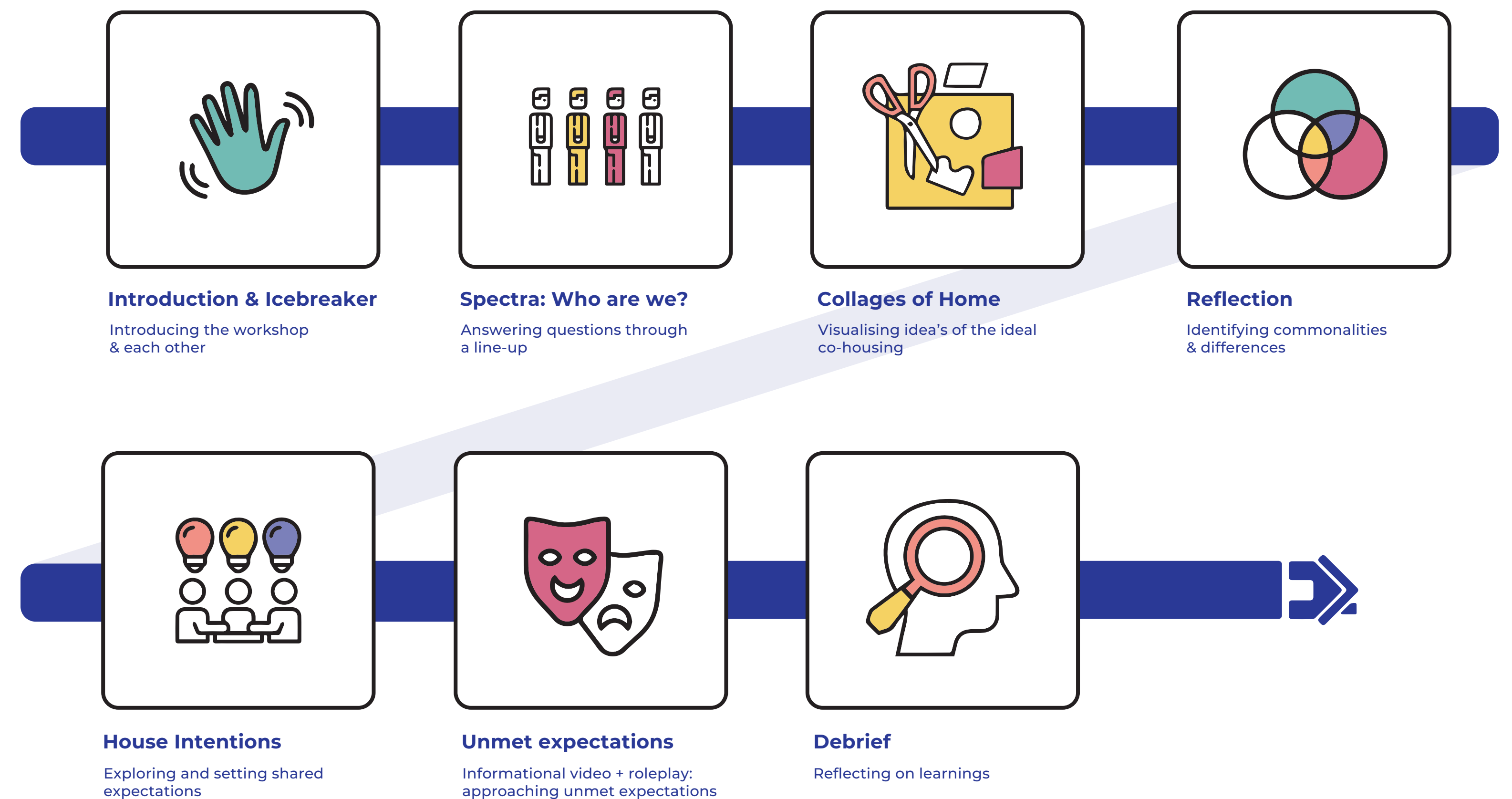
Foster understanding
between housemates



Explore & communicate
expectations for cohabitation



Reflect on **constructive ways to**
address unmet expectations



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