

Saint Martin's Cloak: Share the Future

Nominate a voluntary initiative

On Thursday 5 November 2025, the Cloak of Saint Martin will be presented during an inspiring gathering at the Dom Church. The event is organised annually in the spirit of Saint Martin, the patron saint of our city of Utrecht. He shared his cloak with a fellow human being in the cold. To this day, this tradition of sharing is continued by many initiatives in Utrecht.

Theme of the 2026 awards ceremony: Share the Future

Young people are the future. That future is different for everyone: it depends on where you were born, even in Utrecht. Some young people build a life together with many others, whilst others feel lonely. Some young people worry because the future does not always look bright. Young people are also brimming with dreams and creativity, through which they leave their mark on the world around them.

Do you know of a voluntary initiative for and by young people in Utrecht?

Do you know of an initiative through which young people inspire us to share with our fellow city residents? Nominate this initiative for the Cloak of Saint Martin. The winning initiative will receive an incentive prize of €4,000, intended to help develop the initiative further.

What sort of initiatives are eligible for the Mantel van Sint Maarten?

- It is a voluntary initiative focused on the city of Utrecht
- The initiative is for, and/or run by, young people
- The initiative has significant impact on the future of those involved

Does the initiative meet these criteria? If so, you can submit the nomination!

How do I nominate an initiative?

- Describe the initiative. What happens, and what are its key activities?
- In what ways do participants share? What does this mean for the future of those involved?
- Describe (where applicable) the foundation, people or organisation behind the initiative.
- Include a representative photo and, optionally, a video.
- Provide contact details (name of the organiser, email, telephone number) and, if applicable, a website (not compulsory).

Please ensure your entry is submitted to info@mantelvansintmaarten.nl by **10 October** the latest.

Once you have submitted your entry, an expert jury will review all the initiatives and select a winner. The Cloak of Saint Martin award ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 November in the Domkerk. The programme begins with soup at 17:30, followed by drinks until 21:00.

Want to know more?

You can find more information about the Mantel van Sint Maarten event and how to submit an inspiring, hopeful and unifying youth initiative at www.mantelvansintmaarten.nl