

RECLAIMING SPACE

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Café Harlekijn is an example of your typical rowdy “dive” bar, which is a place we collectively do not feel safe or welcome in. The bars mostly belong to middle aged men and football fanatics, who gather there to drink. There is a general masculine atmosphere.

To make the bar appealing to us we tried to create an atmosphere for us by redecorating the space with lights and playing music that we like. Next to that we wanted to change it into an intentional space. A place where we look after each other, creating a sense of **community**.

To do so we talk to everyone at the door, telling them our intentions for the space.

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- No picture policy [there will be a photographer]
- Consent is key
- Take care of each other > address or come to us

This doesn't only show them there are holistic intentions bound to the space but also pull them out of their anonymity. One of the intentions is to keep an eye out for each other, this gives a sense of responsibility. We ask everyone who enters to keep an eye out for everyone on the dancefloor so if people are going against the rules, they can address that or go to the organizers at the bar.

In this social media climate, a picture can be more than just a picture. We want to take care of our closeted friends, people who sneak out of their parents' home, the ones who dress up for the party, etc. To make our guest feel at ease there is a no picture policy., but there will be a photographer > the choice is yours. Also keep your head in the party, it is important for the sense of community that we are all here!

For the guest who want to take some rest from the party we also have a “break room”. A party can be intense and a bit much for some people. We want to make a space where you can rest if you want and/or need to.