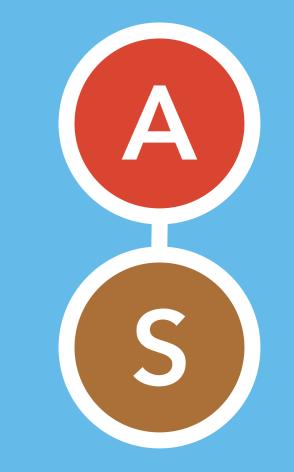
## MIXED YOUTH HOUSING COMMUNITY



STARTBLOK RIEKERHAVEN (SR), CITY OF AMSTERDAM, DE KEY AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

## O LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In 2015, many young **refugees needed to be housed** in Amsterdam, in a situation where finding affordable accommodation was already extremely difficult, especially for young students. SR created a living space for both groups, combined with an active community life to **support integration** into society.



## O MORE CONTACT, BETTER INTEGRATION

Research has shown that newcomers living at SR become acquainted with the city, culture and language faster. Knowing their neighbours and participating in events, they experience **less of a barrier to asking for help and building networks**. The concept has been replicated nationally and internationally.



## **OCREATING OWNERSHIP**

SR offers affordable housing for 565 young tenants, mixing local and newly arrived young people. They **share the responsibility for their living spaces**. Many residents take on tasks e.g. working as hallway managers or translators in exchange for a discount on their rent; or volunteer to organise activities.









