

Tribes' flex-work places for Ned(ummies)appers

Marc Pichel

November 28, 2018

Contents

1	Intro	2
1.1	Tribes?	2
1.2	That's cool, but how much does it cost?	2
2	Awesome, but how do I get in as Nedapper?	3
3	Field reports	5
3.1	Amsterdam, The Oval Tower	5

Chapter 1

Intro

Imagine you are heading out after an Onsbijtje, visiting friends/family, Couchsurfing or travelling through the non-eastern part of the Netherlands for other reasons, and you would like to kill a few work hours in a place with the following:

- coffee or tea
- a desk
- power
- shelter

but your host or the train stations are not adequate. Then the Tribes flex-workplace is a great alternative thanks to the Nedap partnership! (I am not getting paid by Nedap or Tribes to say this, it's true.) That said, I was missing some information on the Tribes visiting process, so made this guide of sorts out of laziness.

The other reason for this guide is to keep track of which flex-work places in which towns are the best (most comfortable), based on my/our own experience. This will come back in the final chapter. It might also make it easier to meet up at a work place outside Nedap with other Nedappers whether they are on a (business) trip or cautiously leaving ‘De Achterhoek’ to explore the rest of the world. #YOLO

1.1 Tribes?

It's just a cool co-working spot like WeWork, but with a theme of tribes from all around the world. If you are not sure where to find a Tribes work place, have a look [here](#).

1.2 That's cool, but how much does it cost?

Nothing. It's free as long as Nedap has a partnership with Tribes! I have no clue who is responsible for this :)

Chapter 2

Awesome, but how do I get in as Nedapper?

In principle it is very straightforward: Ask at the front desk and thou shall receive. However, I did encounter a few bumps in my first experience at the Oval Tower office which might help you along the way and lower the anxiety threshold for visiting Tribes in general. There are basically 3 steps you need to go through to get access to a desk, coffee, shelter and unlimited (electrical) power:

1. Find a nearby Tribes location.
2. Tell someone at the frontdesk that you are from Nedap.
3. Receive a visitor day-pass (access card) for general entrance and Tribes area.

There are some requirements for each step:

1. Location - Internet.
2. Eligibility for a daypass - (Your) valid ID and Nedap card.
3. Day-pass - Needs to be handed in at the end of the day (usually 18:00).

If all went well, you should receive a Visitor Pass similar to figure 2.1 and get a setup similar to figure 2.2. Well done!



(a) Frontside.

(b) Backside

Figure 2.1: The 'Visitor Daypass'.

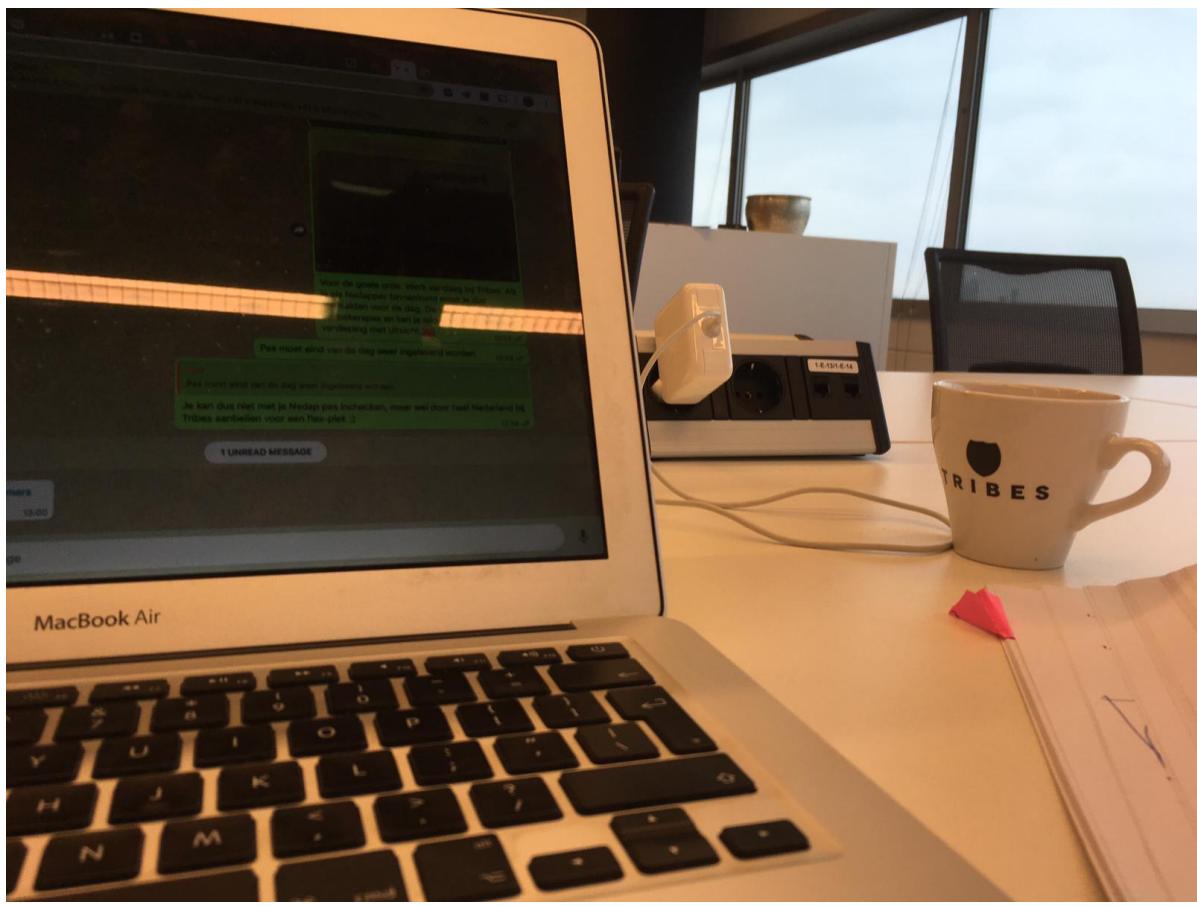


Figure 2.2: You should now be able to get to work!

Chapter 3

Field reports

If anyone else is interested, we can populate this chapter with stories, tips, hints, etc. of specific locations. Think practical stuff like logistics, special elevators, places to grab (decent) food nearby or sights to see in case of serendipitous work-citytrip.

3.1 Amsterdam, The Oval Tower

The Oval Tower is a 5 minute (10 minutes if you hate exercise) walk from the Amsterdam Bijlmer Arena station. From figure 3.1 you can expect a view like *this* from the 11th floor. They told me it was warmer here than on the 15th - not tested. Will update.



Figure 3.1: Probably the summer view.

They have a very interesting elevator policy: Press the floor button **before** entering the elevator, since there are none on the inside. I found out after I rushed into one with a group full of people. We had a laugh at my incompetence :)



Figure 3.2: Press the floor number(s) and wait for the display to tell you which elevator to get into. It's the smartest elevator system, it's true!