

## Konstantin Bukovetskii - Counting Windows

### Objective:

Walk from the beginning to the end of Nieuwstraat, counting every window on the opposite side of the street. Each window must be pointed at while counting.

### Steps:

1. Count Only Opposite-Side Windows.

Always count windows on the side opposite to where you are walking.

2. Switch Sides to Count All Windows.

Once you reach the end of the street, cross over and count the windows on the other side while walking back.

3. Point at Each Window.

Physically indicate each window you count.

4. Record the Final Count.

Write on a piece of cardboard: *On Nieuwstraat, there are (number) windows.*

Note any interesting things you noticed while counting.

5. Post the Cardboard.

Attach it to a pole or any suitable spot at the end of the street.

If unsure whether something qualifies as a window, ask passersby until you receive a clear answer.

If someone in a window notices you and engages in conversation, ask them one of these questions:

1. Can you tell me something about your windows?
2. When was the last time you cleaned your windows?
3. Do you love your windows?
4. How many windows do you have in your home?
5. How many windows are on this street?

Talking to Passersby:

If pedestrians show interest, ask them:

1. How many windows are on this street?
2. Did you notice how many windows you passed while walking?
3. Could you help me count the windows on this street?

## Reports:

### Yvo:

The intention was to count all the windows in Nieuwstraat, which I did together with Nico. I was surprised by how many windows there are in Nieuwstraat. The counting was done almost automatically. Remarkably, it was not even perceived as unusual. A passer-by commented, 'And... is that about right?' That was all.

There is quite a lot happening unnoticed in half of Nieuwstraat: a newlywed couple walks by, a Tesla with very loud music, people walking with scooters, etc.

We hung the carton board (or the two boards) at the beginning and end of Nieuwstraat with the total number of windows, more than 2,000.

**Nico:**

We started with a consultation: What is a window? The same as a piece of glass, so that a window with muntins consists of several panes. Then we decided that we would each do one side of the street. The counting did provoke some reactions from passers-by: 'Are you sure? Is that right?' As intended, we added up the total and stuck it on a piece of cardboard attached to a pole at the beginning and end of the street.



*Photos Steef van Lent (l), Nico Parlevliet (r)*