



*a flashback to the future*

### **750 years – 400 years**

In 2009 it is 750 years ago that the Dutch City of Amersfoort received city privileges. Also in 2009 the City of New York celebrates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hudson's voyage of discovery.

Amersfoort and New York share each other's history. In the area that is now known as Brooklyn the settlement New Amersfoort was founded. Later the area was renamed the Flatlands. Today one of Brooklyn's neighborhoods is still called after Amersfoort, and its Amersfoort Park even holds a replica of the famous 'Amersfoortse Kei' or Amersfoort flintstone from the ice age.

### **ANYtime**

**ANYtime** is a festival that will be held in June, 2009 and will be celebrated in Amersfoort and in Brooklyn simultaneously.



The festival has a cultural as well as an educational character. Focal point is direct interaction between Brooklynites and Amersfoort-ers using a high speed internet connection that enables live exchange and creative cross-fertilization.

ANYtime aims at opening new perspectives by stimulating people to share their experiences, interests and views on what is going

on in every day life, art, politics etc.

ANYtime has already started with school projects and (email) exchange between students at Brooklyn's PS 119 Amersfoort School and two high schools in Amersfoort.

The ANY activities will lead up to the major ANYtime happening of June 4 thru 14, which will see concurrent activities in Amersfoort Park, Brooklyn and Amersfoort's Annie Brouwer Park.