

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Youth (re)making the neighbourhood.

The projects in this workshop have as common base their **very local anchorage**, their aim to **answer to the needs or the dreams of the young people** in their neighbourhood, while reaching out to the **inhabitants and the local institutions**. Each project illustrates a method used by young people to reclaim and shape a neighbourhood together.

Discover how the "**Vrienden van de Put**" created an ephemeral meeting place for young people in the summer 2017, starting from an underground space illegally dug in their neighbourhood as a solution to the lack of youth spaces in the North of Bruges. Come listen to the experience of **the Jalhay-Sart Youth House** which has transformed its garden into a collective vegetable garden, not only for their youngsters to enjoy, but also for the whole neighbourhood. Finally, discover how **Les Scouts des Marolles**, a socio-educational project for young people and families from the Marolles district in Brussels, has gathered the necessary skills to make this unit work, and turn it into a real bridge between young people, their families, the public authorities ... By organizing summer camps abroad, neighbourhood parties, etc.

Workshop 2: Youth influencing (local) policy making.

This workshop focuses on projects that **support young people** who had to face a difficult situation in their past. The organizations create a strong **network** on which young people can rely. From there, they **try to make the needs**, wishes and dreams of these young people **known** to (local) decision-makers.

Couleur Café asbl is based in Malmedy. They work with and for unaccompanied foreign minors (UFM). On the other hand, **Cachet vzw** has created a new branch in Leuven for young people with a background in the field of youth protection. Come listen to their fascinating experiences!

Workshop 3: Ways to give youngsters a voice and resources to take action.

Young people can be involved in many ways in **the organization** of an association, a neighborhood, a village or a city. During this workshop, we will listen to different organizations who have used specific **methodologies** to give young people a voice as well as resources to take action.

With the serious urban game "**Mayor @ your town**" which was developed by the association EW32, more than 1000 young people from 4 cities were able to give their opinion on their neighborhood and on the things they would like to see change or develop. In Brussels, **ADES**, a Brussels based youth network, has developed a participatory budget that enables young people to finance their own projects. Finally, the youth group **J100 Antwerp** organizes meetings with young people, local actors and politicians, walks in neighborhoods with locals and a brainstorming around a collective project called "The Cabins of Dreams" - a tree house in the heart of the city- to strengthen the position of the youth in the city, both physically and symbolically. Discover how it all worked out!

Workshop 4: Encouraging collective action of youngsters via sport.

This workshop does not present any winners of our call for projects, but it does make space for two other projects with which we have collaborated. The two associations in question are **football clubs** that have developed both an **impressive social and inclusive impact**, alongside the usual sports activities. In this way, they are trying to prepare young people for a better future.

City Pirates is active in Antwerp. This football club supports and involves more and more young people, but that's not all. It also includes the families in its activities and establishes links with various social institutions: social welfare, school, youth court, work ... in the neighbourhood. Through the structured framework of a football club, the **Kraainem Football Club** offers to minors seeking asylum opportunities to play with other football players, but they also offer conversation lessons, advice, etc ... In the end, it is the feeling of belonging to a group that is more important.

This workshop is presented by **Dr. Zeno Nols**, who has just completed his doctorate on the social role of sports clubs for vulnerable youth. For his research, Nols has followed six sports initiatives in several major Belgian cities for several years, including City Pirates.



