

# Field visits

## IUW Leuven

### 2th of April 2014

***Information and registration of field visits IUW Leuven on the 2th of April 2014.***

*Choose only one field visit, numbers 1 to 9. You will be able to visit only one organization. If you choose the first visit, exceptionally 2 field visits will be offered. The visits start at 14:30 (the one with 2 visits start at 14:00) and end at the latest at 17:00.*

*!Due to circumstances the visit at Cie Tartaren will start at 16:00 and ends at 17:30!*

*These visits will be guided by Leuven university college students. Check for the name of the responsible student on each visit. They will guide you to the address mentioned on the sheet. The number of participants of each field visit will be a maximum of 8.*

**1. LEREN ONDERNEMEN vzw – ‘social grocery shop’ (14:00)**

**Caroo Torfs**

Valkerijgang 26 – 3000 Leuven

*‘LerenOndernemen vzw’ is a community organization located in an old industrial suburb of the city of Leuven (Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium, near Brussels) where the Stella Artois brewery is located. It’s an area with little appeal and most people who live here are elderly people, poor families or migrants. LerenOndernemen was founded with the aim of providing necessary adapted services by organizing the community to take action themselves. With this imbedded emphasis on **participation** came the logical step to make ‘LerenOndernemen’ a community organization where poor people could actively **have a voice** in the anti-poverty struggle and question society on its pre-assumptions. As such ‘LerenOndernemen’ joined a network of almost 50 organizations in Flanders called “VlaamsNetwerk van VerenigingenwaarArmen het WoordNemen”, who are committed to work with and towards the six criteria of the network’s vision and mission.*

**ARKTOS (15:30)**

**Dirk De Rijdt**

Glasblazerijstraat 57 – 3000 Leuven

***“The potential of each child and teenager is in the centre of attention for Arktos.***

***Arktos believes in a society that creates opportunities for everyone.”***

*‘Arktos’ is a guidance and training centre that works with children and teenagers from the ages of 6 to 25, who are socially vulnerable. Their three main activities in this matter are; give training to teenagers, support to professionals and signals to society.*

*We approach every situation in a project-oriented, experiential and active way, always in close **partnership** with all relevant stakeholders and focus on the individual.*

*‘Arktos’ helps children and young people in their environment, specifically in employment, education, leisure, health and environment/neighborhood.*

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## 2. DE WISSEL (14:30)

**Sieg Pauwels**

Tervuursevest 110 – 3000 Leuven

*'De Wissel' is an organization in child welfare. It combines several initiatives in supporting teenagers who are facing difficulties at home or in their environment. Their vision is based upon the CANO-vision. CANO is a letter word that stands for 'Actieve Netwerk ondersteuning en Ontwikkeling', which means: 'Supporting Active Networks and Developments'. A key concept of CANO is to **believe in the strengths of teenagers and their environments**. That's why this organization pleads for **active participation** and the need for a mutual engagement, in order to fix the breaches of the past and to prevent new ones from occurring.*

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### 3. OOSTREM vzw Herent (14:30)

**Sandra Seys**

Bijlokkstraat 90 – 3020 Herent

*‘vzw Oostrem’ is an organization that cares for adults with a mental, motoric or multiple handicap. The focus is to provide these people with a real ‘home’.*

*A home stands for the place where one can feel fine, where one can have their own space, where it is safe and cozy. ‘vzw Oostrem’ keeps in mind that the family and social networks are to be considered as much as possible in the everyday care.*

*Key words in ‘Oostrem vzw’ are: **respect, participation, need, client adapted care and integration.***

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4. AN – BN (14:30)

**Els Verheyen**

Blijde Inkomststraat, 113 – 3000 Leuven

*AN –BN stands for ‘Anorexia Nervosa – Bulimia Nervosa’, two serious forms of an eating disorder. The organisation was founded in 1980 by the parents of daughter(s) that had suffered from a form of eating disorder. Up till today the organization is an association by and for people suffering from AN – BN and their relatives and friends, as **self-help**. Their main goal is **to promote the best possible help** for the person suffering from AN – BN and their environment as well, as to provide people with information about the condition. One can consider them as a necessary **link** between the people who are confronted with AN – BN and the professionals.*

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5. **CAW Oost-Brabant - Inloopcentrum De Meander (14:30)**

**Tine Hombroux**

Redingenstraat 6 – 3000 Leuven

*The 'Inloopcentrum' in the centre of town, welcomes everyone at any given moment in the day regardless of age, social position, background, history,... . Why would you turn to them? Imagine yourself in Leuven, walking around with a difficulty, not knowing where to go, how to go about your problem? Or just think about yourself as someone without friends, relatives, in your life or neighbourhood; feeling kind of lonely. Or in any other given situation, people can easily turn to the 'inloopcentrum'. That's because **you can just walk in without asking any questions at all**. There's no registration, no intake, nobody asking you what the problem is as you cross the threshold. You can use the facilities, you can read the newspaper at your leisure or drink a warm cup of coffee. Maybe you will meet new people, maybe you want to participate in activities or just simply do nothing at all. Nobody will bother you unless you would like them to. But if you have a question or a problem there will always be someone to listen to you, to give you information or to offer advice. You and the social worker will search together for what might be the right solution for you. You do this completely in your own way and at your own pace. 'De Meander' starts off with your **strengths**, rather than your problems.*

*And did you ever hear about the Homeless World Cup? In Leuven, De Meander is the place to be if you want to develop yourself by playing football!*

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6. Wonen en werken (14:30)

Liesbeth Hermans

Yzerenmolenstraat 2 – 3001 Heverlee

*'Wonen en werken' is the result of an action of 4 organizations in Leuven in 1988 (Arktos, 't Lampeke, basiseducatie and De Wal) who had the common idea to try and **fight unemployment in the city by renovating houses that are in poor condition**. You can situate the organization in the domain of **social economy**.*

*Recently a new project started, called **'Missing Link'**. It focuses on vulnerable teenagers who fail to find their way in the services of social work in order to get a job. These teenagers, for example, suffer with bad housing, an addiction, a broken or fragile network, or a combination of these factors. Unfortunately most social services lack the time to invest in these vulnerable teenagers. Because of their background and experiences, **vulnerable teenagers need this time and effort that "Missing Link" provides**. In order to find those teenagers, the project **'Missing Link'** goes out on the streets looking for them. All efforts are done in the hope to **lower the common thresholds** in social work and regular services.*

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7. Cie Tartaren (16:00)

Wim Oris

Riddersstraat 33 - 3000 Leuven

*CieTartaren is a **socio-artistic theatre company**, strongly embedded in the local neighbourhood. The inhabitants of the neighbourhood support the company in an active way, even so that it sometimes becomes a mutual ritual. One can even say they flock together as in a clan. As a role-player stated it: '**CieTartaren is part of my life, CieTartaren is my life.**' The ultimate goal of the theatre company and the director is not merely the artistic product, but more so this unique alliance between arts – the neighbourhood – the players – the audience. CieTartaren seeks to **build bridges** in Leuven, the province of 'Vlaams-Brabant' and beyond. It gives **a voice** to the voiceless in this society. It has an eye for social vulnerability and processes of exclusion. By means of an excellent artistic product, CieTartaren tries to create breaches in the on-going circle of poverty. It all starts off from **equality, human dignity** and the **strengths** of the person. Watching CieTartaren is never optional, it's always overwhelming, mind-blowing and touching. The one who watches ends up being watched. It's a thin line between the audience and the stage. Come and step into their '**cabardouchke**'\* and experience a unique encounter.*

*\*cabardouchke= a Flemish dialect word (slang) to talk about 'houses for prostitutes', it symbolises a place where one can take a glimpse to watch and listen. It's intimate and exciting at the same time.*

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**8. Hejmen (14:30)**

**Peter Cuyvers**

Kapucijnenvoer 10 - 3000 Leuven

*Hejmen is an organization offering **different kinds of living-forms** for adults suffering a disability. The ways of living vary from living in a studio in a house with several other people with disabilities, as well as living on your own (DIO) with an inclusive and active support of professionals. Hejmen is situated in the centre of Leuven. The location of the organization in the heart of the city is no coincidence, but a well-chosen idea. Because of its location, it offers people the richness of all facilities a city may offer in spending free time, in shops, in work,... . Furthermore Hejmen is **easily accessible** for everyone.*

*In the opinion of Hejmen, people with disabilities can be guided **in dialogue** and starting from **equality**. They are seen as **people with their own ideas and qualities**, and not just as people in need of assistance. All start with an individual guidance, in measure with the needs and capacities of the person itself. The ultimate goal is to establish and promote the **growth in independence of the person**.*

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## 9. Pleegzorg Vlaams Brabant Brussel (14u30)

Mieke van de Broeck

Kessel Lo

*A foster family provides a safe family environment for children who cannot live at home (temporary) because of parental problems. Apart from this general definition, there are **no clear-cut definitions of foster families**. There are different types of family foster homes that may be distinguished, based on the characteristics of the child looked after and the duration of placement, most of which are short-term placements: Emergency or respite placements, short-term planned placements (for children unable to reside with their families while processes are organized to support the return home) and short-term placements for pre-adoptive children. There are also long-term placements. **The first placement option sought for children who need to be placed is within their own kinship network**. Potential carers from within the kinship network are also assessed and approval is given to care for a particular child. Carers are entitled to foster care reimbursements. Other support is also available to these foster parents.*

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