

1. Name of organisation, city, country

Gemeente Puurs, provincie Antwerpen, Belgium

3. How many interested staff? (if possible names, function)

Depending on the actual program of exchange

Tim Van Gool, head of department Youth, education and childcare

Thomas Van Reeth, team manager childcare

Tamara Vanhoeck, youth counselor

Sophie Vleminck, manager House of the child

Line Timmermans, coordinator daycare

Hilde Van der Poorten, municipal counsellor for Youth

4. What is the staff intested in seeing /learning? (Themes/methods/activities)

- Innovative ways to combine out of school activities with childcare:
- Working with volunteers (in childcare):
- Combining the recreational point of view with the aspects of well-being:
- Changing from a target group focussed way of working to a general free time policy with attention for certain target groups:
- Innovative ways of getting youth involved with participation tot city politics:

5. What type of activity is relevant? (Job shadowing/Study visit)

I think a Study visit would be more interesting cause most of the things we want to learn something about are policies and ways of coping with problems society invoques. If there are results, this probably is the result of political discisions or the work of a group of employes. Of course it would also be interesting to do jobshadowing if it would be usefull in the context. How to organise work, what priorities does someone holds high to accomplish certain objectives. It would also be interesting to shadow coordinators of childcare and how they set up activities for different age groups, coordinators for different organisations who work around well-being and coordinators for handeling working with volunteers.

6. How long should the activity last?

An exchange of a few days to a week should enable us to see the policies that lay at the base of a certain way of achieving the goals set and see how this works in the everyday reality.

7. When would be a good time for your organisation to send youth workers?

May, june or october

8. What can your organisation offer in terms of interesting examples of youth activities/methods etc?

- Integration of different holiday activities for kids together with departments of sports and culture:
- A progressive city that's already far in the process of digitalisation (all registrations for youth activities and out of school care are registered with computers and tablets... parents can arrange everything digitally from anywhere they want):
- A beautiful youthcenter that combines childcare, holiday activities and has a partyhall. It concentrates all services for youth and youthorganisations:
- An organisation in movement searching for a streamlined way of working around free time for all citizens, where youth, sports, culture and library are working together on organizing and programming with a collective group of administrative workers.

9. When would be a good time for your organisation to host?

No specific moment.

10. Other relevant information

We can never send all of the people interested in the project together as we have to be able to keep our services running during the time of the project. It's probable that the exchange would be done by 3 persons at the same time.

Depending on the concrete exchange we could consider taking along one or more people from the youth counsel.