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GERAARDSBERGEN**

#GIESBARGSEJEUJD

# ONE TEAM



WE WISH YOU A SPARKLY NEW YEAR!

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@ JC De Spiraal



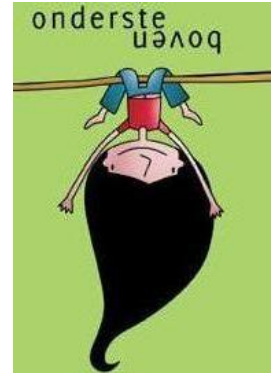
# PLAYGROUND 'GUUSTJE'



- 2 different playgrounds
  - One for the little ones: 2,5 years old till 6 years old
  - One for the older ones: from 6 till 15 years old  
The teenagers split up during the day
- The playground takes place in the easter and summer holidays from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Every single day, the animators prepare different activities.
- Every day, there are about 175 children and 25 animators
- In general, there are 105 animators who are active on the playground during the whole year.

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# PLAYGROUND 'ONDERSTEBOVEN'



- This playground is for children with disabilities till 15 years old.
- They have another location than 'playground Guustje'.
- The playground takes place in the summer holidays from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Every single day, the animators prepare different activities.
- Every day, there are about 50 children and 12 animators who are all well trained to work/play with the children.
- During the year, there are two-monthly activities for the kids.

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# PLAYGROUND 'BINNENSTEBUITEN'

- This playground is for children with disabilities from 15 years old.
- It is established because there is almost nothing for these kids.
- During the year, there are two-monthly activities for these kids.
- The activities are adapted to these 'adolescents'



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# PLAYING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Because children have the right to play...



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# PLAYING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Playgrounds (not organised) in the parishes

- We talk with visitors and take notice of their comments
- We are the administrator:
  - We visit the playgrounds monthly
    - Are they well maintained?
    - Are they safe?
    - Are there problems (with neighbors, with equipment,...?)



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# PLAYING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Playstreet

- Every holiday
- It can be requested by inhabitants of the street
- We plan a little investigation of the neighborhood: is it possible to organise a play street? Does (almost) everyone agree? ...
- We provide a box with a bit of material to play on the street

Kom je  
buiten spelen?



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# YOUTH CULTURE



- We want to organise events for and by the youngsters
- We listen to the youngsters and do it in cooperation
- Examples: workshop handlettering, festival(s) with specific genre, workshops dance, graffiti

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# “GIESBAARGSE JEUGD”

- This name is launched on the first of February 2016.
- Youngsters have chosen this name to identify themselves in Geraardsbergen
- ‘Giesbaargse Jeugd’ meant the beginning of our communication traject on Facebook and Instagram.
- We reach almost 1200 persons on Facebook and 1000 on instagram. We use these channels to inform the youngsters, but also for communication and participation.



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# YOUTH COUNSEL

- The Youth Counsel gives advice to the management of the city. This advice covers a lot of topics: safety in the city and on the streets, parking space, use of drugs and alcohol,...
- The youth counsel also informs others. This informal, but also in a formal way during meetings.
- The Youth Counsel organises a lot of activities for different age levels. A festival targeting the 6 years old kids, a gala for the older ones, a party for Santa Claus,...
- We coach and support the youth counsel closely.

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# CHILD FRIENDLY CITY

- We achieved the label since November 2016, after a long traject.
- We're trying to involve different partners. Both in the city as out of the borders of our official office.
- There are 4 priorities
  - **Children rights**
  - **Participation:** children and youngsters as active citizens
  - Plek in de stad: we want that children and youngsters have a good feeling in our city. They have to feel like it's their home.
  - Discover and develop talents of all.



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# YOUTH HOUSE 'DE RESSORT'



- The Youth House is coached and supported by our team, very closely.
- The Youth House counts 80 volunteers. There is also smaller group of 20 who manage it overall.
- Together, they help to organise parties and concerts. They also overthink how they can get to the other youngsters in Geraardsbergen. They are trying to involve as much people as possible.
- The youth house is opened on Friday and Saturday. But also the other days of the weeks, there are things to do in De Ressort. Nearly every week there is an event where everyone is invited.
- The volunteers themselves have different weekends during the year: one to plan the next year, a midterm evaluation weekend, a weekend targeting shaping/formation,...

# YOUTHWORK ORGANISATIONS

- Geraardsbergen counts eight youthworkorganisations.
  - We give grants to them based on what they do
  - We support them in need
  - We have a loan service with tents, games, music installations,... that youthworkorganisations can loan for free.
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# ACTIVITIES

The most **visible** thing that we do, are the activities that we organise. We mentioned a couple of them theretofore (together with the Youth Counsel, Youth House De Ressor, Youth Culture, Playground Guustje,...).

A couple of other activities are:

- Places to study during exams (and well deserved breaks)
- Day for youthworkorganisations
- A day targeting playing outside
- ...



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