

Belgium: prisons, Orthopedagogy, youth care Benny Leesen and Ilse Mariën



Flanders in Belgium and Europe



- Northern part of Belgium
- More than six million inhabitants
- Capital: Brussels
- Flanders = Flemish Region + Flemish Community



Flanders as a federated state



- Flemish Region: territorial issues
- Flemish Community: person-related issues
- 1 Flemish Parliament and 1Flemish Government



Flemish education

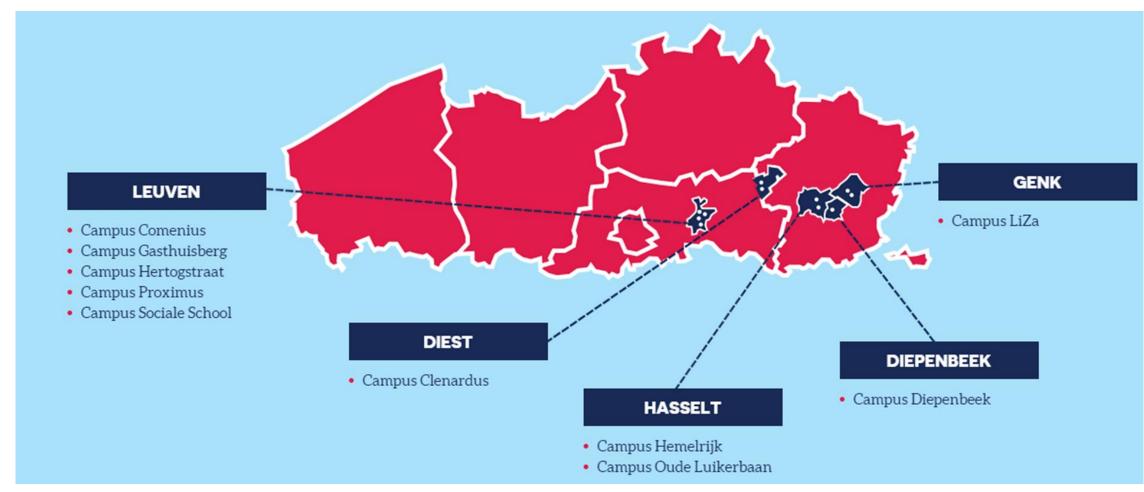
 Flemish Minister for Education and Training:

responsible for education policy from nursery to university level inclusive

- But! The **Federal** authorities hold the powers:
 - to determine the start and end of compulsory education



University College Leuven-Limburg





- Profession-oriented higher education
 - Professional bachelor in « orthopedagogy « (social-education)
- Service & training
- Research & development
 - practice research



Professional bachelor in "orthopedagogy"





Ortho-pedagogy



Not only therapy helps,....

We need connection in our own environment!



"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship."







Service & training



Empowering people :ACHT APART

Education

Courses for students

Methods, concepts, LSCI, adjustments

in aggressionpolicies and climate-

improvement

Research

Aggression in special needs schools,... Method of restorative mediation,...

Students do small research Bachelortest

Services

LSCI-training

Rock and water

Service on demand

Start escalation crisis decrease depression

Summary

INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, COMMUNITY BUILDING, EMPOWERMENT, QUESTIONCENTERED and INNOVATIVE ENTERPRENEURSHIP are our policyobjectives in Education, Training and Research for both students and special educators. We not only focus on insight but also on policies and climate to work preventive with youngsters and their difficult behaviour.



Research & development



Practice oriented or applied research

- Tackling questions, problems, needs from
- 'practice' (professional sector or community)
- by scientifically sound methods,
- resulting in answers applicable in
- 'practice' (professional sector or community) and
- always in close collaboration with educational programmes



SERA



Closed, halfopen and open prisons

Closed prisons:

- The 'classic' prison
- maximum security:
- wall and bars,
- Cel-time: 23 hours a day.

Halfopen facilities:

- prisoners work
- workplaces that belong to the prison
- can be in or outside the prison,
- except for worktime they stay in their cel.

Open facilities

- less strict
- less security measures,
- Prisoners accept voluntarily an educationprogramm
- minimal force.



Prisons in Belgium (Adults)





34 Prisons in Belgium

16 in Flanders

16 in Wallonie

2 in Brussels



GEVANGENISSEN IN BELGIË

(Locatie, bouwjaar en capaciteit) 1 / 1822 671 MERKSPLAS 2/1844 34 TONGEREN 3 / 1849 48 RUISELEDE 4 / 1851 32 DINANT 5 / 1855 439 ANTWERPEN 6 / 1860 350 LEUVEN CENTRALE GEVANGENIS 7 / 1862 296 GENT 29 8 / 1863 169 DENDERMONDE 9 / 1867 111 AARLEN 10 / 1868 176 DOORNIK 11 / 1869 163 LEUVEN HULPGEVANGENIS 12 / 1870 303 BERGEN 13 / 1870 187 WORTEL 18 21 14 / 1871 63 HOEL 15 / 1874 84 MECHELEN 25 28 31 16 / 1874 134 NAMEN 17 / 1876 55 IEPER 18 / 1884 528 SINT-GILLIS 19 / 1908 192 TURNHOUT 20 / 1908 192 NIJVEL 21 / 1910 423 VORST EN BERKENDAEL 22 / 1922 132 OUDENAARDE 23 / 1931 295 HOOGSTRATEN 24 / 1940 130 MARNEFFE 25 / 1972 208 PAIFVE 26 / 1972 265 SAINT HUBERT 27 / 1975 268 JAMIOULX 28 / 1979 695 LANTIN 29 / 1991 628 BRUGGE 30 / 1997 396 ANDENNE 31 / 2002 420 ITTER 32 / 2002 126 EVERBERG 33 / 2005 450 HASSELT NIEUWE GEVANGENIS 34 / 2010 50 SAINT HUBERT 35 / 2013 311 MARCHE-EN-FAMENNE 36 / 2014 312 BEVEREN 37 / 2014 312 LEUZE-EN-HAINAUT

Facts & figures

- 43% off all Belgian detinees are from a foreign origins
- <u>+</u> 250 sentenced are radicalised
- preacher of hate & recruiters = 23 (14 + 9)



2012-2014	2012	2013	2014
Capacity of Belgian prisons	8.930	9.255	9.592
Number of detinees in Belgian prisons	11.107	11.732	11.769
Male	10.664	11.270	11.267
Female	443	462	502
Number of detinees under electronic supervision	987	1.071	1.807
Male	925	1.007	1.660
Female	62	64	147



- Big problem, safety, strike, rehabilitation
- For every 100 prisonplaces there are 134 prisoners

Solution:

Belgium rents 650 places in Tilburg (the Netherlands)



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3 to 10 years:
58% of all prisoners
10 to lifelong:
20,2% of all prisoners
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Closed Youth centres

- Federal (justice) (2011)
 - → community (family, wellfare & health)





		Jongens	Meisjes	Totaal	
Gemeenschapsins telling De Zande	Campus Ruiselede	55	10	65	
	Campus Beernem	0	54	54	
	Campus Wingene	36	0	36	
	Totaal De Zande	91	64	155	
Gemeenschapsins telling De Kempen (Mol)	Campus De Markt	72	10	82	
	Campus De Hutten	42	0	42	
	Totaal De Kempen	114	10	124	
Gemeenschapsinste De Grubbe (Everbe		40	0	40	
Vlaams Detentiecentrum (Tongeren)	De Wijngaard	15	0	15	+ 3 plaatsen voor Everbergjongeren
Totaal		260	74	334	





https://vimeo.com/84139716



- Internship (Students)
- (exchange expertise / consulting)
- LSCI LIFE SPACE CRISIS INTERVENTION
- SUPERVISION
- INTERVISION
- The Socio-Emotional Developmental case:
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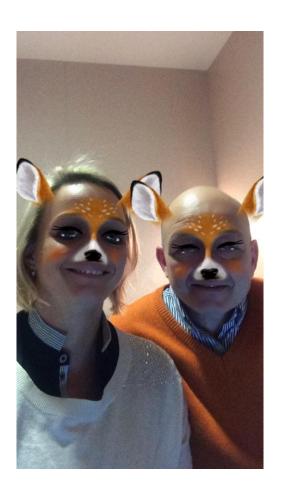


Inspirations

- ESM-YA
- VIP
- Bounce
 - Deradicalisation of Youngsters
 - A strong and positive way

https://www.bounce-resilience-tools.eu/en/project-bounce-enters-new-phase

Thanks!



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