

# Connecting People



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Maasmechelen -  
Belgium

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# Connecting People

## *The main objectives*

Multiculturalism and diversity among young people are vital elements in shaping a harmonious and prosperous society. With "Connecting People", JCW vzw (Youth, Culture and Science vzw) wants to create more understanding for each other in a society that is becoming increasingly diverse. Our aim is not only to increase understanding of cultural differences, but also to highlight shared aspects. During the week, we explore different themes around the idea of connecting individuals across borders. Each day is dedicated to a different theme. Each participating country will also give an introduction to a different theme linked to multiculturalism, diversity, conflict, borders, coexistence, ... Each evening, we will collect feedback and reflect as a group on how to transform the essence of the day into something that can stay with the participants.

## *APV*

During this preparatory meeting, the programme will be discussed and camp rules will be drawn up. There will also be room for questions at the end of the APV. The **APV** is scheduled online on **Tuesday, 28 May from 6pm to 8pm (CEST or UTC +2)**. The link has been emailed. If you haven't received it yet, just let us know.

# Where will you stay?

## Maasmechelen

During the international exchange, we stay in House 1 of Fabiola holiday home in Maasmechelen. The rooms as well as sanitary facilities are shared.

### Address

NWGK vzw - Holiday home Fabiola  
House 1  
Weldoenerslaan 5  
B-3630 Maasmechelen



# Travel information

## Arrivals and departures

### Arrival

On **Friday 12 July**, try to arrive at Holiday home Fabiola preferably **before dinner at 6pm** (Belgian time).

### Return

Plan your return sometime **after breakfast** on **Friday 19 July**.

The holiday home is located in Maasmechelen, Limburg province. Unfortunately, getting around by public transport is not so easy in this region. For those who wish to do so, we try to arrange transport to the holiday home from Genk train station for a maximum of €20 per person per trip. We will try to keep this as cheap as possible.

If you want to arrive in Belgium earlier or leave later, that is possible, but keep in mind that any additional accommodation or transport will be at your own expense.

## Arrival by plane



You can choose between two airports as your destination: Maastricht Airport in the Netherlands and Liège Airport in Belgium. The easiest airport to reach Maasmechelen is Maastricht Airport, as Maasmechelen is only about 20 km from Maastricht. From both airports, you can reach Genk station by public transport.

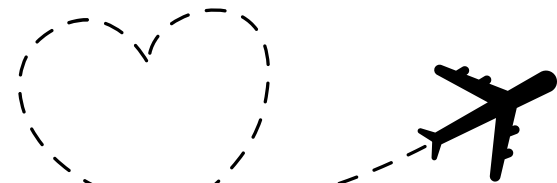
If your flights are fixed, I can create a customised travel plan for each group so that the trip to Maasmechelen goes smoothly. If you would like my help with this, you can always contact me.

## Travel allowances

Please try to travel as green as possible. As a reminder EU maximum travel allowances per person are:

	<i>Standard travel - Amount</i>	<i>Green travel - Amount</i>
• Estonia:	€ 275	€ 320
• Liechtenstein:	€ 275	€ 320
• Ireland:	€ 275	€ 320
• Italy:	€ 275	€ 320
• Spain:	€ 275	€ 320
• Belgium:	€ 23	€ 0

IMPORTANT: For all questions about your travel arrangements and to check your proposed flight times and costs please contact me (sofie@jcw.be) before booking!



# Brief overview of the programme

## Friday 12 July

- Travel day,
  - You should aim to arrive at Holiday home Fabiola preferably before dinner at 6pm (Belgian time).
  - Board games evening

## Saturday 13 July

- Theme: physical (country) borders
  - Introduction, presentation weekly programme and youth pass
  - *Partner activity (is anyone a candidate to work out an activity around this theme?)*
  - International evening Belgium

## Sunday 14 July

- Theme border between man and nature + multiculturalism
  - Visit Labiomista
  - Visit C-mine Genk
  - International evening Italy and Ireland

## Monday 15 July

- Theme: Conflicts at borders
  - *Partner activity (is anyone a candidate to work out an activity around this theme?)*
  - Activity JCW
  - International evening Spain and Estonia

## **Tuesday 16 July**

- Theme from migration to multiculturalism + boundary man and nature
  - Hiking tour Park Hoge Kempen
  - Bike ride landscape Maasmechelen - coal mining history
  - International evening Liechtenstein

## **Wednesday 17 July**

- Theme: Visit to the city of Maastricht (institutional solutions to avoid conflicts)
  - Visit marl caves
  - Visit historic centre of Maastricht
  - Making a souvenir

## **Thursday 18 July**

- Theme: crossing borders
  - *Partner activity (is anyone a candidate to work out an activity around this theme?)*
  - Obstacle course Aquapark Terhills
  - Presentation youth passes + evaluation and farewell party

## **Friday 19 July**

- Travel day
  - Your return can be planned sometime after breakfast



# How to prepare for Connecting People?

The youth leader can make both of these activities with the participants. That way they can bring their own input on this exchange.

## *Day activity*

Each organisation should provide an activity of 1-2 hours. The content and form of the activity may be entirely of your own choosing. So this can be a game, a quiz, something creative, .... Possible themes are: physical (country) borders, conflicts at borders, crossing borders, ... If you want a particular theme, you may email your choice to me ([sofie@jcw.be](mailto:sofie@jcw.be)). That way there is not too much overlap between different activities.

## *Evening activity*

Each country must also provide an evening activity. The participants presents their country through a game, quiz... After that we will have an evening with some typical products from the country. For this food you can use the kitchen.

By having intercultural evenings the participants will learn more about their home country, as well as the partner countries. The participants will also get to practice speaking and acting in front of people as well as present in English.

# Participation fee

There is a participation fee of €180 per participant for the whole week. This is to help us cover the costs of the project, the food... and ensure high quality activities. The participation fee of €180 (only for participants, not for the youth leader) of all participants can be collected by you as an organization and then paid to us as one amount. Below our bank details:

- Beneficiary: JCW vzw
- IBAN BE76 0013 3997 7295
- BIC/SWIFT GEBABEBB
- Bank details: BNP Paribas Fortis, Grote Markt 1, 1800 Vilvoorde
- **Transfer message:** Connecting People participation fee - your country

# What to bring?

- Everyday clothes: shirts, trousers, T-shirts, underwear, socks etc.
- Outdoor clothing
- Be prepared for hot, cold or wet weather because the Belgian weather is very changeable!
- Swimwear
- Comfortable practical shoes for walking out
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shower gel etc.
- Towels
- Any necessary medication: if it is serious medication let the staff know
- A first aid kit will be supplied by JCW for emergencies
- Small bag or backpack for going out
- Items for your intercultural evening (food, drink and flag from your countries)
- Some pocket money
- During your stay all your accommodation, food and transport during the programme is provided. You will only need pocket money to maybe buy some souvenirs.

# Participants

Each country would preferably look for 5 participants. If 5 participants are difficult to find, you can also participate with 4 participants but this is the minimum.

Due to organizational and financial reasons, I would like to know the number of participants **before 1 June 2024**

# Contact

If there are any additional questions or concerns, you may always contact me via email ([sofie@jcw.be](mailto:sofie@jcw.be)).