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LEAVE YOUR MARK



CONCEPT

Leave your mark is an international youth project that invites young people to explore their role in society and to reflect on how they are influenced by the world around them and how they, in turn, can influence that world.

The project is built around the idea that social change happens on different interconnected levels:

- the micro level (the individual and personal identity),
- the meso level (local communities, organisations and social environments),
- and the macro level (society, politics and the European context).

Through a mix of non-formal education methods, interactive workshops, creative activities and real-life encounters, participants gain insight into these different levels and the connections between them. By linking personal experiences to broader societal themes such as democracy, diversity, sustainability and active citizenship, Leave your mark encourages young people to critically reflect, exchange perspectives and develop a stronger sense of engagement.

The project creates a safe and open learning environment where participants are encouraged to express themselves, collaborate across cultures and take ownership of their ideas. Leave your mark is not about giving ready-made answers, but about empowering young people to ask questions, take initiative and realise that meaningful impact can start on a very small scale.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Leave your mark are to:

Increase awareness among young people of how individual actions, local contexts and broader societal structures are interconnected.

Strengthen critical thinking and self-reflection, enabling participants to better understand their own values, influences and position within society.

Promote active citizenship and civic engagement by encouraging young people to see themselves as active contributors rather than passive observers.

Foster intercultural learning and exchange by bringing together participants from different countries, backgrounds and realities.

Develop social and communication skills, such as expressing opinions, listening to others, collaborating in a group and engaging in respectful dialogue.

Encourage creativity as a tool for expression and reflection, using artistic and participatory methods to translate ideas into action.



LOCATION

DESTELHEIDE

For our project activities and accommodation, we will be hosted at Destelheide, a youth centre for art, creativity and education located in Dworp, Belgium. Destelheide is part of the Algemene Dienst voor Jeugdtoerisme (ADJ), a Flemish Government-supported non-profit organisation that provides high-quality infrastructure and services for youth groups, training events and educational activities.



Why we chose Destelheide:

- **Excellent accessibility:** The location is easily reachable from our headquarters, making logistics simpler and travel time shorter for staff and participants alike.
- **Creative and educational environment:** Situated in a green, peaceful area on the edge of the Zenne Valley, Destelheide's facilities are designed to stimulate interaction, creativity and collaborative learning.
- **Comfort and community:** The centre offers a range of comfortable sleeping facilities including rooms for 2-4 persons and pavilion options, all surrounded by nature with inspiring views.
- **Catering and dining:** During our stay, meals will be provided through Destelheide's full-board catering service. In their restaurant, participants can enjoy an extensive breakfast, a wide variety of lunch options with a salad bar,

and self-service dinners tailored to different dietary needs (including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free or halal on request).

DWORP

Dworp is a village in the municipality of Beersel, in the province of Vlaams-Brabant, within the Flemish Region of Belgium. It is part of the “Green Belt” surrounding Brussels, combining easy access to the Belgian capital with the peace of a natural environment.

Dworp lies only about 25 km southwest of Brussels, making it easily reachable from major international airports and transport hubs. The village and its surroundings offer a quiet, scenic setting. A perfect location for creative work, team activities and cultural exchanges, while still being close enough for excursions or visits to city attractions.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Getting to Destelheide, Dworp is straightforward:
From international airports (e.g., Brussels Airport):
Take a train to Halle station (via Brussels’ central connections).
From Halle, take bus 153 to the “Destelheide-Dworp” stop.
From the bus stop, it is approximately a 10-minute walk to the centre.
- By public transport:
The most convenient route is to take the train to Halle, followed by De Lijn bus 153 directly towards Destelheide.
- By car:
There is a parking area at the entrance of Destelheide, and we encourage sustainable travel as much as possible (e.g., carpooling). Cars are not allowed within the domain itself, preserving the pedestrian-friendly and peaceful character of the environment.

PARTNERS

For this project, we are currently developing the programme and exploring possible partnerships. Below, you will find an overview of the organisations and individuals we aim to involve in Leave your mark.

We start with the participating organisations, followed by a list of other potential partners. Please note that, apart from the participating organisations, all partnerships mentioned here are preliminary and subject to confirmation.

AYUNTAMIENTO DE MURCIA

Youth Service's European Projects in Youth Exchange program encourages young people to participate in international experiences that strengthen reading skills in intercultural coexistence. Through the language club, young people improve their language skills in a practical and engaging way, facilitating their integration into international environments. Furthermore, the municipal plan for youth exchanges and international activities offers opportunities for travel, exposure to other cultures, and development of social skills.

GALWAY REGIONAL YOUTH FEDERATION LTD

Youth Work Ireland Galway is a voluntary youth work organisation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. From our centres in Galway City, Tuam, Loughrea and Ballinasloe, we provide and coordinate community - based services and supports to young people in a safe environment. We are led by the principles and practice of community development. We recognise the right of all young people regardless of gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, ability, marital status, race, culture or ethnic origin to participate fully in their community.

MTÜ NOORTEVAHETUSE ARENGU ÜHING ESTYES

The apolitical NGO Youth Exchange Development Society EstYES was founded in 1991. and is one of the first organisations in Estonia to engage in cultural and youth exchanges. Our main focus is on coordinating various international projects to offer everyone aged 14-99 the opportunity to broaden their horizons and discover themselves and the world around them through volunteering.



BORDSPELBRIGADE

The Bordspelbrigade is a collective of board game enthusiasts who organise a monthly gathering in the Library of Halle. Through games, they create an accessible and playful space for interaction, dialogue and social connection



EUROPEAN PARLEMENT

The European Parliament offers a wide range of educational activities focusing on European citizenship, negotiation, finding common ground and the exchange of opinions. These activities help young people better understand democratic processes and their role within the European context.



DE AANSTOKERIJ

De Aanstokerij fully embraces play as an educational method. Through interactive, motivating and experiential games, they make social themes such as diversity, democracy, communication and cooperation accessible, while bringing out the best in individuals and groups.



STAD HALLE

Halle is a city located next to Dworp and is led by one of the youngest mayors in Belgium, Eva Demesmaeker. A visit to Halle would focus on how the mayor and her aldermen actively integrate the voice of young people into local policy. The visit would conclude with a Q&A session on civic engagement and making an impact at a young age.

HANNES VAN GANSEN



Hannes Van Gansen is a young professional with strong enthusiasm and expertise in circular economy, sustainability management and environmental management. Both professionally and through voluntary engagement, he is driven to contribute to sustainable and circular initiatives that have a positive impact on society.

LAMBIC BREWERY LINDEMANS



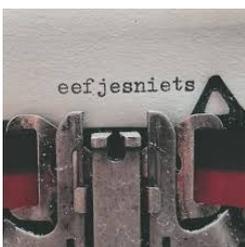
For almost 200 years, Brewery Lindemans has mastered the art of spontaneous fermentation, a process in which fermentation occurs naturally through micro-organisms present in the air, without the controlled addition of yeast. In 2025, the brewery also introduced an alcohol-free version of this traditional lambic fermentation.

BE-HERE



Be-Here is a meeting place and initiative in the heart of Brussels where environmentally conscious shops, organisations and entrepreneurs come together. The site offers a diverse mix of activities, ranging from food production and well-being to mobility, craftsmanship and culture..

EEFJESNIETS



Eef De Cort is a poet who captures the impact of the world in words on paper. Her open and free approach to poetry and expression invites reflection and inspires others to explore how language can be used to leave a personal mark.

CADANS



Cadans combines talk therapy with therapy in outdoor settings. Participants are invited to literally step outside — to reflect, to practice, and to learn through experience. By linking movement with reflection, Cadans supports people in navigating change and personal growth.

CHIDO GOVERA



Chido Govera is a social entrepreneur from Zimbabwe who transformed her life through her talent for growing mushrooms. She travels the world sharing knowledge on sustainable waste management, talent development and personal growth. Through the fascinating world of fungi, Chido empowers others to recognise, develop and believe in their own potential.



(TEMPORARY) PROGRAM



		MACRO		MESO		
		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MORNING			European Parliament (Simulation game)	Spel 'De Aanstokerij'	Tour & Talk Stad Halle	Visit B Lin
	AFTERNOON	Arrival + welcome	Scavenger Hunt @ Vossenplein, Brussel	Open to fill in by partner-organisation	Workshop Hannes Van Gansen	Visit & R Br
	EVENING	Introduction Project + Bordspel - brigade	International Evening: Spain	Evening activity: Make your own mark	International Evening: Estonia	E a Ma ow

MICRO

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

at Lambik
brewery
demans

Expressing
ourselves
(Game)

Open to fill in
by partner-
organisation

Preparation
Showcase

Clean up &
Goodbye

BE-Here
ollerland
russels

Elective
Activity:
Eefjesniets,
Cadans or
Chido Govera

Talking about
outcome

Preparation
Showcase

Departure

Evening
activity:
Make your
own mark

International
Evening:
Ireland

Evening
activity:
Make your
own mark

Showcase:
Leave your
mark &
Farewell Party

APV

For this project, we strongly believe that an Advance Planning Visit (APV) is essential. Based on our experience from previous international projects of a similar scale, an in-person preparatory meeting significantly contributes to the overall quality and smooth running of the exchange.

An APV allows us to:

- properly prepare and align all partner organisations,
- discuss the programme, practical arrangements, rules and policies in detail,
- test selected activities and methodologies,
- and ensure that all partners feel confident and well-informed ahead of the project.

Many of these elements can only be addressed effectively in person, making the APV a crucial step in the preparation process.

LOCATION

We propose to organise the APV at Destelheide, the venue where the main project will take place. This will allow partners to gain a full and realistic overview of the location, facilities and surroundings, and to test the proposed travel routes and logistics.





PARTICIPATION

It is preferable that the group leader who will accompany the participants during the project attends the APV, as this supports continuity and clarity. However, this is not strictly required.

TIMING

We are currently looking at organising the APV during a weekend in April, May or June. We kindly ask all partners to inform us of their preferred dates by **27 January**, so we can finalise the planning.

Possible dates:

- 10-12/04/2026
- 08-10/05/2026
- 05-07/06/2025

PARTICIPANTS & FEE



PARTICIPANTS

Each country is preferably asked to participate with 6 participants and 1 group leader. If it is not possible to find 6 participants, participation with 4 participants is also possible; this is the minimum required number.

For organisational and financial reasons, we kindly ask all partner organisations to confirm the number of participants by **1 June 2026**.

FEE

There is a participation fee of €200 per participant for the entire week. This fee helps cover the costs of accommodation, food, materials and activities, and ensures the overall quality of the project.

The participation fee applies only to participants, not to youth leaders.

Each partner organisation may collect the participation fees from their participants and transfer the total amount as one single payment to the hosting organisation. If there are any concerns or difficulties regarding the participation fee, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can discuss possible solutions.

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to Erasmus+ rules upon submission of valid travel documents.

Below our bank details:

Beneficiary: JCW vzw

IBAN BE76 0013 3997 7295BIC/SWIFT GEBABEBB

Bank details: BNP Paribas Fortis, Grote Markt 1, 1800 Vilvoorde

Transfer message: Leave your mark participation fee - your country

TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

For Leave your mark, green travel has been approved.

As a reminder, the maximum Erasmus+ travel allowances per participant are:

- Estonia: €309 (standard travel) / €417 (green travel)
- Spain: €309 (standard travel) / €417 (green travel)
- Ireland: €309 (standard travel) / €417 (green travel)



PACKING

BAGS

- Everyday clothes: shirts, trousers, T-shirts, underwear, socks etc.
- Outdoor clothing (rain coat, sturdy footwear)
- Be prepared for hot, cold or wet weather because the Belgian weather is very changeable!
- 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 (will be discussed during APV)
- 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.



GENERAL

- Is previous experience with international projects required to participate?
No
- What kind of profile are you looking for in participants?
As diverse as possible but certainly everyone who is interested in this project.
- How are the micro, meso and macro levels translated into activities?
This will be explained during the APV
- How much free time will participants have during the week?
We will try to implement a healthy amount.
- What happens if a partner cannot attend the APV in person?
Some preparatory sessions may be organised online. However, we strongly believe that an in-person APV is essential for the quality and smooth implementation of the project
- How are rooms divided at the accommodation?
Rooms will be divided at the arrival.
- How will important updates be communicated to partners?
I, Senne, will try to keep you up to date as much as possible.

CONTACT

We will provide more detailed information about the Advance Planning Visit (APV) as soon as it becomes available. This Info Pack will also be updated to a final and permanent version after the APV.

If you have any questions, doubts or concerns at any stage of the process (whether practical, organisational or content-related), please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to clarify anything or think along with you.

You can reach me at: **senne@jcw.be**

In the coming period, our project facilitators and youth leaders will be selected. Their names and contact details will be included in the updated version of the Info Pack, so partners will know exactly who to contact during the different phases of the project.

