

Foyer as n.g.o. and Foyer in its prevention of radicalization

Molenbeek, June 2016

Started up as n.g.o. in 1969

Financed ½ public and ½ private

Regular structure

Pillars

- 1. Youth work (rue des Ateliers)
- 2. Women's house (Dar al Amal) (rue Ribaucourt)
- 3. Fathers' house (Kanaletto) (rue des Ateliers)
- 4. Roma & Travellers Service + individual advice services (rue Mommaerts)
- 5. Intercultural Mediation Service
- 6. Counselling for plurilingual children with language difficulties
- 7. Social cohesion team: various projects, including awareness raising on diversity, democracy and related issues. E.g. Palace of the Common and the Strange, permanent interactive exhibition for schools.
- 8. Sports team, including 2 sports clubs (athletics, basketball for girls).

Annual projects

- . Foyer Jogging, running race in Molenbeek
- . Interreligious concert
- . Brussels in Dialogue (several days of dialogue events throughout the city)

Prevention of radicalization

- . Already in progress

1. **Women's** house: 'monthly mothers meeting', with invited guest who has been confronted with radicalization in their personal life (e.g. a mother of a radicalized teenager).

- . From October 2016

2. Contacts through **care coaching** with combat **sports clubs**;

3. Intro in critical thinking (**for 9-12/14 year olds**)

- . **App** introducing youngsters in thinking about difference between a fact and an opinion. (after visit to Palais du commun et de l'étrange)

- . **30' Movie** with focus on the critical understanding of digital messages , followed by discussion in class

4. **30' Movie for 15-16-year-olds**: focus on the opposition between the ideal ISIS promo movies and the reality... applied to:

- . conspiracy theories

- . the heroism of being a jihadi

- . incitement to jihadism and the caliphate as ideal society

- . banalization of crimes (followed by discussion in class)

5. **Web- tv** in youth house: forum for discussions among youngsters

Thanks!