

# WORDS FROM THE STREET

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF SOCIAL STREET WORKERS

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Participative & creative workshops, regional workshops,  
field visits, presentation of recommendations by social  
street workers



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**Monday 5 PM**

# PHOTO EXHIBITION

## SOCIAL STREET WORKERS CONNECTION WEAVERS

### OPENING OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY VÉRONIQUE VERCHEVAL, PHOTOJOURNALIST

In the presence of **Caroline Désir**, Minister of Education and **Valérie Devis**,  
Director General of the General Service for Youth Assistance Services and  
Youth Protection and Adoption Services.

[tisseursdeliens.be](http://tisseursdeliens.be)

# OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Social street workers are privileged witnesses of the social realities of the street throughout the world.

For three days, starting from the reality of street workers, we will exchange, enrich our practices, create together, fill up with energy and produce recommendations that will be presented to the European Commission and in the street.

The open space technology will allow each of us to propose a workshop and to bring forth a lot of ideas in a superb organised chaos.

***“What do I want to share, question and explore this week, between street social workers, to produce practices and a common political discourse?”***



## VIDEO

**An introduction to the idea of Open Space Technology**

Video by [batfishcreations.com](http://batfishcreations.com)

# THE PRINCIPLES OF OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY



- **Whoever is present is the right person**  
the necessary wisdom and genuine interest are present in the group.
- **Whatever happens is the only thing that could have been**  
let go of regrets and focus on the best possible effort in the present moment.
- **Whenever it starts is the right time**  
take things as they come.
- **When it is over, it is over**  
shorter or longer discussions, depending on the group's wishes.
- **The Law of Two Feet**  
if you find yourself in a situation where you are neither learning nor contributing, use your two feet, go somewhere where you will!
- **Totem animals**  
bees: they circulate and spread ideas  
butterflies: they take a break or reflect





# OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROJECT INITIATOR

→ At the scheduled time and place, post your subject and the time.

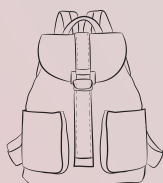
## **ONCE THE PARTICIPANTS ARE SETTLED, SET THE SCENE:**

- Invite everyone to introduce themselves in a concise manner and in relation to the theme that brings you together.
- Explain why you have chosen this topic.
- Invite the group to nominate a facilitator together to lead the discussion.
- Designate a person to remind you of the elapsed time and decide when to do it.
- Be the secretary or ask someone to be the secretary. By writing down the highlights of the discussion on the board, you help the bees to know where you stand. This will also help when writing the report.
- Identify one or more people who will write the report. You can team up with members of your discussion group to complete the report.

## **REGARDING REPORTING:**

- Ask for the names of the workshop participants, you will write them down in the report to allow discussions to continue afterwards.
- During the discussion, write down the salient points.
- At the end of the discussion, synthesize the strong ideas of your discussion and possibly validate with the group.
- Write your report using the format available.
- Designate a person to return as a large group if requested.

**BE PREPARED TO  
BE SURPRISED!**



# FIELD VISITS

**Monday > Thursday**

## SECTORS

**Youth  
Drug addiction  
Prostitution  
Homelessness  
Street nurses**

### **MONDAY 2:30-4:30 PM**

- Team Herscham of the Brussels Capital Police
- Street nurses NPO
- Transit NPO
- Espace P

### **WEDNESDAY 2:30-4:30 PM**

- Team Herscham of the Brussels Capital Police
- JES NPO Anderlecht
- AMO Alhambra NPO
- Allée du Kaai (Toestand)
- CEMO AMO
- DIOGENES NPO
- Latitude Nord
- Itinéraires AMO
- Douche Flux
- Centre Comète
- AtMOsphères AMO

### **TUESDAY 2:30-4:30 PM**

- Team Herscham of the Brussels Capital Police
- JES NPO Anderlecht
- Allée du Kaai (Toestand)
- DIOGENES NPO
- Alias
- Latitude Nord
- DUNE NPO

### **THURSDAY 2:30-4:30 PM**

- Team Herscham of the Brussels Capital Police
- Foyer NPO
- Transit NPO
- Allée du Kaai (Toestand)
- AtMOsphères AMO

**Wednesday**

# WORDS FROM THE YOUTH

On Wednesday, we will take the time to listen to young people from Brussels, to take their opinions and to exchange with them on different themes.

**Thursday**

# CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Accompanied by artists (musicians, visual artists, circus artists), we will create collectively around the main themes that emerged during the first three days. The productions will be used for the street action on Friday afternoon.

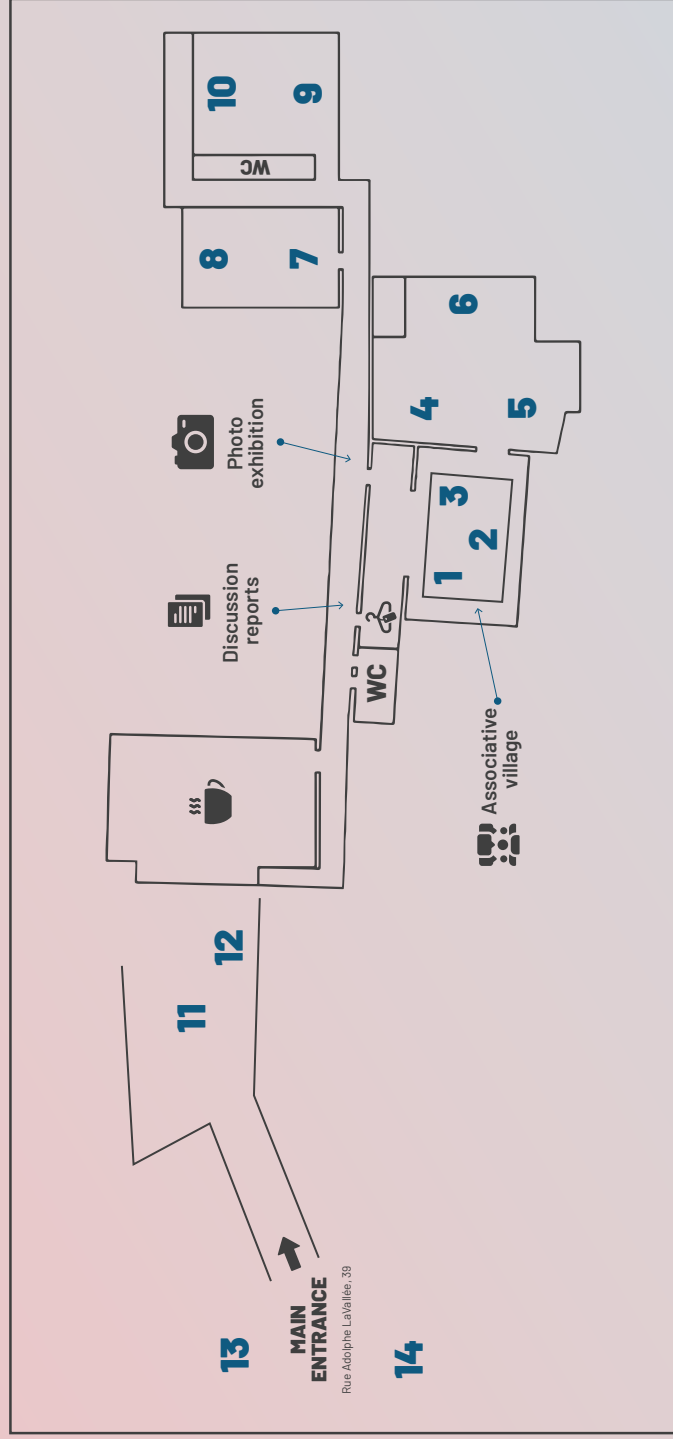
**Thursday**

# READING AND WRITING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

A group of workers will work on analysing the content produced during the previous days in order to produce recommendations that we will present to the European Commission the following day.

# FORUM PLAN

La Vallée



# PROGRAMME

**Mo 18.10**

**9 > 10:45 AM**

**OPENING**

Thread of the week

**11 AM > 1 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**Tu 19.10**

**9:30 > 11 AM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**11:30 AM > 1 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**We 20.10**

**9:30 > 11 AM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**11:30 AM > 1 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Convergence and closure

**Th 21.10**

**SPOT 1**

**9:30 > 11 AM**

**AFRICA**

**SPOT 7**

**11:30 AM > 1 PM**

**AMERICA**

**SPOT 4**

**9:30 > 11 AM**

**EUROPE**

**SPOT 9**

**11:30 AM > 1 PM**

**ASIA**

**Fr 22.10**

**8 AM > 3 PM**

**EUROPEAN**

**COMMISSION**

Recommendations presentation

**2 > 3:15 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**3:45 > 5 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**2 > 5 PM**

**Field Visits**

**2 > 3:15 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**3:45 > 5 PM**

**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY**

Participative & Creative workshops

**2 > 5 PM**

**Field visits**

**2 > 5 PM**

**Field visits**

**3 > 6 PM**

**Words from the youth**

**2 > 5 PM**

**Field visits**

**2 > 5 PM**

**Creative workshop**

ALLÉE DU KAAI

**2 > 5 PM**

**Reading & writing**

of recommendations

**3 PM**

**STREET ACTION**

**5 PM**

**Opening PHOTO EXHIBITION**

Connection Weavers

**7 PM**

**MEETING EVENING**

**7 PM**

**GAME EVENING**

**7 PM**

**CONCERT EVENING**

**7 PM**

**FESTIVAL DES LIBERTÉS**

**FREE EVENING**

# CONTINENTAL WORKSHOPS

Dynamo International - Street Workers Network (DISWN)

## AFRICAN REGION

Animation by Moussa Sow, regional coordinator (DISWN)

- **Socio-political issues from the experience of social street workers members of national platforms in African countries**, by **Moussa Sow**
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Migration: what are the social and political issues?** by **Moussa Sow - Stéphane Tessier**, expert for DISWN, France
  - **Valbona Hystuna**, Youth Support Center & EU project Coordination at ARSIS, expert for DISWN, Greece
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*

## EUROPEAN REGION

Animation by Anja Manja and Helmut Steinkellner, regional co-coordinators (DISWN)

- **Social Rights in Europe**, by **Anna Rurka**, social educator, University of Warsaw, former President of the Council of Europe INGO Conference.
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Socio-political issues from the experience of social street workers members of national platforms in African countries**, by **Helmut Steinkellner**
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Magic Wand for Street Work**, presentation of the Erasmus+ project Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Portugal, by **Anja Manja Segulin**
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*



## AMERICAN REGION

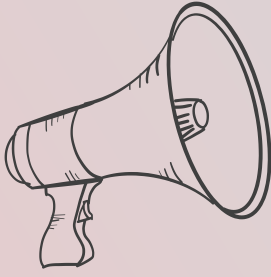
**Animation** by Veronica R. Müller and Francis Lacharité, regional co-coordinators (DISWN)

- **Socio-political issues from the experience of social street workers members of national platforms in American countries**, by **Francis Lacharité**, Québec
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Presentation of the « Diagnosis of social struggles of street social educators in the Americas »**, with **Veronica Müller**, Brazil
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Human Rights approach and gender perspective in street social work**, presentation of the Erasmus+ AMERICAS project, by **Jon Echeverria**, Asociación Navarra Nuevo Futuro, Spain
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*

## ASIAN REGION

**Animation** by Edwin de Boevé, director of Dynamo International

- **Nepal**, CPCS - Child Protection Centers and Services, **Inge Bracke** and **Bijesh Shrestha**  
**Vietnam**, Platform of Vietnamese Social Street Workers, **Kim Tran Thi**  
**Hong Kong**, HKPA - Hong Kong Playground Association, **Wan Lap Man**  
**India**, CINI, Child in Need Institut, **Lopamudra Mullick**
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*
- **Philippines**, Virlanie Foundation Inc, **Dominique Lemay**  
**East Timor**, Advocacy for Street Children and Youth Networking Action, **Claudino Ximenes**  
**Israel**, ELEM - Youth in Distress, **Guy Reut**  
**Palestine**, Défense des enfants (DEI) - **Khaled Quzmar**, Director of DEI-Palestine, Jerusalem
  - *Questions/answers with the floor*



# POLITICAL ACTION FORUM CLOSING

European Commission  
The Gasperi meeting room (Charlemagne building)  
rue de la loi, 170 – 1000 Brussels

## 8 AM: RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

## 9:30 AM: INTRODUCTIVE AND WELCOME ADDRESS

- **Maria-Anna Paraskeva**, Senior Policy Officer, European Commission, DG EMPL
- **Edwin de Boevé**, Director of Dynamo International

## 9:45-11 AM: FIRST ROUND TABLE

The Globalisation of poverty: fatality or a social project?

**Animation:** Edwin de Boevé, Director of Dynamo International

### Speakers:

- Testimony of **a young** on poverty
- **Jana Hainsworth**, Eurochild Secretary General (about Child Poverty)
- **Christine Mahy**, Walloon Poverty Reduction Network
- **Khaled M.A. Quzman**, DEI Palestine, Director
- **Moussa Sow**, Africa Regional Coordinator of Dynamo International – Street Workers Network
- **Pierre Galand**, President of Laïcité et Humanisme en Afrique Centrale asbl (LHAC)

**11:15 AM -12:15 PM: SECOND ROUND TABLE**

Social street work, a social response to social problems?

Animation: Cis Dewaele, SAM vzw

**Speakers:**

- **Wim Van Lancker**, researcher [wimvanlancker.be](http://wimvanlancker.be)
- **Anne Sophie Fontaine**, President of Fédération Laïque de l'Aide à la Jeunesse (FLAJ)
- **Luis Enrique Hernández**, Director of El Caracol A. C. (Mexico)
- **Bernard Devos**, General Delegate for Children's Rights
- **Philippon Toussaint**, President of the Community Youth Support Council

**12:30- 1:30 PM: CLOSING AND CONCLUSIONS**

of « Words from the Street » forum

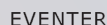
Animation: David Lallemand, Communication Advisor to the General Delegate of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation for Children's Rights

- **Speaking up for social street workers** – Findings and Recommendations
- **Speaking up for the youth** – Findings and Recommendations
- **Reactions:**
  - **Ruth Paserman**, Director DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion at European Commission, Deputy Director-General – Funds, Fair Transition and Analysis – Funds: Programming and Implementation (EMPL.G)
  - **Valérie Glatigny**, Minister for Youth Aid in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation
  - **Wouter Beke**, Flemish Minister for Welfare
  - **Saskia Bricmont**, Member of the European Parliament

**1:30-3 PM: LUNCH****3 PM: STREET ACTION**

We will gather in the street to create a festive artistic event to end the week in style.

**with the other participants!**



- Scan the **QR code**  
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