



Non-profit organization active in the youth welfare sector

Namur Region

About us

Oxybulle has been active in the Namur region since 2018 and registered as a non-profit association since 2020.

Oxybulle is autonomous, neutral and apolitical and does not belong to any religious or philosophical trend.

As far as we know, Oxybulle is **unique** in Wallonia.



Mission & Values

Oxybulle is an association of **volunteers** whose **mission** is to offer **children, teenagers and young adults living in shelters** opportunities to **learn, meet, discover and go out**.

In all we do we put forward **solidarity, respect, trust, listening and sharing**



Background

- Each year, in Frenchspeaking Belgium, social services take in charge **over 40,000 young people between 0 et 18 years old**
- 92,6% of these kids are in danger or experience difficult situations
- **3000 kids** live in residential houses (aka maisons d'accueil) accredited by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation



Background

Reasons for placement

- Personal difficulties
- Difficulties related to parents' personal problems
- Relationship problems between adults
- Difficulty of parents to assume their parental role (Abuse, neglect, etc.)
- Financial and material difficulties



Beneficiaries

Children and Teens between **3 et 18 ans** who live in residential houses/maisons d'accueil

Made **vulnerable** by serious deficiencies in early childhood

- *complex relationship with adults*
- *lack of self-confidence*
- *attachment disorders*
- *often non-linear educational background*

No or few visits



Activities

Oxybulle offers 2 types of activities

1. Leisure activities in small groups from different shelters: exhibitions, shows, sports, DIY , cooking, etc.
2. Weekly individual tutoring

All activities are free for the kids



Objectives & Benefits

- Opportunities to **learn, progress** and regain **confidence** in themselves and in adults
- **New experiences** outside of their institutions
- **Positive memories**
- Oxybulle **complements and extends the educational work** of the services with which it collaborates e.g. During Oxybulle activities, educators make the most of their time to target educational actions that meet the needs of the children remaining in the institutions.
- Through its actions, Oxybulle fights **against discrimination** and promotes **equal opportunities**.



Volunteers

- People with diverse backgrounds
- From 35 to 65 years old
- Empathetic, proactive, dynamic and caring
- Rigorous selection process
- Supervised, trained and supported (mentoring program)
- Insured by the Province of Namur
- 16 volunteers (end 2022) + ongoing recruitment



Residential houses/Maisons d'accueil

22 residential houses in Namur Province hosting around 300 kids

- Underfinanced sector
- Understaffed – e.g. 1 educator for 15 kids during weekends

Oxybulle works with 12 of them: 190 kids

Numerous requests to collaborate with Oxybulle



Results

Since Oxybulle's official creation (May 2020 to Dec. 2022):

- **219 activities**
- **605 tutoring lessons**

Average number of kids participating in activities: 72,5/year (out of 190)

Average children's participation rate in activities: 250/year

Average number of kids in school support: 18/year

Partners (Shelters) grew from 8 in 2020 to 12 in 2022



Next steps

Funding to

- Match **all tutoring requests**
- Offer **more activities** to **more kids** – e.g. summer camps
- Answer requests of **more shelters** to join us

50K annual budget - Our annual accounts are prepared and audited by an independent accounting firm



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