





Youth exchange « Outgendered »

Who?

2 groups of 4 young persons + 1 leader, aged 18 to 30 y.o., from Belgium and Italy, plus young asylumseekers from the reception centers of Yvoir

When?

6-12 September (arrival on the 6th of September in the morning, departure on Sunday the 12th in the evening)

Where?

To be determined, according to the sanitary conditions.

The project is meant to take place in the reception center for asylumseekers « Le Bocq », in Yvoir. It was indeed thought as an immersive experience into the center, so as to better understand the living conditions of asylumseekers in Belgium.

Nevertheless, it is possible that, due to the sanitary situation in Belgium and/or in the center, the centre would not be allowed to welcome and accommodate young people coming from outside the center. The project would then take place in Marche-en-Famenne.

Yvoir and Marche-en-Famenne are both located in the French-speaking part of Belgium.

To do what?

During this mini-youth exchange, young people from Belgium and Italy will have the opportunity to better understand the daily life of asylumseekers in a collective reception center in Belgium.

Together with young people seeking asylum in Belgium they will address the issue of gender, starting from their own representations and then in the context of exile and asylum. They will, among other activities, meet staff-member from the reception center "Pierre Bleue", which is specialized in the reception of women and vulnerable persons.

Accompanied by an artistic leader, they will discover and use different technics of printing on cloth (silkscreen printing, etc) to convey the results of their reflections.

Living conditions and accommodation

<u>If in Yvoir</u>: Within the centre, in very basic conditions. The participants will share a common room in which mattresses on the floor will be provided for them. Pillows, bed linen and sleeping bags are requested from the participants. Showers and toilets will be provided for them, they will use the centre facilities to cook for themselves.

<u>If in Marche-en-Famenne</u>: Participants will be accommodated in a former boarding school at the complex Saint-François and will share double or triple bedrooms. They will have a kitchen, a big meeting room and an outdoor terrace.