

inspires all generations to become engaged and to build a sustainable society by undertaking positive actions and sharing expertise.



### This is GoodPlanet Belgium





### GoodPlanet Belgium

- NGO founded in 1997 as G.R.E.E.N., Global Rivers Environmental Education Network Belgium
- 2013: Strategic partnership with GoodPlanet Foundation France (Yann Arthus Bertrand) and change of name to GoodPlanet Belgium
- (Our logo is based on a famous picture by Yann, Coeur

de Voh)





### SDG's





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- Since our Queen Mathilde is international ambassador for the UN's SDG's...
- The Belgian government appointed 8 SDG Voices:
- GoodPlanet is one of them (together with Colruyt group, City of Ghent, The Belgian NGO network,...)





# Theme's and target audience

Strategy 2017-2021



### Priority theme's (3)

- Sustainable food: from the field to the plate
- Nature, biodiversity and forest
- Primary materials and circular economy









### Permanent theme's (5)

- Water
- Energy
- Mobility and roadsafety
- Climate change
- Seas and oceans





### Special attention fields (3)

- Social aspects of sustainable development
- Sustainable jobs
- Sustainable cities





### Target audiences

- Children and youth through scholar system
- Employees through enterprises
- Large public outside school and work





### Existing projects

Improve children's/ youngster's <u>well-being</u> through reconnection with nature and through participative methods



### "Jeunes Natuurlijk"

 Platform between youth associations and managers of green public spaces in Brussels

Creation of playgrounds togetheter with kids/

youngsters

Conferences

Advising Brussel's municipalities



### "Jeunes Natuurlijk"









# Creating green schoolyards: "Pimp je speelplaats/ Ose le vert"

- Coaching of 200 schools
- Financial support from partners, public and private
- Goal: empower schools to create attractive, diverse, adventurous green school playgrounds with focus on well-being (preventing bullying, etc.)





### Pimp je speelplaats/ Ose le vert

- Focus on pathway, from vision to aftercare
  - Co-creation of "vision"
  - Total support for the idea: children, personnel (teachers and others), neighborhood,...
  - Design in participative approach ("discussion plan")
  - Technical issues adressed (before they start digging...)
  - Support work in progress
  - Schedule maintenance
  - **...**



### Pimp je speelplaats/ Ose le vert











# (Semi-)public play areas: "Speelgroen"

- Goal: Coaching of youth associations to change their playground in a green and adventurous area.
- Collaboration with Bachelor degree students landscape architecture





### "Natuur spelenderwijs"

- Goal: reconnection with nature, empower youth workers to go outside and discover nature nearby
- Training of youth workers
- Inspiring workshops for childcare organisations
- Events in public spaces
- Startup of a youth nature organisation (JNM)





### Up the tree!: "Bosquets / De boom in"

LEAF-program (Learning about forests – FEE)

 Goal: Inspire primary school teachers to discover the forest with their pupils

Creation of educational tools for outdoor teaching (focus on

nature)

Workshops for pupils







### Watch them grow - "Zie ze groeien"

- Watch them grow vegetable yards in schools
- Goal: Inspire primary school teachers to create a vegetable garden
- Last year: 4000 grow boxes have been delivered to schools







### Progress



## Interests for GoodPlanet and beneficiaries:

- Capacity building
- Learn about different aspects in greening projects
- The complementarity between the four partners allows us to learn a lot and to share our experiences!
- GoodPlanet hopes to enlarge it's international network (we're already active in different projects)



#### Conference

- Themes:
- Natural playgrounds in the city
- Impact of green spaces on children
- Educational approach in developing green areas,
- Vision on development of green (school)yards,
- Adventurous green playgrounds and risks
- Dialogue with youngsters and participative projects for children and other citizens

#### Conference

- Practical approach: workshops & debate
- Possibilities for environmental education (inspiring activities for nature discovery)
- Technical approach of managing green (schoolground)areas: how to include children/ youngsters, choice of plants, natural playconstructions, maintenance...



#### Conference

- Field trips:
- Visit of inspiring schoolgrounds
- Visit of good examples of green public playgrounds
- Visit of citizen based green urban spaces



### **Participants**

- Teachers,
- youth workers,
- governmental administrators,
- landscape architects,
- youth and environmental associations,
- administrators of green spaces,
- green workers...
- And off course our international partners!



### Co-financing required

- GoodPlanet's work as an NGO depends on public and/or private fundings
- Waiting for co-financing demand to Bruxelles Environnement / several local authorities
- Participation/proposed program will be adapted accordingly



# Together our planet will become a GoodPlanet



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### Thank you!

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