Mission and organisational structure JHOB vzw

Jeugduizen Ondersteuning Brussel vzw, abbreviated as JHOB (Brussel Youth Club Support), is a non-profit organisation that supports the existing Youth Clubs in Brussels and stimulates the creation of new Youth Clubs and initiatives in the Brussels Capital Region. As an umbrella organisation it acts as the voice of these Youth Clubs on different (governmental) levels and aims for more Youth Clubs in Brussels.

At the time of writing, the Brussels Capital Region has 10 independent Youth Clubs that are member organisations of JHOB vzw. These Youth Clubs are accessible venues where young people have the chance to take control, organize activities and be responsible of all daily operations. Another important characteristic of a Youth Club is the opportunity for experimentation. All of these Youth Clubs can count on a dedicated professional who supports them and their volunteers, without intervening in their autonomy.

JHOB supports the Youth Clubs in their functioning as autonomous, approachable and open spaces for meeting, creation, organization, education and experimentation. With respect for the identity and freedom of each Youth Club, their volunteers and visitors, it works process-oriented, stimulating and facilitating their projects.

JHOB will strengthen the position of the Youth Clubs in Brussels by supporting these local organisations. It makes sure the Youth Clubs function as approachable places for informal meetings and experimentation, run by and for young people. The aim is to support a differentiated and open range of activities in all the local Youth Clubs with special attention to their neighbourhoods and target audiences. In doing so it makes sure to support all Youth Clubs in Brussels equally, depending on their needs.

The team consists of one coordinator, six professional youth workers and one clerk. The organisation works with a small board of directors, consisting of volunteers, who decide on the mission and vision. They meet on a regular basis to follow up on daily operations and make strategic choices in consultation with the coordinator.

The symbol of the Youth Clubs in Brussels is the capital “B”. With this symbol we want to show that we are proud of our city. Because Brussels is our home, our playground, but most of all it is one big Youth Club where so much is possible. The different parts of the logo point to the differences between the Youth Clubs and to the diversity of young people, their interests and backgrounds. But together these parts form a single unit in the modern city.