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The Delhaize Group Fund is supporting 32 neighbourhood projects in Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

The Delhaize Group Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, has provided support for 32 Belgian and Luxembourg initiatives in 2014: 11 in Flanders, 5 in Brussels, 11 in Wallonia and 5 in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. These initiatives encourage neighbours to get together and work for the common well-being of their neighbourhood or village.

On 18 November, the Delhaize Group Fund announced the results of its 2014 call for projects, the seventh yearly call since the creation of the Fund. A total of 32 projects, across Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, were awarded support worth EUR 122 000 in the aggregate. The prize-winning initiatives bring together residents from different social, cultural and economic backgrounds. All participants strive for a common goal: that of neighbours getting to know each other better, creating friendship and feeling good in their community.

The Delhaize Group Fund has this year again lent its support to the Mega Image* Community Fund in partnership with the Bucharest Community Foundation. The second call for projects was launched in September 2014, with the objective of supporting initiatives that build conviviality in Bucharest and Ilfov, in Romania.

* Mega Image is the brand name for the supermarkets of Delhaize Group in Romania.

The attached appendix contains an overview of the projects supported by the Delhaize Group Fund and contact data of organizers for each project. They can be contacted directly for more information.

For journalists wishing to have more information about the Fund and the projects supported, including the progress of previous winning projects, a **virtual press room** is available (in French and Dutch) at: <http://pressroom.voice.be/fondsdelhaize>.

The Delhaize Group Fund is a partnership between the Delhaize Group and the King Baudouin Foundation. By creating the Fund within the King Baudouin Foundation, the Delhaize Group has engaged to improve the collective well-being of communities of which its stores are a part. For the Delhaize Group this is one of many ways of acting practically as a corporate citizen desirous of respecting the highest social, environmental and ethical norms.

The Fund will launch a **new call for projects in March 2015**. www.kbs-frb.be.



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2014 SELECTION: BRUSSELS REGION

Views of the Espace Kessels

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An exchange of services, a meeting point, breakfasts with the neighbours, workshops and lots more. The Ile aux Bains – De Baden association encourages participatory initiatives that create contacts in this Schaerbeek neighbourhood where 32 different nationalities live together. The Delhaize Group Fund is supporting a shared photography project, for which the Espace Kessels, an island of greenery, has been photographed from 150 different angles from the interiors of nearby houses. The pictures have been exhibited and will now be presented all together as a poster that will be distributed to residents. A simple and fun way of encouraging links between the residents and strengthening neighbourhood identity.

Bornes to be alive!

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Despite renovation works, the Nord (north) neighbourhood of Brussels has kept a somewhat negative image for those who live there as well as for the numerous commuters who pass through it each day. This is why RenovaS launched a collective art project involving numerous electric charging stations in the neighbourhood. The charging stations ('bornes' in French) will be decorated by local artists, based on ideas developed by local residents during creative workshops. Each artwork will evoke a particular aspect of the Nord neighbourhood so that, together, the stations will form an original circuit and provide an amusing identity.

Neighbourhood cookery workshop

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This project is a continuation of the workshop and dinner organised in 2013 with support from the Delhaize Group Fund. Encouraged by the success of these initiatives, women from the Maison de Quartier (Neighbourhood House) in Helmet decided to develop a cookery workshop as a joint project. The workshop will be based on an exchange of knowledge with the idea of providing healthy and affordable food for everyone, regardless of their budget. For the participants, mostly female immigrants taking French lessons at the Neighbourhood House, the workshop will also be a means to broaden their horizons and meet other residents.

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Imagining and living in a shared space

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The Atelier Graphoui has recommended bringing together residents and ‘users’ of the Bockstael neighbourhood in Laeken to discuss the re-development of a public space. Participants will be invited to take over the space and re-invent it, based on their collective imagination, and to propose various elements of urban street furniture. They will work together to develop life-sized cardboard mock-ups. The mock-ups will then be installed on the site itself in order to encourage reactions and get people’s points of view. Funding from other sources should enable the mock-ups to be transformed into durable street furniture that will have been created by the neighbourhood residents themselves.

Mosaic flowers

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Gérald Colleaux has already collaborated with other residents to realize works that make his neighbourhood greener and more convivial, such as creating flowerbeds at the foot of trees, installing window boxes and climbing plants, and organizing street meals. Now, this group of neighbours wants to create mosaic paving stones on the theme of ‘Flowers and the colours of nature’, under the guidance of a professional. At the end of the workshop, the paving stones will be exhibited and then installed in front of the houses of those who have participated in the project. This will not only create a personalised pavement, it will also brighten up the neighbourhood and encourage contacts between residents.

2014 SELECTION: WALLONIA

1. Walloon Brabant

The 32nd of August

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The month of August has an extra day in Loupoigne! The 32nd August ends the month with a convivial and family-oriented weekend that embraces a host of activities, including street shows, a collective picnic, a treasure trail, outdoor reading, creative workshops, evening dancing. This participatory project aims to encourage local links, solidarity and living together in the village, which has experienced a considerable growth of its population. The Genappe Cultural Centre decided to try to involve the local residents involved in the organisation of the event, including the more established residents of the village, the newcomers as well as youngsters and older people.

2. Hainaut

Affiche ton métier! (Show us what you do!)

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‘Affiche ton métier!’ is a photography project launched by the Monceau-sur-Sambre social economy site, a centre that promotes training and reintegration through work in the Charleroi region. The objective is to build links within the local neighbourhood, whilst also creating a positive dynamic around the theme of jobs and work. During an economic crisis it is important to reassert the value of all types of jobs and even to recreate a sense of pride for some of these jobs. Large-format photos of people in different jobs (shopkeeper, hairdresser, postman, teacher, etc.) in the Monceau-Parc area will be displayed on buildings around the neighbourhood for four months.

Harvest Festival in town

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The multicultural vegetable garden of Hensies is a place where people can relax, share, meet, and where links of solidarity between the residents are created. It is also a place that favours the re-integration of vulnerable people, notably women of African origin. Growing vegetables reduces the cost of living for the most underprivileged residents. The vegetables produced are also used to prepare multicultural dishes for the Harvest Festival that takes place at the end of August. The festival provides a moment of conviviality for all residents of these working class housing estates.

'Empreintes Campenaires': a project of collective souvenirs

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Since 2011, the Foyer Culturel de Beloeil has been working on a project of collective local memory in Stambruges. Called 'Empreintes campenaires', this participatory project invites all villagers – young and less young, old residents and newcomers, involved or not in the life of the local community – to take a new look at their local environment, its history and the heritage of the village. Following the success of the 'walking show' produced in September 2013, a number of themed workshops were set up. The output of these workshops will culminate in the publication of a book that highlights the heritage of the village and its inhabitants.

3. Liege

L'Avide Centenaire (The Eager Centenarian)

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The 'Avide Centenaire' is more than a simple street arts festival. It is above all a way of bringing together the residents and local actors of Chênée-Thiers (a neighbourhood in a Liege suburb where "nothing ever happens"), as well as a number of artists to collaborate on a cultural project. This festive event is prepared months beforehand and provides an opportunity to organise themed workshops, especially for children and young people. Meeting places for residents from all sorts of backgrounds and all generations are also provided. The festival itself is the high point that enables everyone to take a pride in their neighbourhood.

Paths of conviviality, friendship and discovery

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For generations, two paths have linked the hamlet of Géromont with the village of Comblain-au-Pont. These have traditionally served as short cuts, including for children going to school. A group of residents now wants to renovate these old paths and promote their use by installing a series of didactic panels along them, to encourage more and more villagers and schoolchildren to use them again. During the official inauguration of the restored paths, which is planned to take place on the occasion of the 2015 Neighbourhood Fête, storytellers will tell about the role the old paths played in the life of the two villages.

A bread oven for Fallais

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The annual barbecue is one of the celebrations that contribute to maintaining a climate of good relations in the village of Fallais. To increase the appeal of this special day and prevent it from gradually being forgotten, the inhabitants of Fallais plan to renovate an old bread oven and fit out a small premise where dishes can be prepared. Everyone will be able to try out the wood-burning oven in a relaxed environment that favours meetings and exchanges. The Delhaize Group Fund will finance the purchase of materials, but the restoration work will be carried out by the villagers.

Welcoming newcomers

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Kettenis, in the district of Eupen, is a village experiencing a boom, with some 200 new inhabitants every year. How can one encourage the harmonious integration of the newcomers with the rest of the local population? The Dorfgruppe Kettenis plans to invite them to a special welcome day, during which they will get to know the various associations in the village and meet their new fellow citizens. The group will also produce a brochure with useful information on how to take part in the local activities.

4. Luxembourg

Bitume, a social and international street theatre festival

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Over the period of a weekend, the Bitume Festival transforms the quiet village of Hotton, putting on a wealth of exhibitions, theatre and street theatre shows, concerts and activities. The festival is the culmination of projects conducted throughout the year with local inhabitants, who are closely

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involved in the organisation and programming of this human scale event. The principal objective is to draw people together, strengthen social ties and democratise the access to culture, especially for groups that are traditionally excluded or have little access to such activities.

5. Namur

Shared Cuisine

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Roughly every two months, families in Gembloux open their doors and their kitchens to people who have come from abroad. This is an opportunity to exchange recipes, but also to become aware of differences through a convivial activity that, in every culture, brings people together: preparing and sharing a meal. Participants in the project will create a book of recipes from around the world and will cook typical specialities for the various events organised in Gembloux. The project will particularly help migrant women feel valued, gain confidence and be less socially isolated.

Views of the Sambre

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Located between Charleroi and Namur, Basse Sambre is a region in search of its own identity, a region where the inhabitants sometimes feel they are 'caught between two stools'. Seven communes in the region have therefore decided to work together on a joint creative project that will enable them to express and exchange views on how they see their local environment. Initially, photography will be the preferred means of expression. Other artistic disciplines could also be included, based on participants' wishes. The results of the project will be presented in a travelling exhibition that will visit all seven partner communes.

2014 SELECTION: FLANDERS

1. Antwerp

Zoom – The city of tomorrow

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How do young people of Antwerp imagine their future lifestyle, particularly in the suburbs where there is a high mix of people from different origins? This participatory project aims not only to hear young people's views, but also to get them to think about solutions for tomorrow and to talk about these issues with other inhabitants in four of the city's neighbourhoods. The project will culminate in a discovery walk, during which people from Antwerp city centre will be able to discover the assets of these neighbourhoods they know very little about.

Build it Together

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Vizit is a social and arts workshop where young people from the Antwerp region meet to develop their creative potential together, under the supervision of experienced artists. The Build it Together project will involve around twenty young people in a programme that will lead to the creation of two works (one of a 'monumental' type, the other of a digital nature) for the public space. The works will be a means of expression for the youngsters. The reactions the works are expected to provoke will also enable young people to enter into dialogues with passers-by.

Music, a means of social cohesion

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In a village with few active associations, the local fanfare plays a unifying role and contributes to social cohesion. The Sainte-Cecile Royal Fanfare hopes to strengthen this role by offering free music lessons and lending musical instruments to young people in the commune. Music will thus provide a means of encouraging contacts between children from all backgrounds. It will also serve to improve the integration of newcomers and families of foreign origins.

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2. West Flanders

DIT, Do It Together

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The Bolwerk association heads up a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening the social fabric of Kortrijk. Within the framework of the 'Do It Together' project, it aims above all to develop exchange services that encourage contacts between residents, especially among the underprivileged. The purpose is also to help those inhabitants be more autonomous through the creation of a Repair Café and a Repair Point, a small jobs exchange network that uses virtual money. There will also be a loan service for material and tools, a place for meeting and trying out new ideas, and a textile workshop.

An unusual walk

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In Kortrijk, you will soon be able to follow the itinerary for a rather unusual walk, namely a trail in the form of a loop that has been designed by the inhabitants themselves. The trail takes the walker via interesting places that showcase the neighbourhood. Residents have also integrated little attractions along the trail, such as information panels, anecdotes, poems and pieces of art. The idea is that each and every one will be persuaded to go out and meet other residents along this unusual trail. A neighbourhood party is planned for the inauguration.

Kamishibai: a little theatre for big stories

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Of Japanese origin, kamishibai is a small itinerant theatre in which stories are told and plays are produced. The Mariënstede centre for the disabled plans to use the theatre in schools, to raise awareness for the need for tolerance and acceptance of differences in a funny way, among those who will be tomorrow's adults. Children, disabled adults and volunteers will develop the narratives and, after testing with audiences of different ages, the stories will be disseminated among a large number of schools in the province.

3. East Flanders

Exploring tastes and cultures

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The Toreke not-for-profit association was created by residents and associations in the Rabot neighbourhood of Ghent. It manages a social restaurant that has several objectives, including providing healthy but affordable food and offering employment possibilities to the long-term unemployed. However, the Toreke also aims to be a place where people of all origins can meet in an atmosphere of understanding and reciprocal respect. By involving a number of key figures in the neighbourhood, the association also hopes to organise themed evenings that will enable inhabitants to discover the flavours, specialities, musical and cultural traditions of all of the Rabot communities.

A Repair café in social housing estates

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These days the principle of the ‘Repair café’ is well known. The one set up by the not-for-profit Samenlevingsopbouw association has a dual objective. On the one hand it will serve tenants in social housing. On the other hand it will act as a mobile unit that will help those in difficulty, thanks to its cupboard of tools and its loan service. Residents on several social housing estates will thus have the opportunity to help each other, highlight their skills and reduce the costs of domestic maintenance and repairs.

A neighbourhood vegetable garden for people of all ages

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The De Stadstuin association aims to work with residents to turn unused spaces into green spaces so that everyone can have the impression of having his/her own little garden, even in the city. The first site to be chosen is a piece of waste ground in Dok Zuid, which will be transformed into an intergenerational vegetable garden. Particular attention will be paid to the youngest and older members of the neighbourhood with the idea of strengthening interaction between the generations. These two groups will also be involved in the work to re-develop the site.

Sharing and repairing bicycles

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Why buy a new bicycle each time a child grows? Launched in Ghent in 2014, ‘Op Wielekes’ (On your bike!) is an ingenious system of sharing bicycles for children up to the age of 12, whereby members of the network exchange a bicycle that has become too small for a bigger one. Of course, the bicycles also have to be maintained and sometimes repaired. Thanks to the Delhaize Group Fund, this project will be completed by a neighbourhood workshop where everyone, including people from the outside, can come and learn how to maintain and repair his/her bicycle. A mobile workshop will also facilitate contact with disadvantaged people.

Local loan service

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Some 180 families, of various backgrounds and nationalities, have recently come to live in a new neighbourhood close to the football pitch in Lokeren. A dynamic neighbourhood committee was quickly set up and organized a range of activities designed to encourage social links. Now, the association would like to go further and create a service that loans various types of material (cycles, garden equipment, stepladders, etc.). The material will be stored in premises that the residents want to build themselves, on a patch of land put at their disposal by the town.

2014 SELECTION: GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

United for work

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In the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as elsewhere, young immigrants suffer a rate of unemployment significantly higher than the average. How can they be helped into the labour market? The Maison d'Afrique, a reception and training centre for newly-arrived migrants, hopes to create places where those looking for work can meet representatives of Luxembourg businesses. The exchanges that take place will enable participants to have a better idea of each other's needs and will provide the basis of contact networks on which young people's professional careers often depend.

The 'Interculturando' literary project

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'Interculturando' is a publishing project for multilingual works (in Luxembourgish, French and Portuguese) written by writers of various origins, for adults and children. The books will be widely disseminated, thanks to relays in the educational sector and the Luxembourg voluntary sector, and they will also be presented and discussed at literary events and meetings. They will therefore make a contribution to encouraging tolerance, citizenship and openness to different cultures among a diverse and intergenerational public.

Miselerland Integration Couch

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In 2013, the Miselerland Integration Couch Competition invited all residents of the Luxembourg Moselle region to create benches, sofas and seats, which were then installed in various locations around the region, in villages, on esplanades, in school playgrounds, near sports fields, etc. This original urban furniture makes an important contribution to living together by providing places where people of all ages and origins can meet. The support provided by the Delhaize Group Fund will be used to create activities around the fifteen pieces of furniture created so as to perpetuate the initiative.

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Holiday camps for autistic children and adolescents

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Each year, the FAL organises some ten holiday camps for autistic children and adolescents. The camps enable the youngsters to take part in a range of leisure activities that are supervised and adapted to their needs and to which they have a right, like any other children. For their parents, these holidays provide an indispensable moment of respite. The holiday camps also play an important role in promoting social inclusion because the support for the children is provided by 70 young volunteers, recruited from the 'educators' section of schools in the region. The volunteers live an unforgettable experience, discover the world of autism and become durably aware of the condition.

Last Summer Dance

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The Last Summer Dance is much more than a simple music festival: it is a place for debate and exchange. Local and national organisations and artists who work to promote a more equitable, tolerant and durable society come here to present their activities. Participants in the festival, who come from a wide range of backgrounds, have the opportunity to debate the various challenges facing society and to take part in creative workshops, in a relaxed atmosphere, with live musicians who perform on stage. Thanks to support from the Delhaize Group Fund, a second stage, reserved in priority for local groups, will be available in 2015.