

# Eclat de Rire

The 'Eclat de Rire' ('Burst of Laughter') is a place of welcome, encounters and expression located in the multicultural district of Sainte-Walburge in Liège (Belgium). The association, made up of a professional and motivated team, provides daily support to children and adults who are suffering from social, linguistic or economic difficulties.

The John Cockerill Foundation accompanies the Eclat de Rire in its development through financial support but also through technical and human support. According to the association, this collaboration brings real added value to their projects and is a real breath of fresh air for the association.



## Objectives of the association :

- To contribute to the social insertion and integration of people
- To encourage emancipation and active participation in social, cultural and economic life
- To weave inter-cultural links
- To offer a place for expression, creativity, listening and meeting
- To offer social help and support for the insertion process
- To teach French as a foreign language
- To support educational courses in schools
- To develop work in networks

## Suggested activities:

- A Homework School and a Welcome establishment for the free time of primary school children
- The learning of French as a foreign language and of Citizenship, a parenting workshop, and an insertion approach for adults
- Baby Station and a Welcome Area within the Eclat de Rire, enabling parents to have their children looked after while they are undertaking courses at the Eclat de Rire

The activities of the Eclat de Rire contribute to the social insertion and fulfilment of persons from the district and its surroundings, who regularly visit the not-for-profit association. These activities enable participation in social, cultural, economic and political life while also encouraging inter-cultural exchanges.



## Partnership

This two-year partnership has made it possible to finance the following projects in whole or in part:

- organization of the annual jogging " 1h pour l'Eclat de Rire ".
- raising awareness of healthy eating habits
- purchase of materials for creative workshops
- organization of a camp for children
- organization of "nature & adventure", "science"... courses