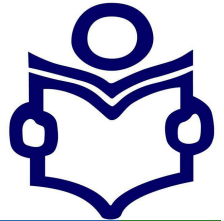


LEARNERS NETWORK



A network, what for?



In Brussels and Wallonia, we are about 16.000 learners. Many people know the same problems as we do: difficulties in writing, reading, numeracy, understanding and expressing themselves.

As learners, we want to fight **together** against illiteracy and to defend everybody's right to learn!

How was the network born? For a long time, groups of learners have been involved in different actions with the regional or local organizations of Lire et Ecrire to:

- Let know that learning is still possible,
- Attract the authorities' attention with the problem of illiteracy,
- Increase the public awareness by showing that illiteracy still exists in Belgium.
- Inform in schools about the consequences of facing up to difficulties.

In 2007, some learners organized a conference about illiteracy with Swiss, French and Belgian learners.



In 2009, some learners participated in the international Conference of UNESCO (CONFINTEA) about Adult Education. That was the first time that learners participated in this kind of congress.

Since 2007, Lire et Ecrire has organized some 'Learners' sessions' where learners from different regional organizations can meet.



All these events make us to join our strengths and to work together.

In March 2011, the learners' network sprang.

Who takes part in the network?

Groups from local or regional organizations of Lire et Ecrire and other literacy organizations. In such groups, there are Belgian people, foreigners, men, women, young and old people, etc.



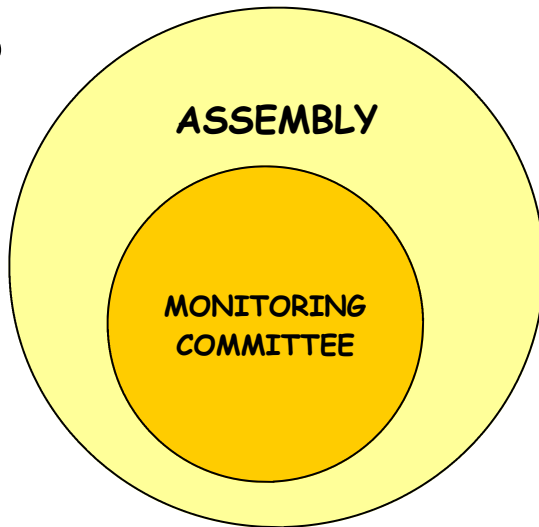
Every group is organized around their local or regional organization.

Some groups are formed by elected representative and others by volunteers. There are also some old learners.

The group meets whenever they can and they choose their project helped by a group leader from Lire et Ecrire.

All groups carry out activities against illiteracy and for the right to literacy, by collaborating with their organization. (Local or regional organization of Lire et Ecrire or another one).

How is the network organized?



All participants from all groups meet 3 times a year in a **general assembly**.





In these assemblies:

- We share our experiences;
- We decide on our orientations;
- We choose a working topic and the activities to be achieved within the network;
- We discuss and exchange our ideas.

The **monitoring committee** meets about every 6 weeks. The monitoring committee is set up by 2 members from each group. There is one permanent member who comes to all meetings, that makes continuity possible. The other member is changed in every meeting in order that everybody can learn.

The monitoring committee is also opened to Lire et Ecrire workers involved in the groups.





What does the monitoring committee do?

- The members bring in information from their local or regional organizations;
- They relay information when members have participated in external events like international meetings, conferences, etc.;
- They propose topics coming from their groups to discuss them;
- They prepare general assemblies.

What does the network do?



“ School” is the ongoing chosen topic (2011-2012). It's true that school is the most important and the first place for learning.

We carry out **activities in schools** with the students, the tutors, the parents and the future teachers.

Every group does it in its own way, depending on its possibilities and according to the local or regional orientations.

We also carry out some other **awareness activities towards the wider public** in our local or regional organizations: stands in markets, making a comic strip and a music CD, distributing keyrings, postal cards, etc.

Again, the groups work in close collaboration with their local or regional organization.



We also follow some **training sessions**. We follow these sessions all together with Lire et Ecrire workers. We learn about topics like school, illiteracy around the world, what literacy is for, etc.



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We took part in **different activities** like European workshops, international conferences, a congress about school, etc.



Why does Lire et Ecrire supports the network?

Lire et Ecrire wants a literacy that allows everybody to become active and critical citizens who join their strengths with those who fight for a more united and fairer world.



What the network provides us



Reading and writing is
good. I didn't speak at
all before. There's no
age to learn.

Dodo, Lire et Ecrire Brussels

'I found people and
now, I know better
how to talk to them.'

Patrice, Lire et Ecrire Namur





How to talk in front of
people and to fight for those
who didn't go to school.

Parfaite, Lire et Ecrire Verviers

Knowledge. I've learned
lots of things that I
didn't know before.

Yves, Lire et Ecrire Luxembourg



Meeting people.

Brahim, Lire et Ecrire Brussels



Exchange of experiences.

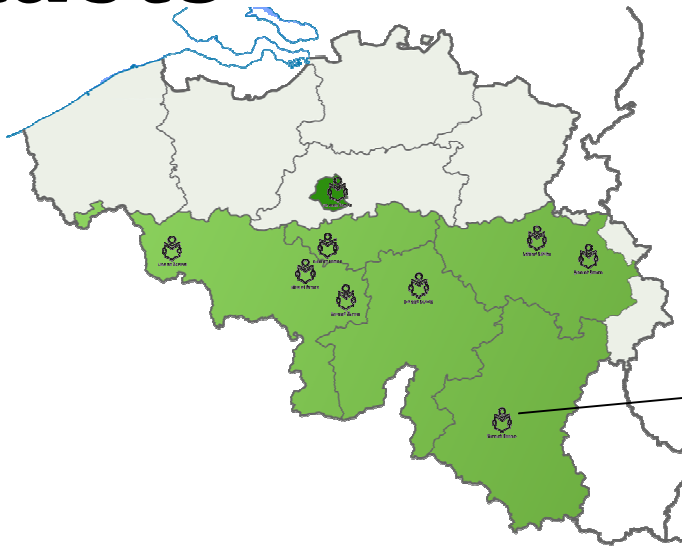
Roland, Lire et Ecrire

Hainaut Occidental



The strength of being together and the greater number of us, more chances we have to be listened to.

Contacts



Do you want to contact with the network members?

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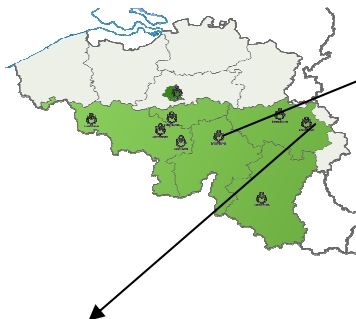
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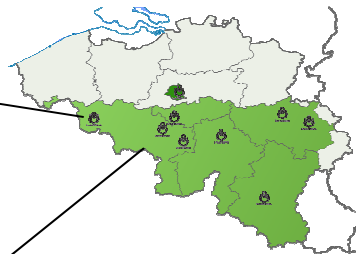


- In Namur: Geneviève Godenne, tutor; Christine Louis, learner and Fabrice Ramsey, ex-learner.

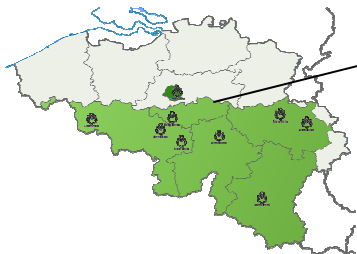
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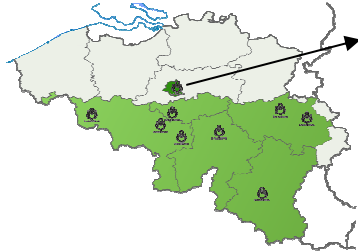
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Our dream is that...

- Illiteracy disappears
- The network is reinforced



You join us,
WELCOME!

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