



TOEKOMST ATELIER DE L'AVENIR

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"Change mentalities to fight against educational inequalities – Building bridges between formal and non-formal education of the youngster" (Erasmus +)

What does TADA do?



VZW/ASBL ToekomstATELIERdelAvenir (TADA) offers **supplementary, voluntary, motivation-centered education to children aged 10 to 14 from underprivileged neighborhoods** (in Brussels).

The curriculum spans over a period of **3 years**, courses are given **every Saturday** of the schoolyear.

Through practical courses, children are given **a pleasant insight into the most diverse professions & society.**

Courses are given by volunteers : role models who are passionate about their job: they are entrepreneurs, engineers, journalists, nurses, (...).

Goals? Feeding motivation, skills, self-esteem & knowledge about society and the own person: a way to prevent societal problems ?



Yes they can!

The goal is to “arm” TADA pupils at a very young age (10-14), to support TADA’s pupils via “all round character education”, this way preventing demotivation

**& as such 1 cause of severe societal problems :
(like early school drop-out, delinquency, radicalization or youth unemployment)**

TADA works on enforcing

- Motivation & self-esteem
- Knowledge of (& sense of belonging to) society/labor market
- Perspectives & Self-knowledge (strengths & interests)
- Life skills or 21st century skills

Why?



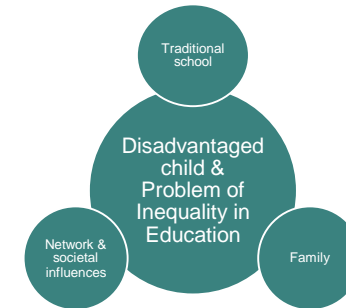
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Need!

Traditional education does not do for disadvantaged youth''

Families & schools do not manage on their own
(no time & expertise)

Educational inequality is huge in Belgium,
Integration issues are serious in Brussels;



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EU best practice?

Cfr. IMC Weekendschool (Netherlands)

- Many 1000s of alumni
- Over 1000 children/week → impact proven
- International recognition (UN & WISE)

Where?
The Netherlands.... &
Brussels... &

Reach NL

**Many 1000's + directly &
indirectly (approach copied)**

Reach BXL?

**1000 -1300 youngsters,
from Brussels' poorest areas,
by 2020**

TADA in 2014 : winner of the Queen Paola Foundation :
Best [innovator](#) as regards extra-curricular education



Unique selling proposition?



01

Learn by doing, outside school

Interactive workplace experiences on a voluntary basis on Saturday

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Positive Emotions & Ownership

Funlearning = key
(cfr. Theory of flow: Prof. Mihaly)

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Society- & Motivation oriented
Civil society's involvement

in education is needed & valuable;
Should be enabled by government!

Thank you! More info:



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