

Slimerfgoed.be: A Project and Platform for Educational Heritage

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Erasmus+ Project
'Identity and Innovation'
First Round Table
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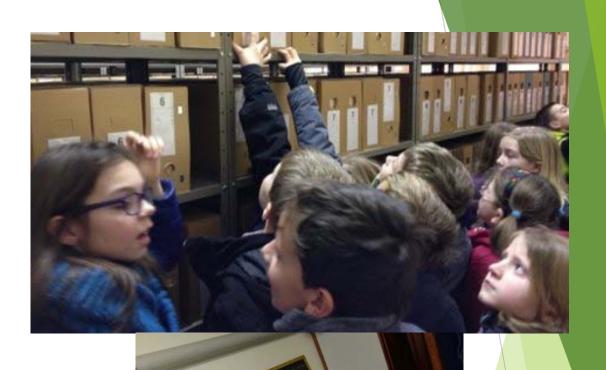
Slimerfgoed.be = cultural heritage project:

- September 2019-October 2021
- Financed by the Flemish Community
- Initiative of Cultureel erfgoed annuntiaten Heverlee and KADOC, Documentation and Research Centre on Religion, Culture and Society of KU Leuven
- Four 'experimental gardens' and an online platform



School heritage: many assets

- Effective tool for working on key competencies in compulsory education: citizenship, historical awareness, entrepreneurship, cultural awareness and expression
- Available on site → accessible (corona!) and inexpensive
- Students working together on a heritage project → promotes social cohesion
- Diversity: movable, intangible and immovable heritage





School heritage: educational interest

- You can make children work with authentic materials
- You can offer them a new look at their own school
- Recognizable for pupils: experiences of peers, recognizable places, situations
- You can let pupils become researchers themselves





School heritage: social interest

- A school has its roots in the past. Its heritage is socially relevant. It is related to themes such as gender, inclusion and diversity
- It can be about masterpieces that a school is proud to keep, but also about everyday heritage
- Also 'controversial heritage'











School heritage: challenges

- Its management is complex and schools are not funded for that purpose
- The education and heritage sectors do not know each other enough.
 Different field of work and jargon
- Project-based collaboration: fragmented, no enduring results





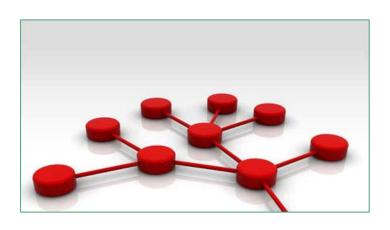
Goals of the project Slimerfgoed.be

- Cross-sectoral approach: connecting heritage and education actors, building strong partnerships
- Developing new expertise on school heritage
- Taking existing expertise and inspiration systematically into account: educational and heritage expertise!
- Addressing all heritage functions: identifying and collecting, conserving and safeguarding, researching, presenting and guiding, participating
- Involving all types of school heritage: movable, intangible, immovable
- Enduring results!



An open network

- Starting point: partnership with ten partners
- Experimental gardens: new heritage and education partners → growing network
- Regional spread and thematic focus



























An open network





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ARCHIEF EN MUSEUM VOOR HET VLAAMS LEVEN TE BRUSSEL



















Experimental garden 1: 'Working interculturally with school heritage'

How can you approach the theme of interculturality by using school heritage?

Which school heritage/themes are best suited for this?

How do you approach this in the classroom?

Which 'design principles' do you use?

Which working methods can be used?





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Pilot project Twinning

Teacher training college

Dutch as a second language classes / reception classes for non-native newcomers

Location: Institute of the Sacred Heart,

Heverlee (Flemish Brabant)

Themes: food and home economics

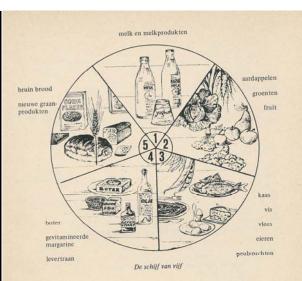
That was a bit of an exploration. We were all strangers to each other

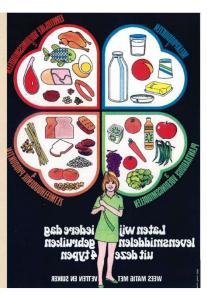














Eating habits
How healthy do you eat?
What did Belgium consider healthy?
How did our eating habits evolve?
Similarities & differences



9 principles

- 1. Choose a theme that facilitates connection
- 2. Choose undervalued, local and multiform heritage
- 3. Build in multiple perspectives
- 4. Make diversity visible in the classroom
- 5. Physically create a safe space or 'forum'
- 6. Discuss expectations and conversation rules
- 7. Give identity different layers
- 8. Strive for equivalence, not equality
- 9. Create a multilingual learning environment

5 educational packages

Clothing

Transition rituals

Dental care

Health care

Food and home economics



► Experimental garden 2 'Of special value'

Experimental garden 2: 'Of special value'

- Appraisal of the heritage of a school for special education → Dominiek Savio Gits (West Flanders):
 - Founded in 1958
 - Education and care
 - Rich heritage + volunteers + visitors centre
 - Context: demolition of the 'Withuys' building → appraisal, selection and reallocation of heritage high on the agenda



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10 January 2020: discussion tables

Participatory appraisal, paying attention to different perspectives and stories: (former) staff and volunteers of Dominiek Savio (heritage community), (former) students, collaborators of Slimerfgoed partners, other heritage organisations and educational institutions, academic experts, policy makers

What is valuable and what is not? Why is something valuable or not? What can we do with it?



Define criteria for the appraisal and set priorities

'Treaures in the attic? The paper archives'

Particular attention to the large series of student's files

'A view on Savio. The audiovisual heritage'

Photos and films: limited physical and large digital collection

'Souvenirs or historically valuable? The objects'

Objects related to education, ergoand kinesiotherapy



Actions 2020-2021



- 'Treasures in the attic? The paper archives'
- Student's files: selection criterion + reallocation to municipal archives
 - New archives room in Savio, volunteers



'A view on Savio. The audiovisual heritage'

- Framework for appraisal and preservation
- Challenge: digital preservation



'Souvenirs or historically valuable? The objects'

- Appraisal days
- 131 objects were registered and photographed > heritage databases
 - 360 degree recordings of the Withuys > ErfgoedApp



► Experimental garden 3 'Everyone an archivist'

Experimental garden 3: 'Everyone an archivist'

- Educational use of school heritage requires good heritage management
- Few schools manage their heritage structurally, but many are interested in doing so
- Challenges and opportunities:
 - Lack of human and financial resources > volunteers
 - Need for advice and support > cooperation with professional heritage organisations

ONDERZOEKSRAPPORT

Schoolarchieven in het bisdom Antwerpen Terreinverkenning, analyse en probleemstelling







Experimental garden 3: 'Everyone an archivist'

- Developing a structural heritage management at school with volunteers
- Various aspects of volunteer work are examined
- Institute of the Holy Sepulchre, Turnhout (Antwerp)













Experimental garden 3: 'Everyone an archivist'

- Training session on the recruitment and guidance of volunteers by schools: 27 May 2021
- App. 20 volunteers were recruited in Turnhout
- Training days for the volunteers: 23 and 28 September 2021





► Experimental garden 4
'Pupils create (the identity of) the school!'

Experimental garden 4: 'Pupils create (the identity of) the school!'

How can you work on the identity of your school using school heritage?
How can you do this in a super-diverse metropolitan context?
New schools, schools with a long tradition?
Which 'design principles' do you use?
What types of school heritage do you use and with which exercises can students explore them?

4 schools in the Brussels Capital Region: students explored the identity of their school and thus also reflected on their own identity



Mater Dei-Instituut Sint-Pieters-Woluwe



Identity in Brussels schools
Design principles



Define a clear research question



Use many-voiced school heritage

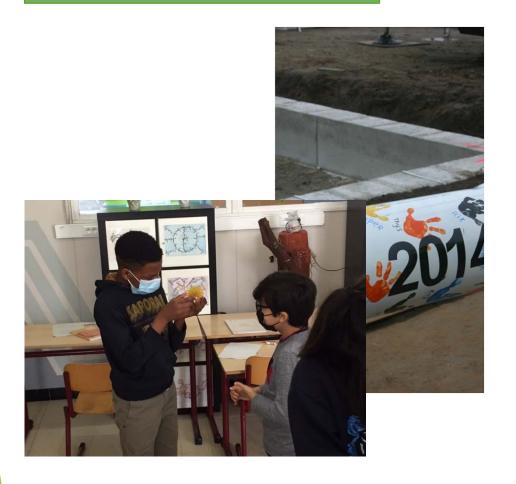


Let pupils create: give them an assignment



Facilitate an intercultural dialogue

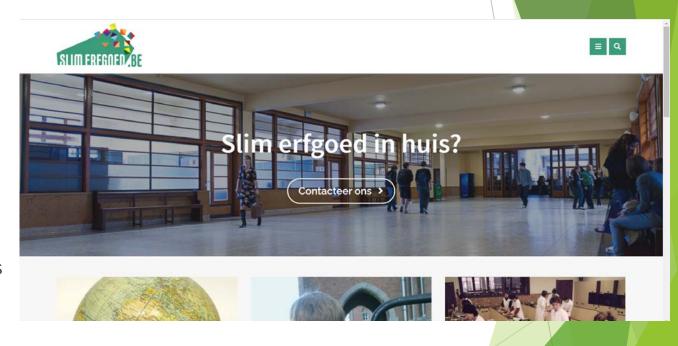
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- Information on:
 - School heritage
 - Organisations: schools and heritage organisations
 - Projects
 - Activities
 - Educational tools
- Results of the experimental gardens
- Participatory approach: anyone can submit information





Home / Schoolerfgoed / Zoek schoolerfgoed

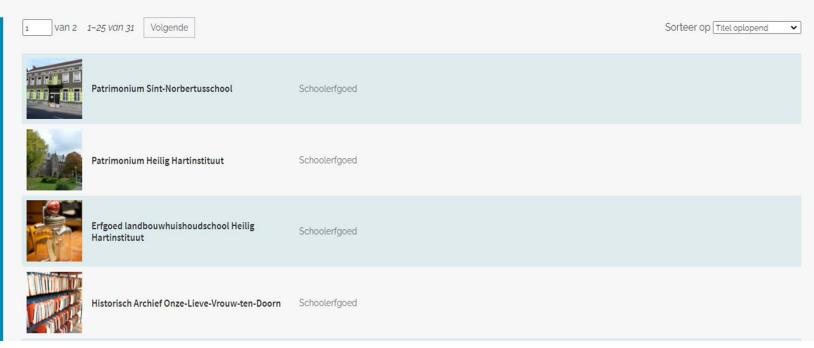
Schoolerfgoed

Schoolerfgoed is zeer gevarieerd: van een beschermd patrimonium over een karakteristieke buitenaanleg, tot een bijzondere kunst- en beeldencollectie. Ook een wereldbol, kroontjespen, een venndiagram, digitale agenda, de Honderd Dagenviering of de verhalen van en over leerkrachten behoren tot het collectieve geheugen van een generatie.

Zoek







Home / Inspiratie / Zoek leermiddelen

Leermiddelen

Je wilt met schoolerfgoed aan de slag in de klas. Je bent op zoek naar materiaal dat je rechtstreeks in de klas kan gebruiken? Doorzoek het aanbod voor basis- en secundair onderwijs hier.

Zoek







Home / Project / Proeftuin 'Leerlingen maken (de identiteit van) de school!'

Proeftuin 'Leerlingen maken (de identiteit van) de school!', 2020-2021

Het begrip 'identiteit' is zeer actueel. In een open en dynamische benadering van cultuur vormt elke generatie de culturele identiteit van morgen met de bouwstenen van het verleden. Het gaat om een moeilijke maar noodzakelijke oefening die telkens opnieuw gemaakt wordt, wil de cultuur haar levenskracht niet verliezen.

De school is de ideale leeromgeving om competenties ter zake te ontwikkelen en kan ook gezien worden als de sociale omgeving waar over identiteit wordt nagedacht en waar gemeenschapsvorming wordt beoefend.

Voor het Nederlandstalig onderwijs in Brussel gelden deze vaststellingen des te meer. Nieuwe scholen worden er opgericht met een nieuwe visie, andere scholen met een lange voorgeschiedenis zoeken een nieuwe vestiging of schrijven bestuurlijk of via fusie een nieuw verhaal. Die alomtegenwoordige veranderlijkheid en rijke traditie tegelijk zijn de redenen waarom de Slimerfgoed-proeftuin rond schoolerfgoed en identiteit uitgerold werd in vier Brusselse scholen.



Download

- Algemene presentatie over de proeftuin (Ria Christens, CEAH)
- Presentatie over de ontwerpprincipes van de proeftuin (Leen Alaerts, UCLL)

Home / Schoolerfgoed / Thema's

Thema's



voeding

Lees meer



buitengewoon onderwijs

Lees meer



didactisch materiaal

Lees meer



oorlog

Lees meer



vrijwilligerswerking

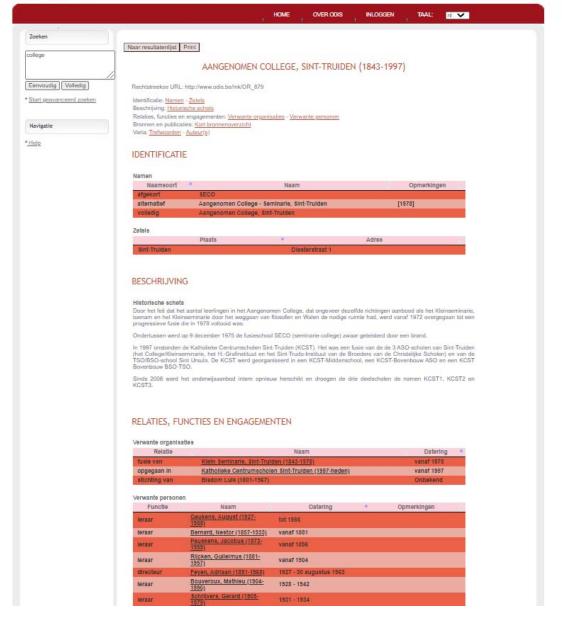
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ODIS - Online Database on Intermediary Structures (https://www.odis.eu) \rightarrow historical encyclopaedia on education in Flanders/Belgium

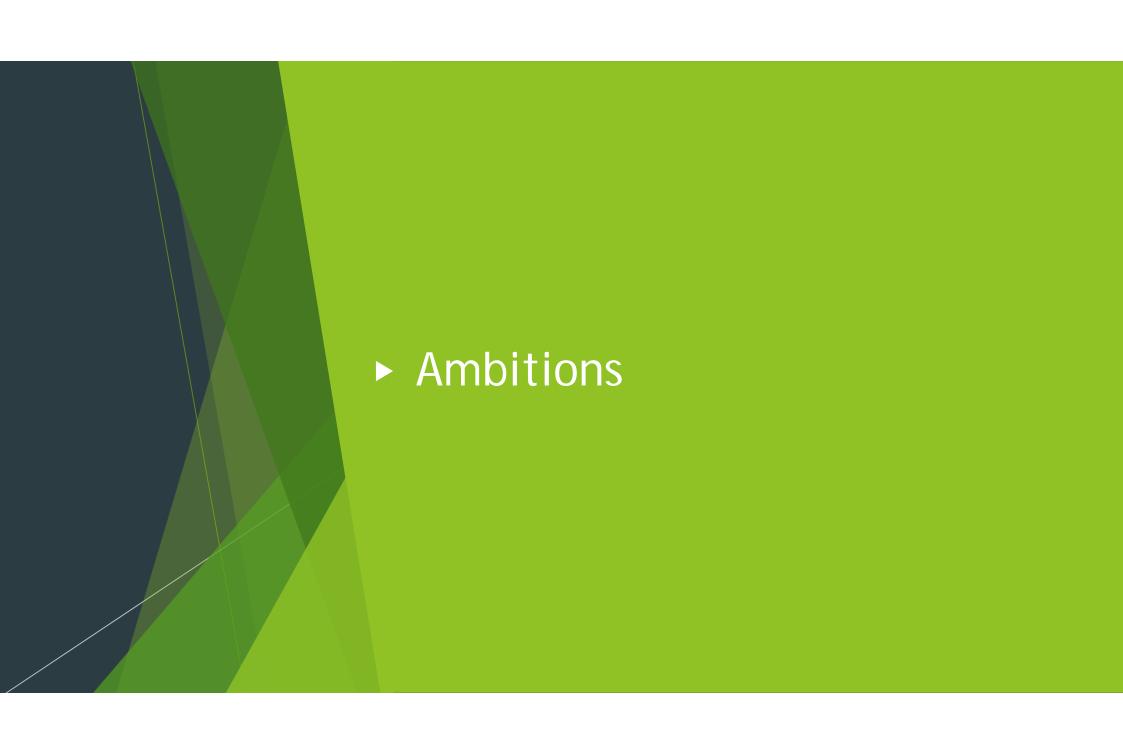
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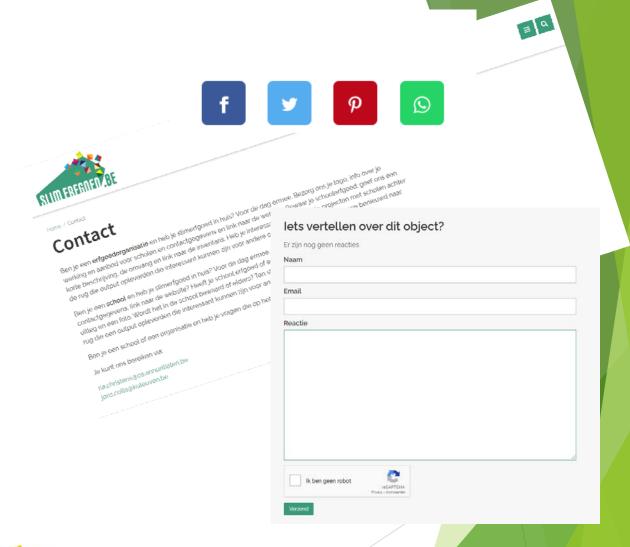






Further development of the online platform Slimerfgoed.be

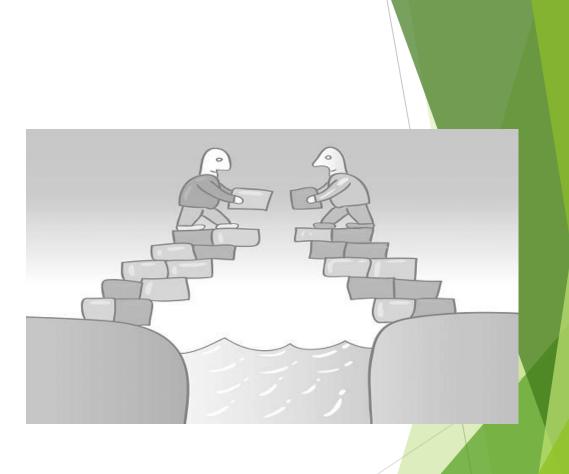
- Broadening and updating the data sets
- Enhancing interactivty





Enduring project results

- Promote the tools and working instruments developed in the experimental gardens and make them available
- Strenghtening the bridges between the heritage and education sector
- Structural attention for educational heritage (care and valorisation) in both sectors





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