

# Habbekrats is a youth welfare work

## **Name of the organisation**

Habbekrats

## **Website of the organisation**

[www.habbekrats.be](http://www.habbekrats.be)

## **Location of the organisation**

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## **Good practice aspect(s)/themes of youth work**

- Participation of young people in activities (planning, preparing, carrying out, etc.)
- Safe/secure youth work environment

## **Good practice category**

A practice of processes and methods

## **Good practice aim & purpose**

The association aims to help socially vulnerable children and young people whose life situation is characterised by structural disadvantage or poverty through support

support at individual, group or structural level in order to increase their opportunities, to increase their resilience and to combat mechanisms of exclusion or disadvantage.

## **Good practice description**

Habbekrats offers children and young people something precious and valuable: time and space. Therefore, at the start of 2021, Habbekrats will have 38,000 m<sup>2</sup> of youth space that is centrally located, transparent and maximally easily accessible.

Habbekrats has 19 youth centres, most of them in Flanders and now also in Brussels. They give children/young people the time and space for leisure activities, various projects and also the welfare of the child is at stake.

Besides the youth houses, there is also an adventure house used for the camps. The adventure house is located in the Ardennes. Every weekend and during the school holidays, we organise various themed camps, each highlighting a social theme.

**Good practice result & concrete effects**

Habbekrats has developed and documented an 'exemplary good practice' that is based on its specific methodology, that is in response to the community's recognised need to support vulnerable children and young people, who are victims of structural deprivation and exclusion.

The Habbekrat methodology is recognised as such by the government. Habbekrats has at least one full-fledged operation that applies and further develops and supports the implementation of this methodology in other cities and municipalities and by other organisations.

**Good practice chapter of the European Charter on Local Youth Work**

Core principles of youth work