



# INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION

City of Antwerp  
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## Multidisciplinary background:

- event coordinator & party policy for youth
- project & funding manager for youth
- social work / crowd management
- founder of Eventsure - night & event consult
- founder Meatpack - the creative factory
- promoter for Bombomatic - techno events
- dj, producer @ Twizters & Human Power



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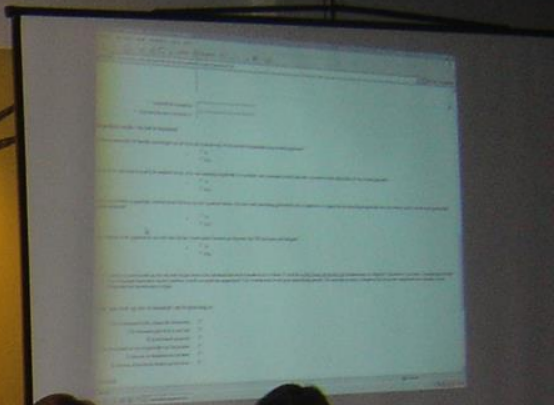
1. party policy & nightlife culture
2. project funding & coaching
3. party locations & youth centres
4. city events
5. relations with private owners and vacancy administrators
6. health & awareness

# 1. Party policy & nightlife culture

We pursue a better & safer party climate and nightlife culture in the city for youngsters for more than 15 years throughout :

- committed to the interests of youth initiatives in contact with several other city departments and we negotiate in difficult cases
- agreements with other city departments about new legislations and safety
- professional coaching
- seminars and trainings about organizing events & safety
- give the policymakers the necessary input and inspiration
- organized temporary safe party spaces in districts
- negotiated with public transport about safe night transport
- developed the method of party stewards and organize trainings





## 2. Project funding & coaching

- by youth for youth in their spare time
- personal coaching
- budget of 165.000 € per year
- 75 projects per year
- Max.10.000 € per project
- multiple applications possible
- low-threshold digital administrative application
- under 2500 € at least 2 weeks before the project
- over 2500 € at least 6 weeks before the project
- jury consisting of young people and professionals
- organizers propose their project for the jury









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# 3. Party locations & youth centers

Antwerp invests a lot of resources for safe nightlife development for youth:

- 7 youth centers were initiated by
- 14 party locations were initiated or supported by
- 3 new party locations will be built by 2020
- 2 sites for outdoor nightlife events
- 110 party venues for youth in Antwerp
- 180 party venues in the city
- 35 nightclubs by private owners













# 4. City events

- top-level events to develop a safe, vibrant and attractive city
- 2011 Antwerp was European Youth Capital
- to attract young people in the city
- promote safety & health





A large, dense crowd of people is gathered at night, illuminated by blue and yellow lights. Long, thin, colorful streamers (yellow, green, blue) are falling from above, creating a festive atmosphere. In the background, there are structures with lights, including one with the word 'RINK' visible. A white hexagonal logo with a black border is centered in the upper half of the image.

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# 5. Relations with private owners and vacancy administrators

The city takes up its role as intermediary and mediator for urban nightlife development by :

- offering an online platform whereby private owners of party halls can outsource rental and management to a city service.
- Platform that brings users into contact with owners

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

- supporting organizers in their search for locations and supporting them in organizing events in empty buildings
- building a good relationship and trust with private vacancy managers
- providing vacant city buildings and space for urban nightlife development







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# 6. Health & awareness

- promote health awareness about food, ear protection, non alcoholic drinks
- stimulate youth centers to participate in the Quality Nights charter
- 11 party venues are committed to the Quality Nights charter
- promote “de feestwijzer” for young organizers



# Life story's from youngsters





# Antwerp kandidate Nights 2018

The multidisciplinary & joint approach for the Nights Conference

Departments involved

- Youth – nightlife culture
- Retail & Hospitality – nightlife economy
- Urban Planning – urban nightlife development
- Health – safe night out
- Social Cohesion & Safety – safe night out





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