

2021



LANGUAGE CAMPS

LEARN FRENCH OR ENGLISH IN A CREATIVE WAY



For kids & teens



Spring - Easter - Summer - Autumn - Christmas



In Belgium,
France &
England



What is Roeland vzw ?

Roeland vzw is a nationally recognised youth organisation that organises French, English and Dutch language projects for children and young people aged between 7 and 21.

Our method: playful, creative language immersion.

Mission



Roeland's aim is to stimulate the development of children and young people by helping them to master languages and instilling a love of languages in them.

Vision



Speaking foreign languages helps children to understand the world better and the world to understand them better.

What does Roeland vzw Do ? (Annual Figures)



3.000+

participants on our French, English and Dutch language camps



11.000+

city trips for young people to Luik, Namen, Rijsel and Ghent



12

groups from both Belgium and abroad for the International Theatre Festival (French/English)



1.000+

volunteers



2

training weekends for new volunteers



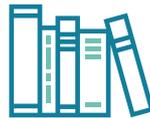
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training sessions for our volunteers



100+

Dutch for non-Dutch-speaking newcomers/young people who speak another language at home



1.000+

visitors to the French library in Flanders



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Roeland will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021 and will proudly bear the title of '**Royal Society**'

“Hurrah ! We’re going to camp !”

Skipping language camp this year was simply not something I could imagine. So it was a nervous wait for the decision from the GEES COVID-19 expert group. But at the end of May, they decided that summer camps would be allowed to go ahead. That meant that my team of children and young people would be able to have the time of their lives once again this summer !



My camp was due to take place in August, which meant that I had plenty of time to prepare for camp and the new Corona measures, such as allowing more time for hand washing, planning in more relaxation time and paying closer attention to general hygiene.

From a bouncy castle obstacle course ...

Each year, as part of our ‘Découverte de la Gaume’ French language camp, we go on a number of excursions. This year, this was not possible. But we didn’t let that get us down. If we can’t go on an excursion, why not just bring the excursion to camp?

A bouncy castle obstacle course, wrestling in a sumo suit, making camp fires, a voyage of discovery in Virton... we had the most fabulous time.

... to the Virton Camp Site ...

The highlight for the participants was the ‘Virton Camp Site’. The participants were split into groups and had to set up the camp site : they put up tents, made a camp fire, added some sofas and made the tents cosy. Then we all sung songs and had fun around the camp fire.

... to a game of Stratego

We also organised a game of Stratego at the end of the evening. The participants had to use a torch to try to find all kinds of ways to earn Roeland money.

We know from all the feedback we got both during and after the camp that the participants had a fantastic time at camp. You could see their relief when they got to camp and we told them they could take their face masks off because they were now in their safe ‘bubble’. They were so happy to be able to leave the realities of the previous months behind them for a while. Having fun and just letting go was clearly exactly what they needed. For me, that is one of the most important reasons for returning to Roeland each year as a volunteer.

I am enormously grateful to the youth work sector that they did everything they could so that the summer camps could go ahead this year, and the handbook was a great help in allowing us to organize our camps safely.

Here’s to another fantastic camp year in 2021 !

Joke Baele
Head of Project Virton Roeland vzw

Almost all the interviews in the brochure took place before the start of the coronavirus crisis. Participants and volunteers who refer to language camps abroad are referring to camps which they attended during 2019.

Camp Overview 2021

French language camps – speaking the target language is not compulsory

Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page	
Spring	9-12	15 - 17/02	3	Gent	Junior (non-residential)	€ 160	17	
Spring	9-12	18 - 20/02	3	Gent	Junior (non-residential)	€ 160	17	
Summer	9-11	5 - 9/7	5	Oostakker	Junior (non-residential)	€ 200	17	
Summer	7-8	5 - 9/7	5	Oostakker	Mini (non-residential)	€ 200	17	
Summer	9-11	16 - 20/8	5	Oostakker	Junior (non-residential)	€ 200	17	
Summer	7-8	16 - 20/8	5	Oostakker	Mini (non-residential)	€ 200	17	
Autumn	9-12	2 - 4/11	3	Gent	Junior (non-residential)	€ 160	17	
NEW	Easter	9-12	5 - 10/04	6	Bure	Happy Easter in Bure - S'amuser en français	€ 435	17
NEW	Easter	9-12	12 - 17/04	6	Bure	Happy Easter in Bure - Sports et Aventure	€ 435	17
	Summer	9-11	5 - 10/07	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - Aventures à la mer	€ 495	17
	Summer	9-12	12 - 17/07	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - La mer du Nord	€ 495	17
	Summer	9-11	19 - 24/07	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - Jeux Olympiques	€ 495	17
	Summer	9-12	2 - 7/08	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - STEM	€ 495	17
	Summer	9-11	9 - 14/08	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - S'amuser en français	€ 495	17
	Summer	9-12	16 - 21/08	6	Nieuwpoort	Go Wild on the Coast - Sports & Aventure	€ 495	17

French language camps - speaking the target language is compulsory

Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page	
NEW	Easter	13-18	5 - 10/04	6	Virton	Aventure en Gaume	€ 565	18
NEW	Easter	13-18	12 - 17/04	6	Virton	Aventure en Gaume	€ 565	18
	Summer	12-14	5 - 17/07	13	Bure	Booste ton français @Bure	€ 715	18
	Summer	12-14	16 - 25/08	10	Bure	Booste ton français @Bure	€ 550	18
NEW	Summer	12-14	5 - 17/07	13	Flône	Booste ton français @Flône	€ 715	18
	Summer	12-14	19 - 24/07	6	Bure	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440	18
	Summer	12-14	26 - 31/07	6	Bure	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440	18
	Summer	12-14	2 - 7/08	6	Bure	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440	18
	Summer	12-14	9 - 14/08	6	Bure	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440	18
	Summer	13-15	5 - 17/07	13	Marche	Ville et forêt	€ 725	18
	Summer	13-15	19 - 25/07	7	Marche	Ville et forêt	€ 445	18
	Summer	13-15	5 - 17/07	13	Virton	Amusons-nous en Gaume - Horse riding	€ 795	19
	Summer	13-15	5 - 17/07	13	Virton	Amusons-nous en Gaume - Multi-activity	€ 725	19
	Summer	13-15	2 - 10/08	9	Virton	Survie et Nature	€ 525	19
	Summer	13-15	12 - 21/08	10	Virton	Gaume découverte	€ 620	19
NEW	Summer	13-15	19 - 28/08	10	Stenay	Créa et sports	€ 640	20
	Summer	15-18	5-17/07	13	Ancy	Douce France	€ 925	20
	Summer	15-18	12 - 21/08	10	Marche	100% sports et adrénaline	€ 730	20
	Summer	15-18	3 - 10/07	8	Paris	Paris + Disneyland	€ 945	20
NEW	Winter	13-16	3 - 8/01/22	6	Virton	Démarre l'année du bon pied	€ 440	20

Dutch language camps - speaking the target language is not compulsory

	Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page
NEW	Easter	9-12	5 - 10/04	6	Flône	Junior Dutch Easter	€ 435	21
	Summer	9-12	12 - 16/07	6	Gent	Junior Dutch Summer	€ 435	21

Dutch language camps - speaking the target language is compulsory

	Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page
NEW	Easter	13-16	5 - 10/04	6	Flône	Teens Dutch	€ 455	21
	Summer	13-15	5 - 17/07	13	Gent	City and Adventure	€ 735	21
	Summer	16-18	5 - 17/07	13	Gent	City and Adventure	€ 735	21
	Summer	13-15	19 - 31/07	13	Gent	City and Adventure	€ 735	21
	Summer	16-18	19 - 31/07	13	Gent	City and Adventure	€ 735	21
NEW	Winter	13-16	3 - 8/01/22	6	Virton	A great start of the year	€ 440	21

English language camps - speaking the target language is not compulsory

	Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page
NEW	Easter	9-12	5 - 10/04	6	leper	Junior English Easter	€ 525	22
	Summer	9-12	12 - 16/07	5	Oostakker	Junior English Summer (non-residential)	€ 195	22
	Summer	9-12	12 - 17/07	6	Oostakker	Junior English Summer	€ 435	22
	Summer	9-12	9 - 13/08	5	Oostakker	Junior English Summer (non-residential)	€ 195	22
	Summer	9-12	9 - 14/08	6	Oostakker	Junior English Summer	€ 435	22
	Summer	12-14	5 - 9/07	5	Gent	English for Teens (non-residential)	€ 225	22
	Summer	12-14	5 - 10/07	6	Gent	English for Teens	€ 465	22
	Summer	12-14	16 - 20/08	5	Gent	English for Teens (non-residential)	€ 225	22

English language camps - speaking the target language is compulsory

	Season	Age	Data	Duration	Place	Camp	Price	Page
NEW	Easter	14-17	5 - 10/04	6	leper	English for Teens Easter	€ 525	23
NEW	Summer	13-15	16 - 21/08	6	leper	Boost your English	€ 525	23
NEW	Summer	13-15	23 - 27/08	5	Kasterlee	Fabulous Forest Fun	€ 485	23
NEW	Summer	13-16	5 - 14/08	10	Sutton Town	Sutton Sports Academy	€ 895	24
	Summer	13-16	19 - 31/07	13	Sutton Town	Intercultural Fun	€ 995	24
	Summer	15-18	2 - 14/08	13	Sutton Town	Intercultural Fun	€ 995	24
NEW	Summer	14-17	11 - 16/07	6	leper	English Summer Vibes	€ 525	24
	Summer	14-17	16 - 27/08	12	Sutton Town	British Fun - option Sutton Dance	€ 965	25
	Summer	14-17	16 - 27/08	12	Sutton Town	British Fun - option Sutton Active	€ 965	25
NEW	Summer	16-21	19/7 - 31/7	13	Sutton Town	The World on Stage	€ 995	25

A passport and/or visa is necessary for camps in the United Kingdom.

Our camp schedule may need to be adjusted due to the consequences of the Coronavirus crisis and any subsequent measures imposed by the government. However, we guarantee that there will be a good variety of activities on offer and that the safety of your child will always come first.



Registration

Registration opens on **Saturday 2 January 2021 at 9am** on our website www.roeland.be.

Tip: save time by filling in your child's profile beforehand. Then you only have to add the camp you wish to apply for on 2 January.

Price

- Included : accommodation, meals (except for non-residential camps), lesson materials, excursions, bus transport, civil liability insurance, accident insurance.
- Not included : personal expenses (at the tuck shop and on excursions).
- For more information about insurance please see our website.
- There may be changes to the programme (activities, excursions etc.).

Bus Travel

If a bus journey is provided, it will be included in the price of the language camp (for residential camps). You can also choose to drop your child off and pick them up yourself. However, this will not give you any reduction on the registration cost.

General Conditions

For general conditions and our cancellation policy see www.roeland.be.

Registration Discounts

1. Book before 1 February 2021

Book before 1 February 2021 for the chance to win back the cost of the camp. For more information see www.roeland.be/en/competition.

2. Employer Reduction *

Does your employer (BNP Paribas Fortis, Benefits at Work, BPost, VDK, ING, HR Rail, SSDGPI and others) have a partnership with us ? If so, you are eligible for a staff discount. Contact your employer for more details.

Would your employer like to become one of our partners ? Please contact info@roeland.be.

3. Partena Health Insurance Reduction *

Partena health insurance (526) clients receive a 5% discount on the registration fee. Please contact your insurance provider for more details.

4. Study Allowance Discount *

Students who receive a secondary school study allowance during the school year are eligible for a discount worth 20% of the sum of their study allowance. If this applies to you, please send a copy of proof of your study allowance by email (info@roeland.be).

*Please note : our discounts may not be combined. Before registering, please check to see which discount is most beneficial for you.

Registration Refunds

1. From your employer or health insurance

Some employers or health insurance companies will refund part of the registration cost after you have registered. Are you eligible for a refund ? After camp, download the 'Tussenkomst werkgever/ziekenfonds' document onto your profile.

2. Via a tax certificate

You can download the tax certificate for children under the age of 12. You will receive an email when this is available.

“Invest in your child now for later”

“It is really important to me that my child learns languages”, says Kristien De Geest, mother of 10-year-old Matteo. “When he goes on a Roeland camp, he overcomes his fears about speaking a foreign language and learns how to make connections between different languages”.



Matteo has taken part in four short non-residential French camps, one short non-residential English camp and one residential French camp. And, according to him, he has had a great time : “I really like meeting new friends, the songs and games are great fun and I was really happy that I already knew some French before I started French classes at school.”

Has Matteo learnt a lot at the language camps ?

Mum Kristien : “Yes. It’s not immediately obvious when he gets back from camp, but when he goes back to school you can see the difference. He will often say “I already learned that at camp”, he makes connections more easily and it is clear from his results – he does really well.”

How can you tell that he has enjoyed his camps ?

“We came to pick Matteo up from his French camp in Flône on the last evening of camp as we had to drive on to Italy for our family holiday. It took longer than we had expected to get away – it was his first ever residential camp and he found it hard to say goodbye to his friends as they had formed such close bonds. He also missed out on his first disco night – we certainly won’t get away with that again this year !”

“He also went to a camp in the autumn break and I had to pick him up early on the final day as he had to go to basketball training – he’s a keen basketball player. He was fine with

this plan until I arrived to pick him up. But in the car he was crying and saying “I don’t want to leave”. That was a clear sign to me that he had had a really great time at camp.”

What would you say Roeland’s strengths are ?

“The team of volunteers. They’re brilliant. They are approachable and they always provide a great programme full of variety. I like the way there are serious lessons followed by games, workshops and songs which put the new things they have learned into practice”.

“I was lucky enough to go on ten Roeland camps and I always had a fantastic time. I’m still in touch with a few of the people who I met at camp. And when I was a student I bumped into people who I had met at Roeland, too. That was so great !”

Next year, Matteo will be going on a camp where only French is spoken the entire time. He will definitely learn a lot – complete immersion is the best way to really learn a language. That is Roeland’s greatest strength.”

“I can understand that the cost can be a hurdle for some parents, especially if you have two or three children. But I really think it’s worth it. The children are in good hands from morning until night – you’re investing in your child now for later.”

13 Reasons to Choose Roeland



1. Language Immersion

Have you chosen a Junior Camp (7-12 years) ?

The activity leaders will speak only the target language and will motivate you to speak the language you are learning using fun language games. You can speak your own language with your friends. There is a 'bilingual moment' each day, when the activity leaders give you a bit of extra explanation in your own language. After a week at camp, you will find that you have learnt a lot of new words, you will understand much more and you will even be able to form short sentences. This should make you feel very proud of yourself !

Are you older than 12 ?

Over 12's are totally immersed in the French or English language. How does this work ? The activity leaders speak only in the foreign language you are learning and they encourage you to do the same by way of fun language games, sports and challenges. We ask that you only speak the language you are learning. The activity leaders understand that, during the first few days, it may seem a little strange to you to be speaking the target language, but it really is the best way to learn a new language. Making mistakes is part of the learning process, and you will probably be making quite a few ! The important thing is to keep trying, and that's what the activity leaders want to see. If you keep trying, **before you know it you will be babbling away in the target language without giving it a second thought. We promise !**

2. Cool Language Labs

Boring language lessons ? No way ! We don't offer lessons; we offer language labs. These give you the chance to practise what you have learnt at school. How does it work ? We use videos, plays, games, workshops and fun challenges. You will be speaking the target language without even realising it. Of course, there is a bit of grammar now and again, just to be sure that you have a good understanding of the basics.

3. Small Customised Groups

We arrange our language labs in small groups so that you get plenty of opportunities **to practice the language through group discussions, games, plays, songs etc.** You will also be put into a group with other participants who are at the same level as you.

4. Confidence to Speak

We put a lot of focus on building confidence in speaking, so don't expect boring lessons full of grammar. Is there something you feel strongly about ? Do you have a cool hobby or is there an issue that is particularly important to you ? You can tell us all about it during the language labs. **We want to hear about the things that matter to you.**

5. Learning in a Daily Context

Asking for a second helping, talking about your hobbies, buying a present during an excursion – you'll be learning how to use the language in a daily context.

6. Professional Volunteers

Our activity leaders have a minimum age of 18. Most are either **native speakers** or speak the target language fluently. They undergo regular training by Roeland.

7. One Volunteer per Five Participants

At Roeland, you will meet our great volunteers who organise fun language labs, workshops, games and day trips. They will encourage you to speak the target language. So that you get plenty of support, we ensure that there is **one volunteer for each five participants at most camps. That's one of the things that makes Roeland unique !**



8. Lots of Activities

How about a canoe trip, a fun bouncy castle obstacle course, dancing, theatre, hiking or horse-riding? **These activities are on offer at our various camps.**

9. Bus Travel Included

If there is bus travel provided, this is included in the price of the camp (for residential camps.) This gives you the opportunity to get to know your camp-mates and to make friends in your own language. Our team will be waiting to welcome you when the bus arrives at camp.

10. Top Marks for a Great Atmosphere !

Atmosphere is very important at Roeland. That's why we ask everyone to take part in all the group activities. You are always encouraged to share your ideas, and if there's anything worrying you, you can always talk to a member of the team. Our volunteers are there to ensure everyone's wellbeing. Bullying and discrimination will not be tolerated.

11. Questions ?

Can I share a room with my friend ? What should I bring ? Will there be a test ? How do I sign up ? Am I eligible for a discount ? Check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the website at www.roeland.be and you are sure to find the answer to your question.

Do you have a question about a specific camp or a particular request ? Or is there something we should know about you before you come to camp ? Feel free to send us an email : info@roeland.be.

12. What about your Phone ?

If you are participating in a Junior camp (age 7-12) then we ask you to leave your mobile phone at home. Some kids in this age group don't have a phone, and we don't want anyone to feel left out. If it is necessary for any reason, then of course the camp leader will get in touch with your parents.

We understand that over 12's might find it hard to leave their phones at home for a week or longer, so they are allowed to bring them to camp. However, there are some rules : You are not allowed to have your phone in your pocket all day or to talk on your phone, as then you will be speaking your own language. We will make sure there are regular moments when you are allowed to send messages home. **We will keep your parents updated via our blog and photos on our website.**

13. Health

Smoking is not allowed at camp, even if your parents allow it. You might not like this rule, but it is for the benefit of your own health and that of other camp participants.

"My grandson Jarno had such a great week at camp – thank you so much. He was initially reluctant to go, but he is now really keen to go back again next year, which is definitely a good sign !"

Caroline De Kesel,
Jarno's grandmother.



“Love the language you are learning – to me, that’s the most important thing”

“At school, I am doing the ‘STEM’ programme because I prefer science and maths to languages” says Kato (14). In 2019, Kato took part in a Roeland French camp at Virton for the first time. “She was initially reluctant to go”, recalls Kato’s mum Annick Vandezande, “but almost a year later, she is still singing the French songs from camp !”.



“I’m re-reading all the Harry Potter books, only this time I’m reading them in English”, says Kato. Her mum laughs : “The reason that Kato has chosen maths and science subjects at school is that languages are not her strong point. She is now reading books in English because she was raised partly in English. So English is no problem for her. But French is another matter – she hasn’t always been so keen on French.”

Why did you sign Kato up for a French language camp ?

Annick : “I went to Roeland camps as a child myself. There wasn’t as much choice in those days as there is now, but I always really enjoyed the camps. I thought “Let’s give Kato the opportunity to learn French in a fun environment, too”.

Were you enthusiastic about going to camp straight away ?

Kato : “No. The day before camp started, I told Mum that I really didn’t want to go. I thought camp would be full of other girls who were only there because their parents had insisted that they

go. I didn’t want to be stuck at a camp with a bad atmosphere.”

“But I was wrong. The group was really cool. We all shed a tear when camp was over. I felt really homesick when I got home ! Everything I saw or heard made me think of camp.”

Annick : “You wouldn’t believe how many times we have heard the camp songs ! She listens to French songs on Spotify now, which is proof that she has really grown to love the language. You only really learn another language when you can appreciate its beauty.”

What was the coolest thing you did at camp ?

Kato : “Everything was really cool ! I really liked it that you were given a choice of activities. I chose theatre. I created a play which I performed to the others at the end of camp. It was great fun. We also built a raft which could float down the river. We had to win the materials to make it first, which we did by completing challenges.



And the night game was cool, too. We had to prevent a bomb from exploding by finding all the letters. But the volunteers could catch us and hold us prisoner for two minutes.”

“The games at camp are just as fun as the ones you do on other camps, but the difference is that here you are speaking a different language.”

What was the best thing about camp ?

Kato : “The food ! The food was so yummy. And I like to eat, especially healthy food. I particularly loved the delicious soup. When everyone else had finished eating, I went back for another bowl-full. I even got a diploma at the end of camp : *La fille la plus gourmande.*”

Did you learn to love the language while you were at camp ?

Kato : “I’ll never be someone who enjoys studying languages. **But camp definitely gave me more confidence in speaking a foreign language.** I don’t care if I make mistakes. I just chat away.”

“When we went on a Roeland city trip (see page 32) to Lille, I continued to speak French all the time, even though my classmates didn’t want to. Afterwards, the volunteer told my teacher that I can speak good French.”

“Writing is something I still don’t enjoy much in any language. But reading assignments are going better than they used to. Thanks to the Roeland camp, I now find it easier to make the switch from Dutch to French.”

“Because they are immersed in the language, participants quickly gain the confidence they need to speak”

Making plans in a foreign language is something all Roeland camp participants learn to do. Board members and didactics experts Marc De Clercq, Jacques Eichperger, Luc Jacobs, Christel Arens, Tom De Paepe, Sofie Ermens and Dieter Heye explain exactly how we go about this, and why.



Luc Jacobs, member of the governing body and holiday camp organiser : “I had visited a couple of language camps set up by other organisations and I had noticed that they were all quite school-like in their approach. I thought : this can be done better. From the moment Roeland started in 1971, our approach was to learn whilst doing sports, singing, having meals together etc. – all whilst speaking another language. To make this work, we needed to have enough staff. Other camps had one activity leader for each ten participants. At Roeland, the ratio was – and still remains – one to five.

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Christel Arens, member of the governing body and pedagogical counsellor for catholic education :

“In the past few years, we have been in discussions with external parties in order to adapt our didactics. This change was inspired by the European framework A1 – C2. Roeland’s didactic vision has three pillars : participant-tailored,

communication-targeted teaching and a creative approach.”

Dieter Heye, didactic coordinator and volunteer :

“A1 is the beginners level. At this level, the children get a solid grounding in how to understand and deal with everyday situations. This is at our junior camps, where the volunteers only speak the target language, but the participants are still allowed to speak to each other in their own language. We do it this way because, at this young age, children do not yet have the emotional resilience to be completely immersed in another language. To insist that young children speak only the target language can lead to a lot of frustration.

“Once children are older than 12, there is more diversity when it comes to language acquisition. That’s why Roeland has a number of groups of various levels for the language workshops. Participants who do not yet speak very much of the target language tend to catch up pretty fast thanks to the immersion approach.”

Customised for Each Participant

Sofie Ermens, member of the governing body, teacher and volunteer : “Some children who come to camp already speak the target language pretty well, whilst others barely speak a word of it. That’s why we have an introduction game at the start of camp – it gives us the chance to observe the children and see what level they are at. Then we can put them into small groups according to ability.”

Tom de Paepe, member of the governing body : “At our camps, the participants can decide for themselves which workshops they want to join and which sports they would like to participate in. It’s always a good thing to have choice. They also feel really involved in the language labs because they are in a small group and they are actively using language through having discussions, playing games or doing quizzes. They can put what they have learned to use straight away, which makes them feel competent : “Interviewing somebody in French ? Yes, I CAN do it !”

Christel : “Our camps are a perfect fit for Prof. Dr. Maarten Vansteenkiste’s (UGent) ‘ABC motivation model’ – he has identified the three elements that stimulate children and young people to learn : autonomy, involvement and competence.”

Learning-Targeted Communication

Sofie : “ ‘You can go for seconds !’ – none of the children are familiar with this typical English expression when they arrive at camp. At first, you have to find a simple way to explain what it means, but the children soon understand and they don’t hold back in queuing up for a second helping at the buffet. And they soon start to use the expression themselves, too ! This way, they learn lots of useful things for daily life – things which they would never learn or use at school.”

Dieter : “During the first few days, we put extra focus on language which is useful for camp life : asking for something during mealtimes, taking your turn during a game, expressing yourself and talking about what you think and how you are feeling. There are posters all over the walls with reminders about the practical things, which also helps the kids.”

Creative Approach

Tom : “Because we immerse the participants at Roeland camps in the target language and because there are also native speakers present, there is a really great atmosphere. Once, when I was a participant, I had to try to sell shares as fast as I could in a really crazy stock market game. Everyone flung themselves into the game so wholeheartedly that we completely forgot that we were speaking French.”

Immersion

Christel : “In the past, the approach was to start with the vocabulary which a child already knew. If they came across a word they didn’t know, they were expected to look it up. But that’s not a realistic context, because children are constantly coming across words they don’t know, which leads to them simply switch off and stop listening. But if children keep listening, they can guess the meaning of the word through its context.”

“That is why Roeland aims to promote language acquisition in a more spontaneous way. For example, a teacher might ask someone to pass the butter whilst pointing to it. That way, the child will understand through the context that the teacher wants the butter, without needing to understand each word perfectly. This is a good way to increase vocabulary. The next stage is for the child to use those words themselves to ask for the butter.”

The Confidence to Speak

Jacques Eichperger, former general coordinator and chair of the general assembly : “Thanks to our ‘one volunteer per five participants’ policy, from morning until night there is always someone encouraging the kids to talk. Some children chat spontaneously, but there are always plenty of participants who feel shy or are afraid of making language mistakes. Our volunteers work hard to encourage these kids to start talking, too. They soon realise that they can do it !”

Marc De Clercq, chair of the governing body and professor emeritus, Ghent : “Immersion in the language ensures that the participants quickly gain confidence speaking the language. They sometimes feel a little overwhelmed on the first couple of days of camp, but after a day or two they start to understand more and they realise that they can actually get by in the target language. That is quite different to how they learn at school.”

Sofie : “The children like the language labs because they are put into small groups of around ten participants who are at the same level as them. They soon realise that their language skills are improving and they become more self-assured. There are children who come to camp with almost no knowledge of the target language and at the end of camp they perform in a play, speaking in front of the whole group. That’s when they realise that they can really get by in another language, and it makes them feel so proud of themselves.”

“Laughing is a great way to learn a language !”

“The children fall about laughing when they see the volunteers doing everything they can possibly think of to try to explain what a word means or how to play a game”, says Leander Colpaert (25), a Dutch volunteer at one of our camps for non-Dutch speakers. “They realise that it is also a challenge for us to explain things. That way, they don’t feel so bad if there is a word they don’t know.”



“Roeland camps have got the balance between language and fun exactly right - there is plenty of both during the language labs. This ensures that the children are constantly learning, often without even being aware of it themselves”, says Leander (on the far right in the photo).

Games During Language Labs

“I always do my best to integrate games into the language labs. I use a bingo machine to teach numbers and the card game UNO to teach colours. I don’t want them to feel as though they are doing a course; I want them to take a creative, interactive approach to language.”

“As a volunteer, you constantly need to make sure that the children are making effective use of the target language. But it’s important not to do this in a forceful way or to make them feel bad if they make a mistake – that is counterproductive.”

“When they make a mistake, we answer them using the correct words or formulation in our reply. That way, they learn really fast.”

Assistant Activity leaders

“We ask children who have been to camp with us a few times and who have a good grasp of Dutch to be assistant activity leaders. They help us to prepare activities and games at camp. They really enjoy the responsibility. They appreciate being given the chance to show how much they can achieve whilst speaking a foreign language.”

“The younger children look up to them, too. They are role models for them. They hope that one day they will also be asked to be an assistant activity leader with lots of responsibilities.”

Drawing and Signing

“We always give the children the chance to express themselves, even if it doesn’t work out. If they don’t know the words, they can draw or use signing to express themselves. As volunteers, we also use drawings and signing to explain things. We literally use our hands and feet to explain. It leads to some really hilarious situations! We make sure that everyone is having a good laugh whilst learning. That’s one of the best things about camp.”

“I have told my daughters that they should always speak in the target language at camp.”

“As far as I’m concerned, the most important thing is that the children always speak in the target language at camp”, says Ann Miller. Her teenaged daughters, Leonce and Louisa have taken part in a number of French camps in recent years. “Immersion in the language is the best way to learn it.”



Love of languages is in the family. Leonce and Louisa are on stage from 4 January 2020 until 19 February 2021 with their parents, the well-known actors Ann Miller and Filip Peeters, performing the play ‘Familie’ in a number of countries.

Choose a Language Camp

“It is their decision to go to camp”, says Ann. “Of course, we encourage them to go. I think it’s better to go on a language camp than a regular camp. Both kinds of camp are fun, but on a language camp the children are learning as well as having fun. And it is always a good thing to learn languages.”

“I went to Roeland camps as a child, myself, so I know what a good reputation you have. When my daughters went to camp for the first time, I told them that they must always speak in the target language at camp. Otherwise they would have to come home”, laughs Ann. “But since then, they have been on quite a few camps, and they always come home feeling really happy.”

“One of my daughters asked recently whether Roeland organizes camps without language lessons, or with hardly any lessons. She wants to enrich her language knowledge whilst doing sports, playing games and taking part in creative workshops”, says Ann.

Rule : No Speaking Your Mother Tongue

“You make sure that the children speak only the target language from morning until night. It might seem a bit strict, but I think this is an essential aspect of camp. Lots of children go

on camp together with a friend. If they speak their mother tongue to each other at camp, they won’t be learning much.”

“But my children don’t think it’s too strict, actually. On the contrary, they have such a great time. On the first day of camp, the rules are always explained to the participants, including the rule about not speaking in your mother tongue at camp. There will always be children who stick to the rules and others who try to push the boundaries.”

Big Step Forwards

“It was particularly clear to me how much they had learned after their first time at camp. When they left, they knew a few words here and there, but when they came back they were speaking in full sentences. They were also really happy that they had made such good progress.”

Enthusiastic Volunteers

“One of my daughters is still in touch with the group from her last camp, but the main thing they still talk about is the volunteers. It is clear from the stories they tell that the volunteers are really enthusiastic about what they do. My children were not bored for a single moment.”

Note from Roeland

We are definitely taking Ann Miller’s daughter’s advice on board. Our camp selection includes two camps which have no language lessons - ‘Paris Magique’ (page 20) and ‘The World on Stage’ (page 25).



“Louise has been to three Roeland language camps. She has always had a great time and she has learned a lot – not just in terms of language, but socially, too.

We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Roeland for all their efforts during this exceptional year.”

Pierre Meerschaert,
Louise’s Dad





Mini & Junior French | Gent / Oostakker Age 7-12

Bonjour! Comment ça va? If you're keen to learn your first words of French, this is the camp for you! You won't find boring French lessons here. Instead, you'll be playing fun games, singing songs, putting on plays and hearing stories.

Spring	15 - 17/02	# 3	°2009-2012	Gent	Junior	€ 160
Spring	18 - 20/02	# 3	°2009-2012	Gent	Junior	€ 160
Summer	5 - 9/7	# 5	°2010-2012	Oostakker	Junior	€ 200
Summer	5 - 9/7	# 5	°2013-2014	Oostakker	Mini	€ 200
Summer	16 - 20/8	# 5	°2010-2012	Oostakker	Junior	€ 200
Summer	16 - 20/8	# 5	°2013-2014	Oostakker	Mini	€ 200
Autumn	2 - 4/11	# 3	°2009-2012	Gent	Junior	€ 160



Happy Easter in Bure | Bure **NEW** Age 9-12

Pleased to meet you! Get to know the French language by playing, singing songs and doing lots of fun activities, all in the setting of Bure. Lots of fun guaranteed!

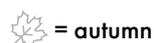
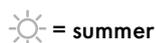
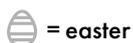
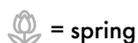
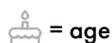
5 - 10/04	# 6	°2009-2012	Happy Easter in Bure - S'amuser en français	€ 435
12 - 17/04	# 6	°2009-2012	Happy Easter in Bure - Sports et Aventure	€ 435



Go Wild on the Coast ! | Nieuwpoort Age 9-12

If you are a beach-lover, then Nieuwpoort is the place to go for adventures and fun!

5 - 10/07	# 6	°2010-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - Aventures à la mer	€ 495
12 - 17/07	# 6	°2009-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - La mer du Nord	€ 495
19 - 24/07	# 6	°2010-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - Jeux Olympiques	€ 495
2 - 7/08	# 6	°2009-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - STEM (sciences et techniques)	€ 495
9 - 14/08	# 6	°2010-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - S'amuser en français	€ 495
16 - 21/08	# 6	°2009-2012	Go Wild on the Coast ! - Sports & Aventure	€ 495





Aventure en Gaume | Virton **NEW**

Age 13-18

This camp is all about adventure! A super-cool fun-packed week, all in French. You'll be doing lots of sports and pushing your boundaries – you're sure to go home with lots of great memories.

5 - 10/04	# 6	°2003-2005 en 2006 -2008	Aventure en Gaume	€ 565
12 - 17/04	# 6	°2003-2005 en 2006 -2008	Aventure en Gaume	€ 565



Booste ton français @Bure | Bure

Age 12-14

Are you sporty and creative ? Do you love playing games and doing sports ? In Bure there is always something fun going on, either with the whole group or in smaller groups.

5 - 17/07	# 13	°2007-2009	Booste ton français @Bure	€ 715
16 - 25/08	# 10	°2007-2009	Booste ton français @Bure	€ 550



Booste ton français @Flône | Flône **NEW**

Age 12-14

Are you sporty and creative ? Do you love playing games and doing sports ? In Flône there is always something fun going on, either with the whole group or in smaller groups.

5 - 17/07	# 13	°2007-2009	Booste ton français @Flône	€ 715
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Une semaine fantastique | Bure

Age 12-14

Sports, nature, workshops and an excursion – in other words, all the very best of Roeland camps packed into one week. Give your French a boost ! Our experienced, motivated team will ensure that this is a week full of surprises and unforgettable moments.

19 - 24/07	# 6	°2007-2009	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440
26 - 31/07	# 6	°2007-2009	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440
2 - 7/08	# 6	°2007-2009	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440
9 - 14/08	# 6	°2007-2009	Une semaine fantastique	€ 440



Ville et forêt | Marche-en-Famenne

Age 13-15

Sports, games, language labs and excursions. This camp offers you the chance to experience the Walloon lifestyle !

5 - 17/07	# 13	°2006-2008	Ville et forêt	€ 725
19 - 25/07	# 7	°2006-2008	Ville et forêt	€ 445



Amusons-nous en Gaume | Virton

Age 13-15

This is a really great camp with lots of activities on offer. You will enjoy the lovely surroundings, a warm micro-climate and a friendly atmosphere and you will improve your French skills, too !

5 - 17/07	# 13	°2006-2008	Amusons-nous en Gaume - Horse riding	€ 795
5 - 17/07	# 13	°2006-2008	Amusons-nous en Gaume - Multi-activity	€ 725



Survie et nature | Virton

Age 13-15

Are you a real nature-lover? Do you have an adventurous streak ? If so, this camp is made for you !

2 - 10/08	# 9	°2006-2008	Survie et Nature	€ 525
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Gaume découverte | Virton

Age 13-15

Sports, games, workshops, excursions – give your French a boost whilst having lots of fun. You are sure to have an unforgettable language camp with our motivated team and all your new friends.

12 - 21/08	# 10	°2006-2008	Gaume découverte	€ 620
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Créa et sport | Stenay NEW

Age 13-15

Come along to this camp in the Lorraine region and enjoy creative workshops, sports and games – all in French, of course.

19 - 28/08	# 10	°2006-2008	Créa et sports	€ 640
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Douce France | Ancy

Age 15-18

Live the good life in France ! You will be visiting the beautiful region of Burgundy and learning about its rich culture, as well as enjoying a relaxed family atmosphere.

5 - 17/07	# 13	°2003-2006	Douce France	€ 925
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100% sports et adrénaline | Marche-en-Famenne

Age 15-18

This camp is packed full of sports and adventure ! You will be really active and you're sure to be pushed out of your comfort zone so that you return home with lots of energy and great memories. A fantastic, fun-packed week, all in French.

12 - 21/08	# 10	°2003-2006	100% sports et adrénaline	€ 730
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Paris Magique | Paris

Age 15-18

This camp is a truly unique experience! Immerse yourself in the magical atmosphere of Paris and enjoy museums, music and graffiti as well as getting to know some real Parisians. Before you know it you'll be singing Paris, c'est fini with a heavy heart!

3 - 10/07	# 8	°2003-2006	Paris + Disneyland	€ 945
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Démarre l'année du bon pied NEW Virton

Age 13-16

Enjoyed Christmas and New Year's Eve? Need to boost your French before going back to school? During this language holiday you will have the opportunity to brush up on your French, meet new friends and participate in super cool workshops

3 - 8/01/22	# 6	°2006-2009	Démarre l'année du bon pied	€ 440
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Junior Dutch Easter Flône

NEW



Age 9-12



Hey, hoe gaat het met jou? Hi! How's it going? If you're keen to learn your first words of Dutch, this is the camp for you! You won't find boring Dutch lessons here. Instead, you'll be playing fun games, singing songs, putting on plays and hearing stories.

5 - 10/04	# 6	°2009-2012	Junior Dutch Easter	€ 435
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Junior Dutch summer | Gent



Age 9-12



Aangenaam! Enchanté. Pleased to meet you! Get to know the Dutch language through playing games, singing songs, creative workshops and sports. All in a lovely, peaceful location in the heart of Ghent.

2-7/08	# 6	°2009-2012	Junior Dutch summer	€ 435
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Teens Dutch | Flône

NEW



Age 13-16



Are you looking for a language immersion course for the Easter holidays? If so, this is the camp for you! Cool workshops, original themed days and lots of opportunities to let your creative side shine! If you love to have fun in beautiful natural surroundings, you are sure to have a great time at this camp.

5 - 10/04	# 6	°2005-2008	Teens Dutch	€ 455
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City and Adventure | Gent



Age 13-18



Every day is different and just as exciting. Having fun and learning lots without even realising it? Here it is possible!

5-17/07	# 13	°2006-2008	City and Adventure	€ 735
5-17/07	# 13	°2003-2005	City and Adventure	€ 735
19-31/07	# 13	°2006-2008	City and Adventure	€ 735
19-31/07	# 13	°2003-2005	City and Adventure	€ 735



A great start of the new year | Virton

NEW



Age 13-16



Enjoyed Christmas and New Year's Eve? Need to boost your Dutch before going back to school? During this language holiday you will have the opportunity to brush up on your Dutch, meet new friends and participate in super cool workshops.

3 - 8/01/22	# 6	°2006-2009	A great start of the new year	€ 440
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Junior English Easter | leper **NEW**

Age 9-12

Hi ! How are you ? If you're keen to learn your first words of English, this is the camp for you! You won't find boring English lessons here. Instead, you'll be playing fun games, singing songs, putting on plays and hearing stories.

5 - 10/04	# 6	°2009-2012	Junior English Easter	€ 525
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Junior English Summer | Oostakker

Age 9-12

Drawing, sports, movie-making, theatre, a scavenger hunt in the park – this camp is sure to be 100% fun! And you will also be learning your first words of English – how cool is that ?

12 - 16/07	# 5	°2009-2012	Junior English Summer		€ 195
12 - 17/07	# 6	°2009-2012	Junior English Summer		€ 435
9 - 13/08	# 5	°2009-2012	Junior English Summer		€ 195
9 - 14/08	# 6	°2009-2012	Junior English Summer		€ 435



English for Teens | Gent

Age 12-14

Perhaps you already speak a bit of English but going to camp in England seems a bit daunting, or maybe you are completely new to the English language. Either way, this camp is perfect for you, whether you opt for residential or non-residential. The camp offers English language immersion with fun lessons, original activities and excursions. And it is all in English, of course !

5 - 9/07	# 5	°2007 - 2009	English for Teens		€ 225
5 - 10/07	# 6	°2007 - 2009	English for Teens		€ 465
16 - 20/08	# 5	°2007 - 2009	English for Teens		€ 225



English for Teens Easter | leper **NEW**

Age 14-17

If you are looking for a fun English language immersion course to do during the Easter holidays, this is the perfect camp for you. The programme includes cool workshops, great themed activities, craft activities, sport and playing in nature.

5 - 10/04	# 6	°2004-2007	English for Teens Easter	€ 525
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Boost your English | leper **NEW**

Age 13-15

This is the camp for you if you would like a laid-back end to your summer holiday whilst giving your English a boost. On this language camp, you will be brushing up your English as well as learning new skills thanks to the variety of workshops on offer. There will also be time to chill with your new friends.

16 - 21/08	# 6	°2006-2008	Boost your English	€ 525
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Fabulous Forest Fun Kasterlee **NEW**

Age 13-15

Short but powerful! A week-long language immersion course which will ensure that you are really well-prepared for the coming school year. Building a den with whatever materials you can find, cooking a meal on the camp fire, orienteering – you'll have the time of your life at this camp surrounded by nature.

23 - 27/08	# 5	°2006-2008	Fabulous Forest Fun	€ 485
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Sutton Sports Academy

NEW

Age 13-16

Sutton Town

Are you looking for a camp with a wide range of sports and activities to bring out your competitive side? If so, this is the camp for you! At Sutton, we promise you will have an awesome time surrounded by sports coaches – all in English, of course!

5 - 14/08	# 10	°2005-2008	Sutton Sports Academy	€ 895
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Intercultural Fun | Sutton Town



Age 13-18

If you would like to meet - and speak English with - young people from all around the world, then Intercultural Fun is the perfect camp for you! At this camp, you will learn English at an English private school with lots of facilities, extensive sports fields and a really beautiful view.

19 - 31/07	# 13	°2005-2008	Intercultural Fun	€ 995
2 - 14/08	# 13	°2003-2006	Intercultural Fun	€ 995



English Summer Vibes | Ieper

NEW

Age 14-17

Are you looking for a camp with a difference? If so, this is the camp for you! Cool workshops, original themed days and lots of opportunities to let your creative side shine! This is also a great camp for anyone who loves to play surrounded by nature. Find out just how British Westhoek can be!

11 - 16/07	# 6	°2004-2007	English Summer Vibes	€ 525
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British Fun | Sutton Town

Age 14-17

Get to know the British way of life at a private school in beautiful Kent. This camp offers the perfect combination of sports activities, workshops, excursions and relaxation. And it is all in English, of course!

16 - 27/08	# 12	°2004-2007	British Fun - option Sutton Dance	€ 965
16 - 27/08	# 12	°2004-2007	British Fun - option Sutton Active	€ 965



The World on Stage Sutton Town

NEW



Age 16-21

Do you love to perform or create stage productions? Make sure you don't miss *The World on Stage!* Here you will be working with theatrical producers, musicians and choreographers to produce a performance which you will present to local people and supporters – the nerve-racking highlight of the camp!

19/7 - 31/7	# 13	°2000-2005	The World on Stage	€ 995
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“They just go for it and they do it in the target language !”

“Some of the Activity Leaders are native speakers”, says Annelies Tanghe (23), a volunteer on the English and Dutch for non-native newcomers (NT2) camp. “Because their mother tongue is different to that of the participants, the children and young people really get a good grasp of the language. This helps to make the language they are learning more accessible to them.”



“‘Active presence’ is a recurring theme at camp. The volunteers are constantly with the participants – during lunch, activities, free time, etc. They practice the target language with them in all kinds of daily situations”, says Annelies.

Signing and Pictures

“It can be quite tiring for the children and young people to speak another language all the time, especially if they don’t speak it very well yet. But I think that our approach and activities ensure that they have a great time at camp. We have many participants who return year after year, which I think says a lot !”

“I give lessons to participants who have very little knowledge of the language. I use signs or pictures to explain each word I say and I talk very slowly so that I can be sure that they understand what I am saying.”

Connections with Their Environment

“At the same time, I always make sure that the language lessons don’t feel too much like school. As long as they are speaking the target language, that’s really all that matters. That’s why it’s important to make it relevant to their environment, the things they are into, the songs they listen to etc. That way, they have plenty of input into the course their learning takes. At one point, my group of participants were showing each other their houses on Google Maps. It wasn’t what I had planned for the lesson at all, but I went along with it enthusiastically anyway.”

Proud of my Group

“I really love the theme-days. For example, I might spend the entire day with my group working on a play which we perform to the rest of camp in the evening. Whenever I see my group standing up and performing in public, I feel incredibly proud of them. They just go for it – and they do it in the target language. And the reactions they get are also really heart-warming.”



“I’m doing a bilingual programme at college, now”

“I’m now in my second year at the Francisco Ferrer college in Brussels. I decided to do the bilingual French/Dutch programme”, says Roeland camp participant Sarah Kyzilas proudly. “I’ve got Roeland to thank for that”.



“In 2018, I went to a camp at Sutton Town for the first time”, says Sarah. “I had such a great time there that I signed up for the Dutch camp in Ghent the following year.”

The Singing Sessions are The Best !

“One of my best friends persuaded me to go on a Roeland camp. She went to Gold Hill and was unbelievably enthusiastic about it afterwards. Every time I saw her, she would start talking about what a great time she had there. When my parents also encouraged me to sign up, I decided to go for it.”

“I was so excited about going to camp. I think it’s important to learn new languages and I love meeting new people. **Roeland camps really fulfilled these wishes for me.** I’ll never forget the singing sessions at Sutton Town. Singing together was so much fun !”

Bilingual Education

“I’m studying to become a primary school teacher. Some of my subjects are in Dutch. I chose this because I think it’s important to speak more than one language, especially when you live in Belgium.”

“Not that many of my fellow-students chose the bilingual programme, probably because it’s a bit tougher. I have an extra four hours of lessons per week – quite shocking !”

“I had already taken Dutch at secondary school, **but the Roeland camps which I went to gave me the self-confidence to choose this bilingual programme.** And next year, I will be doing a semester in Dutch as part of the Erasmus programme.”

Love Roeland !

“I can understand why some young people might be reluctant to go on a language camp. But my advice would be to just go for it. It’s such a great experience, you learn a new language and you meet new friends. You won’t be disappointed.”

“I absolutely loved my time at Roeland camps. So much so that I’m planning to go back as a volunteer in 2021.”

“Gold Hill on Stage is our Home From Home !”

Vellerville, Gold Hill, Norfolk...the four Derveaux sisters have been on no less than twelve Roeland camps between them. They really are fully-fledged members of the Roeland fan club. Rose-Anne Marie (18) en Louiza-Maxine (19) are happy to tell us more about their experiences at camp.



“I loathe French from the bottom of my heart”, says Rose-Anne Marie. And she’s not joking. “But Roeland camps are really fabulous”, she quickly adds, with a laugh.

Language Lessons ?

“You do have language lessons at the French camps”, admits Rose-Anne Marie. “But they are completely different to the lessons you get at school. To start with, everyone sits in a circle or a big U-shape, which makes a huge difference. The lesson groups are small and they include games, lots of chatting and no boring grammar exercises.”

“In contrast to other language camps where you have up to four hours of language lessons each day, there are no language lessons at Gold Hill on Stage”, adds Louiza-Maxine. “But does that mean you don’t learn as much of the language ? I don’t think so. At the Gold Hill on Stage camp, you work together with the whole group to create a final project, which is a theatre production which you perform for your parents, your friends and theatre-fans from the lovely town of Shaftesbury. Because you all work together in such an intense way, you learn just as much of the target language.”

More Self-Confidence

“Personally, I found that my time at camp really gave me the self-confidence to speak another language”, says Louiza-Maxine. “You realise at camp that it’s really not a big deal if you make a few mistakes. The main thing is that you can communicate and understand each other.”

“At school, it’s always embarrassing when you have to speak another language. You don’t want to make mistakes in front of your classmates and your teacher”, adds Rose-Anne Marie. “But at camp, it really doesn’t matter.”

Gold Hill On Stage

“Gold Hill on Stage is such an awesome camp !” says Louiza-Maxine. “It really is my home-from-home”, echoes Rose-Anne Marie.

“I was a bit shy about singing and dancing for the first few days, but everyone joins in. It’s basically a two-week-long party”, says Louiza-Maxine. “Plus, it’s in a really beautiful location.”

Become a Volunteer

The sisters are so enthusiastic about Roeland that Louiza-Maxine signed up to do the Roeland youth work course. This is a government-recognised certificate for working as a youth-work leader which also gives training in language-teaching. "The six-day course 'Taalanimator in het jeugdwerk' was really tough", she admits. "But it was definitely worth it. During the training, I really bonded with the other candidate-volunteers and I'm so excited about joining a Roeland camp as a volunteer."

"Why is the training so tough? As a participant, you have no idea how much time and effort the volunteers put into their lessons, workshops and activities. When you do the training course and you have to do it yourself, you really appreciate all the hard work they put in."

Rose-Anne Marie is also hoping to become a Roeland volun-

teer and has taken part in one of the Roeland training weekends. It was a fascinating experience, she tells us : "There were Dutch and French participants. We had to give each other lessons and explain how to play the games. Because the other group spoke a different mother tongue, we quickly saw how intense a language camp can be."

Social Skills

"I can't over-emphasise how much I recommend that you send your child to a Roeland language camp" adds mum, Benedikte. "As well as learning another language, your child will meet new friends and develop their social skills."

"Make sure you choose an English theatre camp", say the sisters. "Even if you think that theatre, dance or music aren't your thing – you'll surprise yourself with what you can do. Just give it a go !"



Note from Roeland : The 2020 Gold Hill on Stage camp could not go ahead due to the coronavirus crisis. In 2021, we will be organising a camp at Sutton Town (see page 25).

Fransé BIB Vlaanderen

If you are interested in French language and culture, come along to the Flanders French Library. Here you can borrow all kinds of materials to help you to learn French or to refresh your knowledge of French, including various methods and handbooks, didactic materials, cartoons and children's books, newspapers for teachers, pupils and students, games materials, over 1000 French fiction films and much more.

You can also access the 'Culturethèque', the virtual library of the Institut français.

Group visits upon request.

- 📍 Krijgslaan 20-22 – 9000 Gent
- 📞 09 42 82 47 - bib@af-ovl.be
- 🌐 af-ovl.be/mediatheque/

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Alliance française Oost-Vlaanderen

Are you interested in French language and culture ? Would you like to brush up on your French ? Do you need to get a French diploma certificate ? Or would you just like to speak a bit more French ? Alliance française Oost-Vlaanderen is the right place to go.

- ✓ French courses for a variety of target groups (private or group lessons, in person or online)
- ✓ Officially recognised exam centre (DELF DALF – TCF – EV@LANG)
- ✓ French reading and conversation groups
- ✓ A variety of French cultural programmes

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Books

100 ideas for language creativity
60 language games for the classroom

Ice-breaking games, warming up, expression, concentration, acting and group work. These two books will help children to get to know each other during language classes.

- Available in French, English and Dutch.
- 10 euros (plus €2 shipping costs)
- Place your order at www.roeland.be, info@roeland.be or at the Flanders French Library.

“Our language camps are not only about improving language skills”

“Language is all around us. You need language everywhere.”, says Astrid Van Den Bossche (26), a volunteer on our Dutch camps for non-native newcomers. “That’s why we decided to take them to the Van Eyck exhibition in Ghent during the 2020 autumn holiday.”



“Our language camps are not only about improving language skills”, says Astrid. “We try to immerse participants in our world as much as we can, so that they experience it for themselves.”

“We always have a theme for our camps for non-native newcomers. The theme for the autumn holiday camp this year was Van Eyck. The participants familiarised themselves with the Dutch language and the city with their new camp friends by playing games, putting on plays, singing songs and visiting the Van Eyck exhibition.”



Impressed

“A lot of the children in the group were really impressed by the exhibition. Many of them had never set foot in a museum before. They were absolutely mesmerised when we entered one room of the museum which has a huge painting covering an entire wall.”

Giant Pictures to Colour In

“Before the visit, we had got some booklets about the exhibition with some photos of the paintings. At the exhibition, they really enjoyed looking for the paintings which featured in the booklet. Once they found each one, they could tick it off in their booklet. There was also a workshop at the end of the exhibition – the children could take part in fun activities such as colouring in giant pictures of the Van Eyck paintings.”



Incredibly enthusiastic

“Many of the children who are born here regularly go to museums with their parents or on school trips. For them, it’s just another day out. But for these children it is another matter. They were incredibly enthusiastic right from the start. As a volunteer, this is a wonderful thing to see.”

Roeland has been offering **Dutch day camps for non-native newcomers** since 2008. These camps are aimed at children and young people who have recently moved to Belgium. They learn Dutch in a playful way. We received the 2017 ‘Jeugdwerk voor Allen’ (‘Youthwork for All’) prize for this project from the province of East Flanders.

Since 2017, we have also been offering **‘Speelse Zomer’ (‘Playful Summer’), Dutch day camps for children who speak other languages at home**. Both of these projects are collaborations with the City of Ghent.

www.roeland.be/en/dutch-daycamps/

“I challenge the young people to have a chat with the Ghent locals”

“When I was in secondary school, I always enjoyed it when we got the chance to leave the classroom and learn in a different way” says Helena van Wyk (22), Dutch language guide for city trips to Ghent. Keeping the students entertained whilst they are learning is her motivation.

“On a city trip, you can make sure everything is a bit less formal than it is in the classroom”, explains Helena. “My main wish is that my French group explores Ghent in a fun way and picks up a few new words along the way.”

Whiteboard

“I use a whiteboard to draw the stories I tell about Ghent. This leads to a lot of hilarity in the group, because I’m not exactly the best artist !”

“The highlight of the city visit is the graffiti street. The young people always take photos to post on Instagram.”

Walter De Buck

“I organize competitions now and again. I challenge the young people to try to have a chat with as many Ghent locals as they can. One group even managed to sing a Walter De Buck song to a group of pensioners. That was a great thing to see. And to hear !”

Relaxed Atmosphere

“Sometimes teachers warn me about a ‘difficult’ student. But on the city visits there is a relaxed atmosphere – you’re not constantly asking the young people to pay attention and the emphasis is on having fun. So I’ve actually never had a difficult student in my group – on the contrary, they’ve always been great.’

“The students’ reactions are also always really positive. Many of the students also comment on the evaluation form that Ghent is a very clean city, which is funny.”



Go on a City Trip with your Class

We organize French language city trips for Dutch-speaking students to Luik, Namen en Rijsel. Your class will explore the city with stories and fun challenges in French. Make sure you reserve in time !

City visits cannot take place at the moment because of COVID-19. In the meantime, Roeland is working on organizing French language city trips to Brussels.

www.roeland.be/en/cityvisits/

“Artscène/ Artscene is just AWESOME !”

“I’m quite shy, so my teacher recommended that I take part in Artscene”, says participant Don. “I liked it right from the start.”



Would you like to put on a play in French or English with your students with the help of a theatre teacher ? If so, the Artscène français or Artscene English projects could be ideal for you.

All the participating groups meet up for the three-day theatre festival in Ghent. During the festival, the students perform the plays, take part in training courses and meet other groups from around the world.

- For young people aged 13 to 18
- Year-long project with rehearsals at school
- 3-day international theatre festival

Aims

- Learning French or English through theatre
- Having fun on the stage
- Cultural exchange

www.roeland.be/en/theater/

Artscène français will not be taking place in 2021 due to COVID-19. We hope that Artscene English will be able to take place in 2022.

“Acting is the most natural way to learn another language. **It really gives your speaking-confidence a boost**”, says Herlinde Vanhoutte. She is a teacher at the Atheneum Wis-pelberg school in Ghent and has been participating in the theatre project with her class since 2008.

“The director helped us to feel at ease straight away”, recalls participant Linus. **“There is a strong focus on who you are, what you can do, and what you enjoy doing.** The language is a barrier at first, but after a few weeks of rehearsing, you really gain confidence in speaking. You discover that you can do much more than you think.”

“And the festival is simply AWESOME”, adds Don. “You meet other groups from Belgium and abroad, make new friends and do cool workshops.”

“When they participate in the theatre festival, my students switch their mindset about learning a language : it is no longer a ‘subject’ to them - **it is a way of communicating with other people.**”, says Herlinde.

“So don’t hesitate”, say Don and Linus. “You work together, everyone helps you and you make friends for life. It’s an unforgettable experience.”

WANT TO BECOME A LANGUAGE TEACHER?

Are you good at languages ? Would you like to work with young people ? Are you creative, enthusiastic and dynamic ? Would you like to share your love of languages with others ? If so, why not become a language teacher for Roeland vzw ? Fun times guaranteed !

Minimum age 16 : "Animator in het jeugdwerk" course

Playing the fool and having lots of fun whilst learning the tricks of the trade – the six-day course will teach you how to work with children and young people, create games, prepare language labs and fill an empty moment in class. After this, you will be doing an internship at a language camp during the Easter or summer holiday. After successfully completing these steps, you will receive a 'Animator in het jeugdwerk' certificate which is recognised by the Flemish government.

Ideal for anyone who :

- Wants to teach on one of our language camps.
- Wants to get their 'Animator in het jeugdwerk' certificate (recognised by the Flemish government and can be used for all Flemish youth work).
- Is over the age of 16 in the summer of 2021.

Price : 295 euros

When ? From 30/10 - 4/11/2021 (FR/EN)

From the age of 18: training weekend Roeland Language Teacher (NL, FR, EN)

If you speak fluent French or English, why not join one of our French or English language camps as a language teacher or activity leader? Or would you prefer a Dutch language camp ? We are looking for enthusiastic teachers for:

- Dutch language camps for French speakers
- Dutch summer camps for newcomers who want to improve their Dutch
- Camps for children with a different mother tongue

During the training weekend, you will learn everything you need to know about how we work and you will attend workshops to learn how to create interactive lessons, supervise sports sessions etc.

Price

50 euros for one weekend including one overnight stay and meals.

When?

- 27 and 28 February 2021
- 20 and 21 March 2021

The training weekends take place in Ghent.



11 reasons to become a Roeland volunteer:

1. You will get lots of experience in the field of youth work
2. You will brush up on your French or English at the French and English camps
3. You will be making a contribution to society if you choose to work at one of our Dutch camps for children from migrant backgrounds
4. You will have an interesting experience to add to your CV
5. You can state your preferences and availability
6. You will be developing your creative talents
7. You will receive plenty of appreciation for your work
8. You will get all the support you need
9. You will get free additional training once you have qualified as a language instructor
10. You will receive a volunteer's allowance
11. You will make friends for life

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Kalle is so positive about the camp experience and he can't stop talking about it.

I'd like to thank the whole team for making this such a great experience for him (and for us.)

Kalle definitely wants to come back next year to be 'Content in Gent' once again !

Guy Brusselmans,
Kalle's dad

(Dutch camp for
the children of expats)





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On 7 July, King Filip visited our City and Adventure language camp in Ghent. The occasion for his visit was the 50th anniversary of Roeland vzw, which earned us the addition of the title 'Royal Society' to our name. The king took part in a language lab and played Pictionary with the group. You can see the photos and video report about the king's visit on the Roeland news page.

