# Woluwe-Saint-Pierre, green, inspirational, participatory

version





Our objective? To make our commune even greener, based on participation and a source of inspiration.

**Ecolo-Groen** aims to reinforce its activities in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre with a team that represents the rich diversity of our neighbourhoods, generations and cultures.

We aim to work with with the residents of Woluwe-St-Pierre and, for example, sustainable citizen neighbourhoods; associations; shopkeepers and business people; to co-create, develop and increase the reach of projects that people of Woluwe-Saint-Pierre want.

#### With a team of dynamic, motivated green candidates

We've brought together 35 candidates, aged 18 to 92: students, self-employed business people, volunteers, sports-people, entrepreneurs, civil servants, artists, together with professionals working in healthcare, education, communication, early childhood... They are above all highly-motivated and committed to putting their experience into the quality of life and sustainable development of Woluwe-Saint-Pierre.









# samen samen

Ecolo en Groen vormen in Sint-Pieters-Woluwe een gemeenschappelijke lijst.

Steve Sirjacques van Groen, op de 6de plaats, is onze Nederlandstalige top kandidaat, naast hem vind je ook nog andere Nederlandstaligen op onze lijst. Een Nederlandse tekst van deze brochure kunt U op onze website vinden : **www.wsp.ecolo.be** 



## Your «EU» candidates!

There are 2,112 non-Belgian EU citizens registered to vote in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre and it's a pleasure to share our commune with them.

Our Ecolo-Groen list includes several expats and EU Officials:



Pascal Lefèvre 2
EU Official and Deputy Mayor in charge of European Relations since 2012



Sophie Busson 9
EU Official / French



Andrew Croasdale 12
Communications Consultant working with the European Commission / British



**Serda Postelmans**EU Official



Marion Lougarre 25
Social Worker / French



Sonia Ahlbrecht-Sornom-Aï

EU Official / French

## 2018 Objectives:

# Proposals developed together with WSP inhabitants

In order to better meet our inhabitants' concerns and expectations, Ecolo-Groen Woluwe-Saint-Pierre has put citizen participation at the heart of developing of its programme.

OVER 1200 CITIZENS SHARED WITH US THEIR HOPES, NEEDS, IDEAS AND DREAMS VIA the Little fruit bush meetings 100 meetings initiative our online the form "Tell us" door-to-door poll A big thank you



#### Accelerate the commune's transition to a sustainable future through

- extending the use of local, organic food across the services provided by the commune to all our crèches, schools, cultural centres, playgrounds, sports centres, communal concessions and homes for the elderly;
- ensuring our quality of life: cleanliness, air quality, limits on aircraft flying over the commune, green spaces, nature, biodiversity and zero pesticides;
- promoting public transport and alternative mobility: the no.36 bus, cycles, shared and electric vehicles
- facilitating the creation and development of cooperative businesses, collective purchasing groups, urban vegetable gardens;
- aiming for maximal energy autonomy (insulation, solar panels, geothermal energy), for communities and organisations, as well as private individuals;
- promoting zero waste: 'give-away' stalls and events, book boxes, second hand stores, circular economy, deliveries without packaging, DIY products, loose rather than packaged products, shared fridges;
- making use of available technologies and innovations (a "Smart City" approach): intelligent waste bins, waste reduction, energy reduction, ensuring better traffic flows.

## > Further improve the quality of life for all ages by

- re-thinking our public spaces to ensure greater conviviality and security: meeting places, convivial pavements, dedicated cycle paths, 30 km/hour zones, re-development of the Place des Maïeurs and Place des Bouvreuils;
- creating open-air café type living environments, with project cafés (repair cafés, exhibition spaces, concerts, debates) where entertainment, socialising, mutual help and culture come together;
- increasing the capacity of crèches and residential care homes and building in elements of self-fulfilment;
- promoting and facilitating senior citizens' ability to live in their own homes, notably by improving mobility;
- encouraging the emergence of a communal school that applies the methods of active learning, in which the pupil is the actor in his or her learning;
- enabling the young and not-so-young to find affordable housing in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre, through grouped or intergenerational accommodation, flat-sharing, a social housing agency, the building of low-energy consumption passive housing;
- supporting activities organised by youth associations (for example help in renovating their premises), community centres, arts academies and sports clubs;
- simplifying life for local shops, the self-employed and SMEs by supporting sustainable and circular economy projects and by improving project management, multi-modal accessibility and electronic public procurement (energy audit, short supply chains);
- encouraging young self-employed people in the development of their businesses: co-working spaces, mobile 'fablab', move towards 'all digital';



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www.wsp.ecolo.be

#### Co-create projects with residents by

- encouraging citizen participation: involving local inhabitants in the development of projects in their neighbourhood, raising awareness of citizens' questions in council meetings and of 'fluicity' (a digital app for citizens to express their ideas www.flui.city/woluwe1150)
- developing "participatory budget" trials where money is made available for neighbourhood or voluntary association projects;
- strengthening support for citizens' initiatives (shared tools and services, neighbourhood composting, shared fridges...);
- instituting "permission to green": an initiative that encourages citizens to make their streets green and improve their neighbourhoods by planting, in particular edible varieties;
- continuing to partner with sustainable neighbourhoods and neighbourhood committees.

## We conduct our politics differently We have exemplary representatives

We undertake to

- > manage our commune **ethically**, particularly in relation to finance
- commit ourselves entirely to our mandates, without any conflict of interests;
- insist on transparency and accessibility regarding public decisions;
- be available and listen to those who manage projects;
- pilot projects that have a vision that goes beyond a 6-year legislature.



# The green added-value since 2012:

Ecolo-Groen has changed your commune!

A few examples of our green councillors' skills and achievements

## 6 years

of listening, greener policies and achievements

#### ZERO WASTE

- > A re-use centre, in collaboration with the Petits Riens, at the container park
- > 6 "Give-Boxes" to exchange objects still in good condition



#### ENERGY

- > 2,500 solar panels installed on schools, the sports centre, the communal warehouse, the Résidence Roi Baudouin, the Joli-Bois Community Centre
- > An investment of €150,000 via a **citizens' cooperative** in which residents of Woluwe Saint Pierre are participating and receiving dividends
- > 100% green electricity suppliers
- > 30% lower gas consumption (vs.2007)

#### GREEN SPACES

- > A zero-pesticide commune, with weeding of the commune's 100km of pavements is now done without chemical pesticides > Significant support for the installation of citizens' community
  - vegetable gardens (the old district of Joli-Bois, Cité de l'Amitié, Parkoʻlégum,...], as well as in the commune's crèches and schools



Check out our detailed results online on www.wsp.ecolo.be



#### FOOD

- > 100% organic fruit and vegetables served in our commune's crèches
- Organic wines and juices at the commune's events
- > An organic restaurant and food shop in the newly renovated Auberge des Maïeurs

#### HOUSING

- > 30 passive housing units for average-income households planned in the Rue François Gay
- > 12 social passive housing units and 2 for average-income planned at the Rond-point de l'Orée
- > 200 additional affordable rented housing units via A.I.S. Le Relais, for young people, single-parent families and single-person households...
- Top place in the Brussels Region for intergenerational housing for seniors/students, type '1 roof, 2 ages' [60 pairs]

AND LOTS MORE T00...











#### | Caroline Lhoir | 1

Councillor for the Environment, responsible for policies on waste, energy, sustainable development and green spaces - Teacher - Degree in Environmental Sciences and Management. Centre ward

A woman of action, who listens and takes my responsibilities seriously, I now devote myself full-time to our commune and its inhabitants, working in close cooperation with the people in every one of our neighbourhoods. My dream? It's for Woluwe-Saint-Pierre to feature in the next "Demain" (the film Tomorrow), in recognition of everything that the commune does to improve the well-being of its citizens!

#### | Pascal Lefèvre | 2



Councillor for Housing, European Relations and Human Rights - European official - Former lawyer and company director. Joli-Bois ward

My wish is to continue to follow, together with you, the great trail we have blazed over the last 6 years. I aspire to a concerted, responsible and realistic ecological transition in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre. For my two daughters, the people I love and the current and future generations of our commune.





| Aude Vandeputte | 3



Federal civil servant Centre ward

I was born and grew up in Woluwe. I studied communication (public relations) and I currently work in the Federal Pensions Service (in change management). I am committed to supporting and encouraging the commune's ecological transition: moving progressively towards zero waste, recycling and sharing, among other things, but also to meeting and helping each other to achieve our objectives.



#### | Antoine Bertrand | 4

Consultant to the research department of the Union des Classes Moyennes - Municipal councillor [2012-2014]

Joli-Bois ward

After being involved in associations, sports clubs and youth movements in Woluwe since I was young, I was elected as a local councillor in 2012. With a degree from the College of Europe, I work to defend shops, SMEs and the self-employed. My aim is to make public spaces more friendly, improve mobility (cycling, the no.36 bus), create an active learning school in the commune, generalise the use of organic food in our schools and develop the local and circular economies. An optimist by nature, I'm the father of two young children. »

#### | Cathy Vaessen | 5



Marketing manager in the private sector Chant d'Oiseau ward

« You've perhaps already met me (or will do!) in our Repair Cafés, at give-away stalls or other activities in the Chant d'Oiseau sustainable neighbourhood where I'm a volunteer. I'd like the streets in Chant d'Oiseau to be renovated, in accordance with inhabitants' wishes, and I'd like there to be greater transparency in the commune (regarding the budget, urban planning decisions...). I'd also like us to favour short supply chains and exchanges between our citizens.





#### | Steve Sirjacques | GROEN |



School monitor Stockel ward

I've lived in Stockel for the last 30 years. It's where I was born and where I grew up. In my daily life, I do lots of things around our beautiful commune. I have also worked for 10 years at the Jolie-Bois communal school. Together we must create a pleasant environment around the school and ensure a better infrastructure for our Dutch-speaking authorities.

### | Christiane Mekongo | 7



Early childhood professional Stockel ward

Guided by my deep interest in the early childhood sector and nature, I decided to be active in my commune by joining Ecolo, which for me is the party most in line with my own values of solidarity, respect and equality. My challenges are healthy eating for all schoolchildren and the vulnerable in our society.







#### Raphaël van Breugel | 8

Headmaster, Collège Saint-Hubert, Historian Joli-Bois ward

« I'm the headmaster of a secondary school and I live in the Joli-Bois neighbourhood. I love the quiet diversity of the area as well as being close to green spaces and sports facilities. I am in favour of promoting eco-responsible citizenship. As far as education is concerned, I can bring useful experience regarding the challenges facing education. I also believe that it's important to maintain and develop activities that create social ties. »

| Sophie Busson | 9 European official - French Saint-Paul ward

« I love Woluwe-Saint-Pierre for the quality of life it offers: greenery, calm (apart from the planes!), cultural and sports activities, nearby shops, we can cycle everywhere and the commune has character. French and a committed European, with 2 daughters, I have lived in Woluwe since 1998. Involved both personally and professionally in environmental issues and climate change, I want to help make Woluwe-Saint-Pierre a sustainable commune, with the accent on urban planning, energy, mobility, trees and biodiversity, >>



#### | Guillaume Delvaux | 10

Law student Centre ward

« I'm 18 years old and I live in the Centre neighbourhood. I'm also a scout leader. What I love about Woluwe-Saint-Pierre is the quality of life that characterises the commune. I'd like to help Woluwe-Saint-Pierre in its ecological transition because I think that it's a commune that has the means to do this. I'd also like to make the commune more lively." »

### | Joëlle Poelman | 11

HR trainer - Grandmother of 8 - Director of the Chant d'Oiseau and Villa François Gay Community Centres Saint-Michel ward

I was extremely lucky to spend the whole of my childhood in Chant d'Oiseau and to have many commitments there. With Ecolo, I should like to continue promoting a society in which the things that predominate are respect for each other and for the environment and living together in harmony with particular attention to neighbourhood life and friendliness. »





#### | Andrew Croasdale | 12

Communications consultant working with the European Commission - British Saint-Paul ward

« I've lived in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre for some years now and I really appreciate the living environment. I'd like to contribute to protecting and improving our environment. My particular fields of interest are energy, mobility and citizen participation in the life of the commune, particularly that of non-Belgians »

Sophie Degrave | 13 Sociologist - Full-time mother Stockel ward

"As a mother of three children, living in Stockel, I really appreciate Woluwe-Saint-Pierre. For me it's a sort of big village, the city in the countryside, thanks to its green spaces and nearby shops. Many of my own values are also those of Ecolo. I'd like to encourage people to generate less waste and move towards zero waste and for us to have locally-sourced food in our schools, as well as closer ties between our inhabitants. My own interests are well-being in general, through our connection with nature and animals, respect for ourselves and others, good food and building relationships with others."





| Vincent Wauters | 14

Businessman

Joli-Bois ward

« Married and father of 2 girls, I recently moved to Sainte-Alix, which I really love for its 'village in the city' character, an ideal transition after having a rather urban professional life. I often get involved with the voluntary sector and I'm particularly interested in citizen participation in life management in the neighbourhoods. »

## I Danièle Van Crombrugghe-Gruloos I 15

Sustainable neighbourhood Prenons le Temps – Illustrator Joli-Bois ward

"I've lived in Joli-Bois since 1952 and our family has always played an active role in developing the neighbourhood through youth movements, school, communal politics, community composting, and neighbourhood in transition. I like frank and sincere contacts. Having been trained in composting, I like passing on these precepts to others and this enables me to tackle the principle of 'ecological transition'"





### | Jean-François Renson | 16

President of the Crousse Community Centre - Manager in an IT company - Retired Saint-Paul ward

As a former councillor, I am still very much involved socially in the commune and its associations and I would like to continue my involvement in the field. I live on Avenue Parmentier and have 13 inhabitants. »

### | Victoria Defraigne | 17



Student Stockel ward

Having grown up in Stockel, I have known our commune since I was little. My wish is to continue to be involved with young people and to make our commune even greener and more beautiful. My priority is of course young people. There is already some great infrastructure in place and let's continue on this path, by helping our youth movements and their camps. »



#### | Gustavo Garrido | 18



Independent candidate - Active at the ARA Centre and as an advocate for tenants -I have reduced mobility Cité de l'Amitié ward

"I've lived in the Cité de l'Amitié for 30 years and I'm a volunteer at the ARA neighbourhood centre. I love our commune. I love our green spaces and the friendly atmosphere of our streets. I would like to see good quality social housing and that the commune continues its involvement on behalf of people with a disability, families, seniors and cyclists.

#### | Gerda Postelmans | 19



Independent candidate - European official - Retired Venelles ward

Multi-lingual, originally Dutch-speaking, I live in The Venelles, where my daughter grew up. I love this pedestrian neighbourhood where the children can play. I think it should be a reference for any housing project. My priorities are air quality and public transport, green energy, biodiversity, social and affordable housing for young people. >>





I Julien Thiébaut I 20
Photographer
Centre ward

« It was love that brought me to the dynamic Avenue Tervuren! As a photographer, I've been able to appreciate every neighbourhood of Woluwe-Saint-Pierre, its friendliness, its environment and its biodiversity. Passionate about animal welfare, I'd like to undertake, with determination, original and participatory proposals based on the education in our schools, mobility, housing and the environment. »

| Julie Cauët | 21

Primary school teacher and educational psychologist Chant d'Oiseau ward

« Teacher and mother of 3 children, I am closely involved as a volunteer in various citizen projects, including the neighbourhood committee, the creation of a school, local exchanges, the parents' committee and an educational movement. All of this has taught me a lot about the strength of the group, the need for compromise and collective intelligence. Just like in the classroom, listening, exchanging ideas, debating and cooperating are the ways forward that I share with the Ecolo party. Having lived in the Chant d'Oiseau since childhood, I'm devoted to my commune and want to support and improve it for the benefit of everyone »





I Michel Dechamps I 22
Lecturer in pedagogy

Lecturer in pedagogy Stockel ward

« Places: Stockel, Saint-Paul. A passion: teaching. Currently teacher of French as a foreign language [CIRE]. My values: involvement, open-mindedness, solidarity, curiosity. My priorities: sustainable economic models and development, new forms of solidarity. »

| Aurore Van Calster | 23

Legal advisor **Stockel ward** 

« I'm a tax lawyer and live with my partner in the dynamic neighbourhood of Stockel. Passionate about nature and liberty, I like benefiting from the nearby green spaces to unwind. I should like to reduce our ecological footprint through waste recycling, responsible consumption, alternative transport, community vegetable gardens and promotion of our green spaces. »





Marc Vanandruel | 24 General practitioner Kelle ward

« Having lived in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre for over 30 years, my aim is to help the commune to improve its ecological impact. I'd also like to encourage mutual help between our citizens and reduce waste. »

| Marion Lougarre | 25

Social worker - French Chant d'Oiseau ward

"I'm a mother of 2 children, live in Chant d'Oiseau and work in the social sector. My wish is to live in a friendly commune that has the ambition to build sustainable and realistic projects. For me, acting for the commune means promoting healthy, sustainable food for our children, better mobility and improved air quality."



| Emmanuel Van Rillaer | 26

Independent candidate - Self-employed consultant - Civil engineer Chant d'Oiseau ward

« Father of Victoria and Clara, I live in Chant d'Oiseau. I trained as a civil engineer and have always worked in the private sector. For me, Ecolo is the only political party to have ambitious sustainable projects and to encourage a participatory ecological transition. »

| Chantal Gallez | 27

Economist in the finance and IT sectors - Retired Centre ward

« I have lived in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre for over 40 years and love it for its peacefulness, for the cultural centre, its courteous inhabitants and respect for the public good (cleanliness, maintenance of parks and pavements). The things I care about are the coherence of elected representatives with their promises, the participation in our social and cultural life of the elderly and those living alone and the coexistence of heavy trucks, cars, cyclists and pedestrians. »





Thierry Ham | 28 Electrician Saint-Paul ward

« I live in Saint-Paul. I'm married and am an electrician by trade. My wishes? Improve the safety of the cycle paths and pedestrian areas. I'd like to raise awareness among cyclists about their own safety and respect for pedestrians. I'd like to make Woluwe-Saint-Pierre a cooperative. »

#### | Bénédicte Dubois | 29

Physiotherapist in a healthcare centre Stockel ward

« I aim for the harmony of the body and I like to share my experience. I love my grandchildren and enjoy helping them discover the earth's products. My values are social justice, solidarity and awareness of citizenship. My priorities are the environment, the factors needed for good health, sustainable development and the place for the human individual at the centre of all our decisions. »





| Bob Vandervorst | 30

Employee and trade union representative in the banking sector - Retired Sainte-Alix ward

« Having lived in Sainte-Alix since 1955, I have observed solidarity and friendliness between neighbours develop in the neighbourhood and so it was natural for me to be one of the co-founders of the Ecolo group. I'm delighted to take part in the activities of the 'Prenons le Temps (Let's take the time) Sustainable Neighbourhood'. I smile when I see ecological ideas being adopted. And so much the better, but the original is always worth more than the copy no? I've been retired for ... a few years. »

#### | Sonia Ahlbrecht-Sornom-Aï | 31

European official - French Chant d'Oiseau ward

« French and Bruxelloise, mother of two children, I am a committed citizen and volunteer, I have lived in Chant d'Oiseau for 15 years. I love its village aspect and all the different nationalities that live there. I should like to support a green transition that will be of benefit to everyone – quality of life and health – as well as greater citizen participation to encourage harmonious living together and future initiatives. »





## I Jean-Yves Van Crombrugghe I 32

Engineer - Retired Joli-Bois ward

« Married, father and grandfather, I was born in Joli-Bois. Passionate about the mountains, I have a cliff life-saver certificate. I'm involved in various volunteering projects. I believe that we must be jointly responsible for our surrounding neighbourhood and our environment. »

### | Françoise Pendville | 33

Teacher and designer Kelle ward

« Entrepreneurial, teacher, designer. My company is in Rue au Bois and my studio in an enterprise centre in the Gare du Nord area. I create collections that are timeless and nomadic. I would like to encourage a socio-economic project in the commune. A meeting place that's cultural, dynamic, innovative, intergenerational - perhaps a sort of open-air café along the Voie verte (the old railway line)? »



#### | Paul Galand | 34

Honorary deputy - Retired doctor - Philosophy degree - enthusiastic grandfather Saint-Michel ward

« Together with the members of Ecolo-Groen in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre, a maximum of supporters and as much cooperation as possible, I should like to give priority to strengthening a necessary but fair ecological transition, which is implemented in a participatory manner in the areas involved, maintain and develop an environment that encourages health and well-being and develop intergenerational relationships that support a belief in the future.

#### | Claire Renson - Tihon | 35



Local councillor and CPAS - Teacher Saint-Paul ward

I'm a retired teacher, an active grandmother, director of OXFAM, local councillor and CPAS advisor who lives in the heart of the Saint-Paul neighbourhood. I would like to continue with my social involvement, at the service of each and every one, focusing on the priorities of the development of soft mobility, the continued revitalisation of the Cité de l'Amitié, giving special attention to our seniors and promoting green and sustainable education.







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