



Visit to Le Chênelet

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Landrethun Le nord
Region Pas de Calais

Le Chênelet

- Originally a social integration project
- Developed into a project covering the four SUN-actions
 - Stimulation of local economy
 - Greenery
 - Energy renovation
 - Social integration
- The project, the adventure as they call it themselves, is very ambitious in it's aims, but we learned it works and see it as an example for the SUN-project
- The project is rural based, but there are enough elements for a translation to the urban situations the SUN-project deals with



Social integration and stimulation of local economy

- Activating people with other perspectives than just catching up
- Facilitating a positive new entrance



- Production of organic vegetables, woodproducts, raw clay bricks



Greenery

- Production and distribution of organic vegetables and fruits
- Green roofs
- Growing of plants in planters in schools and housing areas
- Stimulating people to grow food themselves
- Helping people to reconnect to healthy nutrition



Energy renovation

- Chênelet construction focuses on low-tech sustainable construction
- Healthy, comfortable social housing with limited cost of use
- Based on local materials with little value like small section wood and waste from a local clay pit
- 50% of construction cost is labour cost, 70% of labour is done by low qualified personnel



Chênelet construction

- Network of social economy organisations working according to a charter
 - Bringing environmental performance of housing in reach of everyone, based on ecoconstruction principles and using ecological materials that are locally availables
 - Act for a solidarity based economy, recruiting people with little or no qualifications, suffering from social difficulties and developing local employment
 - Focus primarily on social housing to assure that the environmental measures come to the benefit of people especially hit by public health issues and the reduction of household cost
- These principles can also be found in the SUN-project



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- More information

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