Zones of Responsibilities

Stadt Nach Acht 2023







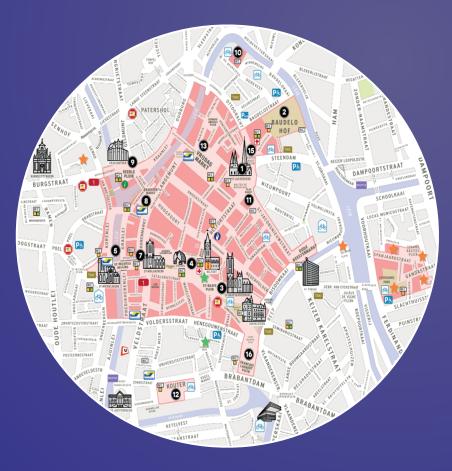
Hi, I'm Carl

- → City administration of Ghent (approx. 270.000 citizens)
- → Safer nightlife
 - → Main focus on 'noise', (sexual) harassment and A&D
- → Working on a safer and more liveable city
 - → Equality and a maximum of emancipation for all citizens is key
 - → From a broad social perspective
 - → Strong focus on
 - Connection (proximity) to every stakeholder
 - Wellbeing (care)
 - Defining borders



Ghent Festivities: a (very) short introduction

- \rightarrow Yearly festival in the historical city of Ghent
- → Mid July
- \rightarrow Public domain
- \rightarrow 10 days from 10am until 8am
- \rightarrow 13 cost-free music squares
- \rightarrow 100+ organisers
- \rightarrow Visitors from all over the world, age 0-99
- → Edition 2023: 1.6 million visitors





Ghent Festivities: a (very) short introduction

- → Open to everyone
- \rightarrow No barriers (with one exception)
- \rightarrow 13 music squares
 - \rightarrow 11 close at 2am
 - \rightarrow 1 closes at 5am (8am on the last day)
 - \rightarrow 1 closes at 8am (10am on the last day)
- \rightarrow City services are closed
- → "Small" team takes coordination during festivities
- \rightarrow In very close collaboration with all safety services





Ghent Festivities: challenges

- → Finding a balance between partying and living in the city center
- → Finding a balance between the music squares and clubs/bars
- → Very diverse crowds can lead to more conflict
- \rightarrow Alcohol and other drug (ab)use



Ghent Festivities: challenges

- → Sexual harassment
- → Integral and integrated approach
- \rightarrow Communication \rightarrow 'No means no'
- \rightarrow Training organisers, bar staff, toilet staff, waste collectors,...
- → Care space / safe space





Need more info?

 \rightarrow I'm here for the next three days!







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Mood stewarding: making sure that you can go out carefree



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99% without police or official security firms















How do you control this chaos?

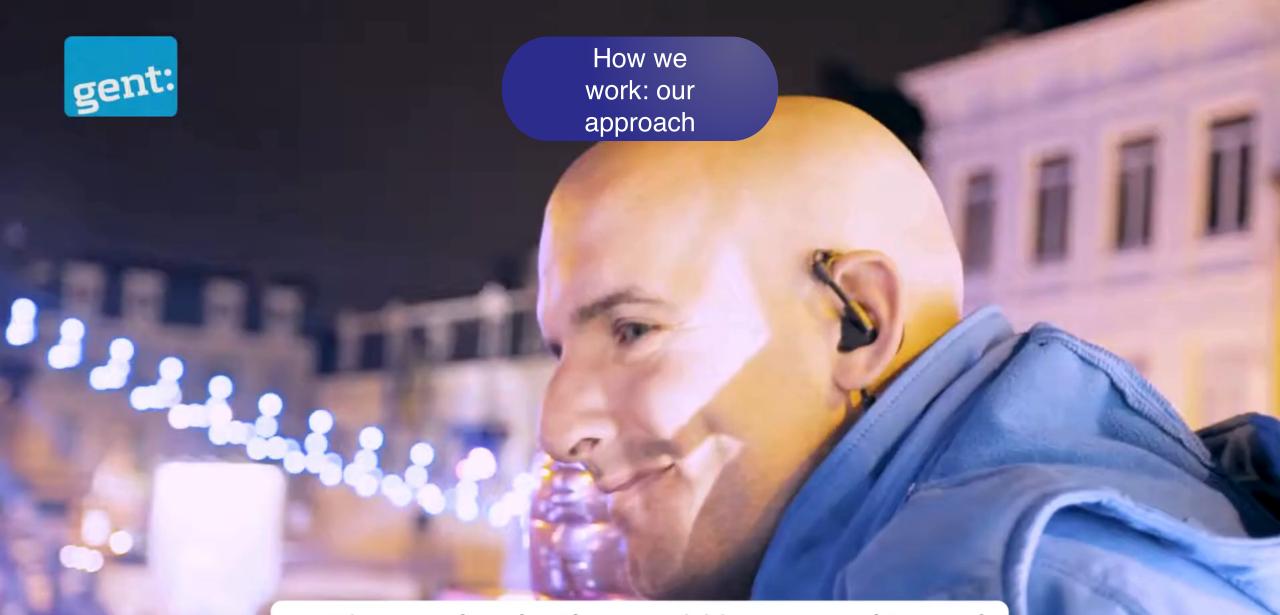




How we work: mood stewards

- \rightarrow Peers:
- \rightarrow Passion:
- \rightarrow Professional:

diversity is key because they care selected and trained in first aid, harm reduction, conflict handling and dealing with sexual harassment



I'm Mica, I work at the Ghent Festivities as a Mood Steward.

How we work: clear communication

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- \rightarrow 50+ Mood Stewards
- \rightarrow 'Tower' decides
- → Communication through walkie talkie (radio), Whatsapp, face-to-face
- → Designated working areas
- → In direct contact with command centre of city

How we work: CARE ZONE

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- → sexual harassment
- \rightarrow harm reduction
- \rightarrow safe space

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- → Growing responsibilities
 - → sexual harassment & discrimination

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- → Harm reduction + prevention
- → Bystander effect
- \rightarrow Security money \rightarrow prevention
- \rightarrow Cooperation with police
- → Legal framework



→ Prevention through presence

- → Peers & diversity
- → Professionalism

We stay sober, so you don't have to



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