



**Speechless**  
Reconciliation

# NEWS #5



## Countdown to the 2nd summer camp has begun

The 2nd edition of the developmental summer camp is coming closer... Let us tell you a few details about this year's edition.

From **20th until 29th of August** in the Beskydy mountains and Prague, **36 youngsters from 6 different places around Europe** will come together in order to engage in different activities for their **personal and professional development**. During the 9 day long developmental summer camp youngsters will engage in activities such as designing your future, creative walks in the forest, trauma healing workshops.

This will be accompanied by evening talks from project team members that will be sharing their own life experience.

A **warm thank you**, already now, to all those who made generous donations to support our 2nd Summer Camp: *Emons Spedition GmbH, PhiMAC, Open Up Media, Adviso, DAB nv, &beyond sales engineers, De Formulering, Rotary Club Belgrade International, Rotary Vilvoorde, Family Buydens-Bieniek-Lion-Van As-Daniels-Parman, Yuval Katz, C9 colleagues, Ilona Keková Příbylová, Jonathan Wootliff, Radka Rajská, Ethan Rothschild, Zuri Blandon, Bart Mels, Gerry Tipple, Aleš Zidek, Jerome Beijers, and a few anonymous donors...*

### EDITORIAL

**Hello everyone and welcome back!**

We have just a few weeks to go to our **2nd edition of the Speechless Reconciliation developmental summer camp** and we have few exciting news that we would like to share with you. In this month's edition of the Speechless Reconciliation newsletter, you will find out more information about one of our project team members. Tim Belon will give you an update on our 2nd phase of the Speechless Reconciliation project. Meanwhile the rest of the project team is quite active, starting with Matej Keka giving lecture in Krakow and ending with Child Safeguarding training of the project team. As you can see, we are not slowing down and moving forward with quite a speed.

Thank you for supporting us and keep following us.

Take care & best regards,  
*Your Speechless Reconciliation team*

## Meet our team

# Joke Cocquyt

### Who is Joke Cocquyt?

#### Tell us something about yourself.

I am a Belgian national, born in the beautiful city of Bruges (Belgium).

We immigrated from Belgium to the Czech Republic in 2016. This means that we now live for about 6 years in Prague. Together with my husband Tim, we have 2 fantastic children, Jens and Sander. Jens is doing his IB studies at the Prague British International School and Sander will start his Masters studies in Data Science at the Charles University of Prague next September.

Together with Tim we have companies in Belgium and the Czech Republic. Within these companies I take care of all financial and administrative issues.

My hobby is walking in nature with Nelsson, our fantastic dog. He is a Golden Retriever of about 8 years old. Apart from the dogs walks I also love to cook.

I get a lot of energy out of serving and helping others. This is one of the reasons why I am part of the Speechless Reconciliation project.



*Nelsson during a walk along the Belgian coast*

### How long have you been part of the Speechless Reconciliation project team?

I am part of the project since the beginning. I joined the team last year and participated actively during the first camp week.



### What first inspired you to get involved?

In fact, to be honest, I got involved a few weeks before the first camp because the founders of the project desperately needed some extra help. Since I love the concept of the project I just joined without hesitation.

### What is your role in the project?

My focus lies on the operational organization during the camp weeks. More specifically I make sure the logistics parts runs as smooth as possible.

### What is your best memory of this project so far?

I have so many fantastic memories related to the project, but if I need to choose one... I would say that watching the shooting stars at night (together with the kids) was quite impressive. These moments were truly wonderful.

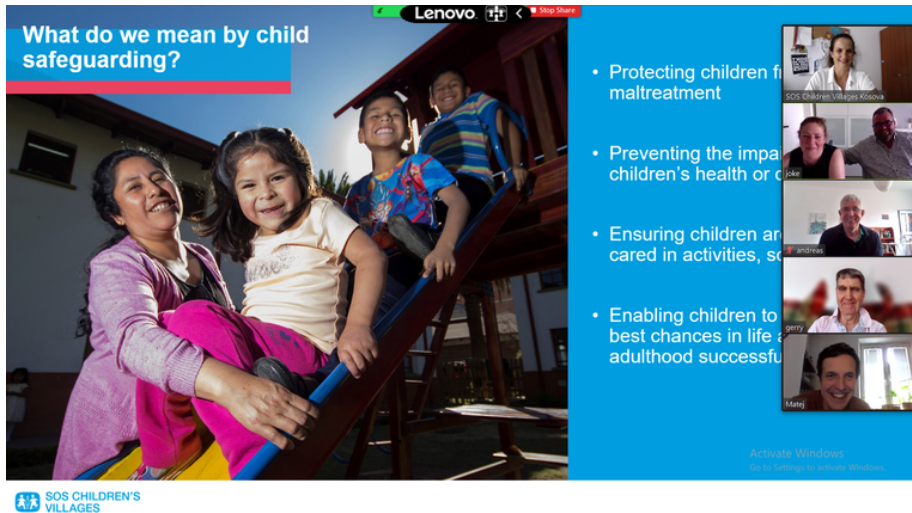
### Do you have any advice for people interested in volunteering or otherwise contributing to the Speechless Reconciliation project?

I find it difficult to answer that question. I really think that you can only contribute by giving. Joining the project because you want to get something out of it for yourself is wrong. The only motivation to join the project should be to give... give to these kids in need. Doing that you will get more out of it then you can ever imagine. ❤️



## Always in motion...

Take a look behind the scenes of the project team and immerse yourself in the world of Speechless Reconciliation.



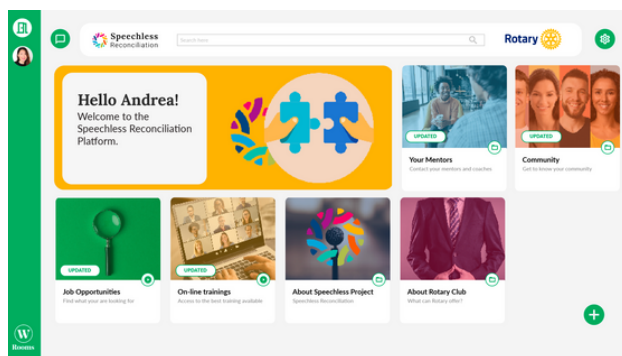
Ariana Shala, focal point for **Child Safeguarding** at SOS Kosovo, organised an online training for all project members participating in the summer camp in August. The training was very insightful and gave many of us new perspectives and techniques that we can use during our project. Thank you, Ariana!



### Matej present at the 20. Visegrad Summer School

On July 12th, 2022, Matej Keka held a lecture during the 20th edition of the Visegrad Summer School in the Villa Decius in Krakow, Poland on the topic of "**Designing the change**". During his lecture he introduced the project of the Speechless Reconciliation and showed to the participants of the summer school coming from all around the world how a group of like minded people can have an impact in their own communities and beyond.





Over the past few months, we have worked very hard to develop the Speechless Reconciliation Platform. This platform is a crucial differentiator in order to be able to support, help, coach,... the youngsters after the camp. It matches all **the individual needs of the youngsters with the offerings of different partners** (individuals, organizations and companies).

In a **1st stage** the Platform is now designed to act as a **digital community** during the next Western Balkan summer camp in August. It will be used as an **exchanging platform to share content with the participants** like e.g. the official program, useful information, camp rules, ... On the other side the youngsters are able to upload images, generated material during their exercises and give feedback. We have planned to have some workshops during the camp to discuss the future development of the **2nd stage** of the Platform. **What should be in it in order for youngsters to take the best out of it?**

Based on the input of all stakeholders (especially the youngsters) we will further develop this Platform in a very user friendly tool in order to make dreams come true. It will be a **tool to connect the SR youngsters with the network of members of Rotary International and other partner organizations** supporting this project. Follow us for more info soon to come.

## Speechless Reconciliation Platform on track



*Kick-off workshop with Wenable in Barcelona*



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