



CHIRO

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WHAT IS CHIRO?

CHIRO IS THE LARGEST DUTCH-SPEAKING ORGANISATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

WHAT?

In Chiro we play together and spend a nice afternoon. The leaders provide **fun activities**: playing hide-and-seek or tag in the neighbourhood, going on a hike with the leaders, playing football in the park, etc. Much exercise but sometimes just some resting and chatting as well.

Everyone is welcome in Chiro, from the age of 6 years. There is a group for each age.

Every Saturday or Sunday you are welcome at the Chiro building. You may try out a few times. Do you like it? Sign up. If you are signed up, you should come every week. The more you come, the more friends you make and the more fun Chiro is. Some Chiro groups have weekly activities, others every two weeks.

In the summer we go camping with the whole group.

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WHY JOIN CHIRO?



In the youth movement all children play together in a group. This way **they make new friends and have a lot of fun**. They learn to live in solidarity and **to respect each other**.

In a Chiro group there is plenty of variety in the activities, so all children can find something they like to do. Chiro is a place where children can gain experience, and where they can make mistakes. We give children the opportunity to play outside safely.

Many children go away from home for the first time when they go camping. This way the children learn **to be independent**.

Chiro is a Dutch-speaking youth movement. If you do not speak Dutch well, that is okay. The animators take this into account. You relax and **you practise Dutch in a fun way**.

Once the youth gets older, they organise an activity on their own and they take on **responsibility**. They hold a show, or the older children give an activity to the younger children. They learn to **work together in group** as well. All these skills they can use throughout their lives.

IS FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGES 6 TO 18

GAMES, FUN AND EXERCISE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT!

Each age is different. That is why in the Chiro group we play with children and youth of **the same age**. In some groups, boys and girls play together, in other groups they play separately.



AGES 6 TO 8

→ We play circle games, hide-and-seek, build a castle with trolls and dwarves, sing fun songs, etc.

AGES 8 TO 10

→ We play football or become astronauts. We laugh and jump, make crafts or take trips, etc.

AGES 10 TO 12

→ We play baseball and other active activities. We build camps in the woods, play with clay and dress up, etc.

AGES 12 TO 14

→ We play square games and never get bored. In between, we talk about our favourite hobby, or what happened at school, etc.

AGES 14 TO 16

→ We make a bike trip or play drama. We do a photo search in the city, or organise a volleyball league, etc.

AGES 16 TO 18

→ We play a big city game or organise a quiz. We learn to take responsibility for younger children. We organise an activity on our own.

+18 YEARS

→ This is the age at which youth members become leaders themselves. A big responsibility, but you learn a lot!



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The **leaders** organise activities for the children. In addition, they organise a camp every summer. They are **volunteers**. Their motivation is to do a cool children's activity.

Many leaders take an animator course where they learn about leading children, the different kinds of games, safety, first aid, etc.

WHAT DOES THE CHIRO COST?



You pay **approximately € 25 for a whole year**. The registration fee is different for each group. You can ask the leaders of the group what it costs.

With the money of the registration fee, the group buys equipment for games and organises activities. They also use it to pay the insurance. Each child is insured during activities, on the way to Chiro and on the way home.

Many services pay back part of your registration fee. Please ask your health insurance, OCMW (social services), youth services, etc. for more information.

For **a camp** you pay approximately **€ 10 per day**.

This covers the location, activities and food. Tell the animators if your child is not allowed to eat something. They take this into account.

If you have difficulties paying the registration fee or camp, notify the leaders. Together you can look for a solution.





A CHIRO GROUP IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

You can find Chiro groups **ALL OVER BRUSSELS AND FLANDERS**.

You can look for a Chiro group in your neighbourhood on **chiro.be/indebuurt**.

Contact the group to stop by, register your child or learn more about the Chiro group.



CHIRO UNIFORM

Chiro offers uniforms to play in. These can be dirty and do not tear easily. Groups decide for themselves whether they wear the Chiro uniform or not.



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Would you like more information?

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