



## 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the French Social and Sociocultural Centers – The Final Banquet

# More democracy for a fairer society

From May 12 to 14, 2023 - Lille Grand Palais & Zénith

Co-organized by:

Federation of Social and Sociocultural Centers of France

Federation of Social and Sociocultural Centers of the Nord Pas-de-Calais

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### What is the Final Banquet?

In May 2023, it will be the 9<sup>th</sup> time that the social and sociocultural centers meet in congress, since the creation in 1922 of the FFSC and the use of the name "social center", the importance of this meeting! The previous one took place in 2013 in Lyon. It was entitled "La Fabrique des Possibles" and brought together more than 3,300 participants.

Beyond being an "event" where people enjoy meeting each other, the Congresses are intended to look at the evolution of the societal context in which social centers and federations operate to better project themselves into the future. They bring together all the actors (residents, volunteers, employees) of social centers and federations, their partners and allies, researchers, personalities, elected officials, and many others!

Started in January 2020, and "heckled" by the Covid crisis, the aim of the Grands Banquets process is to clarify, question and enhance the role of social centers and federations in democratic life and their contributions to a fairer society. This reflection is taking place in a context marked by the growth of inequalities as well as rapid changes in society, notably the major transitions (ecological, democratic, political, demographic, societal, etc.) which impact on the daily lives of residents.

This congressional process was an opportunity to analyze this context through the citizen's buffet program "Le Buffet des Idées" in 2021, to open spaces of expression and discussion to the public and in the open air through the national campaign of citizen's banquets in 2022.

In this Final Banquet, we are now looking ahead to the next decade, affirming the political orientations of our network, in alliance with our partners, by sharing together the first elements of the future federal project 2023-2032.

Not to mention celebrating our centenary, exploring the territory of Lille, but also (re) discovering the richness of our network in its actions. *So, we look forward to seeing you there!*



## **Pre-program Final Banquet**

### **Friday, May 11, 2023**

11am: Welcome to Lille and the Final Banquet  
Reception and visit of the premises.

Free meal

1:30 pm: Opening of the doors of the Zenith for the opening plenary.

2:00 pm: Beginning of the opening plenary.

4pm: Workshops for exchange, discovery, experimentation and/or production  
Each delegate will be able to choose from a variety of formats: conferences and debates, workshops for exchanging practices or production, stands and participative exhibitions, experimentation areas...

Detailed program to come in February 2023

End of the workshops at 7pm

20h: General Assembly 2022 of the Federation of Social and Sociocultural Centers of France  
(Limited places - on registration)

We open the possibility for congress participants to participate in the General Assembly of the FCSF, to attend the presentation of the reports and thus discover all the activities of the national federation.

20h: When we arrive in town!

The evening is free for the participants, which will offer the opportunity to discover Lille and its gastronomy.

Proposals are being defined (visit of Lille, evening show, reception in local centers etc.) for participants with limited capacity.

More information to come on our website and at the time of the choice of the workshops (February 2023)



## **Saturday, May 12, 2023**

From 8:30 am: Reception and opening of the Zenith.

9:30 a.m.: Opening plenary of the day

11:30 a.m.: Workshops for exchange, discovery, experimentation and/or production

As on Friday, delegates will be able to choose from a variety of options!

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1:00 pm: At the table!

3:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Workshops for exchange, discovery, experimentation and/or production

Two sessions of workshops are offered in the afternoon. Some proposals, longer or outside the Grand Palais, may be spread over the two slots.

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6:30 pm: Carnival discovery!

True regional institution, the social centers propose you to discover the Carnival in a form adapted to the novices, we reassure you! Don't forget to bring some accessories, get ready to live an unforgettable collective adventure.

At the same time, it will be possible to eat, and you will be able to discover another local institution but... it's a surprise for now!

9:30 PM - Midnight: Concert evening for our 100 years!

At the Zenith, with a renowned artist, let's celebrate our centenary in a festive and rhythmic concert evening.

## **Sunday, May 13, 2023**

From 8:30 am: Reception and opening of the Zenith.

9:30 a.m.: Concluding plenary.

12:30: End of the plenary

Giant picnic (if weather allows) at the Henri Matisse Park near the Lille Flandres and Lille Europe train stations.



### **Stay informed!**

To follow the news of the organization of the Final Banquet, several means are available to you!

The site: <https://congres.centres-sociaux.fr/>

Social networks (link FD/Tweeter/Insta)

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### **Practical information**

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#### **Dates and place**

From Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2023 at Lille Grand Palais & Zénith  
1 Bd des Cités Unies, 59800 Lille - <https://www.lillegrandpalais.com/>

#### **For more information, please contact**

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#### **Transportation**

To get to Lille:

- By train : Lille Flandres or Lille Europe
- By plane : Lille Lesquin Airport ; <https://www.lille.aeroport.fr/>
- By bike! (Contact the FCSF for more information)

The Grand Palais of Lille is accessible:

- By foot from the train stations (about 10 min)
- By public transport: Metro Grand Palais (tickets are available for purchase at registration)
- By bike
- By car (parking at Lille Grand Palais at the expense of the participants, details to come)

**SEE YOU IN LILLE!**