

The European Social Services Conference (ESSC)

TORFS

- Family-owned shoe retail company Torfs: since 1948
- 75 shops and 700 employees
- €165 million
- 10 times Best Employer Belgium 2019 Best Employer Europe
- 2022 Chairman of the CAW Board: 11 Social Welfare Centres, 3000 employees, and 1400 volunteers

Lessons Learned

- 'Culture eats strategy for breakfast.' Peter Drucker
- Culture = Quality of Leadership × Values × Purpose
- From a top-down organisation to a network organization
- Yin-Yang balance in leadership

Soms loopt het leven niet zoals je wenst, dan zijn wij er.

Sometimes life doesn't go as planned, then you can count on us.

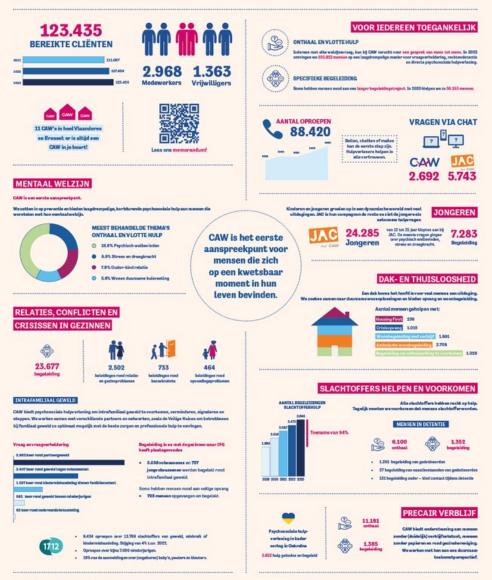


- CAW: Centre for General Welfare Work
- Non-profit organization
- Support people with all their questions and problems relating to welfare
- CAW Group, 11 local CAW in Flanders and Brussels
- Collaboration: municipalities, governments, organizations



DE CAW'S IN 2023

Het kan iedereen overkomen, in een situatie belanden die je aan het wankelen brengt. #CAWmaaktsterker





Similarities

- People business
- Need for recognition
- Need to make choices



Differences

- Complex triangle: Clients CAW Government
- Complex brand strategy
- Scarce resources
- Measure productivity



Challenges

- Social welfare on the political agenda: the paradox!
- Online and offline integration
- Performance-based financing
- Culture of pride and recognition



Questions?

