

Our non-profit organization "Les Amis du Fort de Lantin"

In 1975, a group of Lantinois and former prisoners of war became interested in Fort Lantin, a site abandoned since the 1950s.

With the authorization of the National Defense, owner of the site, they undertook clearing work and set up a temporary electrical installation.

In order to have funds, they organized the first festivities, the weekend following August 15. These have been renewed each year without interruption. The benefits of these animations were shared between the federation of former prisoners of war (F.N.A.P.G.) of the Ans-Allieur-Lantin section (help to Ste Ode) and the festival committee. The latter has invested the funds collected in development work such as the rehabilitation of toilets, doors and windows of the premises, painting the walls and ceilings of the former troop chambers, cleaning the drainage network.

In 1980, the United States. "The Friends of Fort Lantin" was formed by the same people who had met in 1975. The objective stated in the statutes was to develop and maintain the fort as well as to promote and cultivate its architectural interest, historical and military.

In 1983, the National Defense put the fort on sale and the association decided to buy it. Owned, the members gradually realized the objectives they had set and made final adjustments. Work has begun on the interior of the Massif Central: installation of a new electrical installation, layout of the toilets as well as the installation of the first dome domes. In order to carry out this renovation and the maintenance of the site, the a.s.b.l. In 1983, it was able to hire five people as part of the long-term unemployed reintegration program (C.S.T.). Currently we have three full-time workers ("Prime" program).

In 1985, our association was recognized as a tourist attraction by the Commissariat Général au Tourisme. In order to diversify the financial income, we started the cultivation of oyster mushrooms at the end of 1986. This year also corresponds to our first participation, as organizer, in the Jogging Challenge of the Province of Liège. While the visits to the fort took place only a few weekends a year, in 1995, the a.s.b.l. is committed to strengthening the tourist aspect of the site. Thanks to subsidies from the ERDF, the Walloon Region and a loan from the municipality of Juprelle, major development work was carried out in the fort with, mainly, the establishment of a show-trail. It was a first in the region of Liège, as part of the visit of a fort. This new technology makes it possible to organize simultaneous visits in 4 languages (French, Dutch, German and English).

In 2006, inspired by "Halloween", we launched "Hallobeth" who is a witch who haunts the village during the year and who, in early November, is dragged into the village before being burned in one of the villages. ditches of the fort.

Lastly, since 2008, we have been renting premises set up inside the Massif Central for the organization of private evenings (or afternoons).