

Questions to Bertrand Jardon

- 1 Do you organise an event for WDR in your Country to which families bereaved by road crashes & seriously injured victims are invited?

Our association, (as in other countries) in consultation with close bodies, is developing public events: seriously injured victims are invited. Example: stopping traffic at a crossroads and delivering speeches by one or more authorities and traffic victims (Brussels, 2018). As such, I was invited to express by the authorities to express "wishes" ...Extract in 3 languages

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dames en Heren,

Madame,

Monsieur,

WHAT IF...What if Wishes

On this IMPORTANT DAY, OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS...What If I was wasn't standing here, before you, as the Representative of the Belgian Association, of Parents of Child Victims of Road Accidents?

If I wasn't here, would that mean that we had reached a (sort of) Utopia? (Would that be wishful thinking?)

And if I was perfect, a perfect driver on our roads, if ALL OF US were perfect, (then we wouldn't be here (together) today?) then would we be here today?

En ALS ik vandaag, voor deze WDR, niet voor u moeten staan als vertegenwoordiger van OVK en PEVR? En ook niet de vader zijn die al de ouders die al de ouders vertegenwoordige die één of meerdere kinderen verloren hebben in een verkeersongeval?

ET SI, ET SI,...

En ce WDR, Si, aujourd'hui je ne devais pas être devant vous en tant que représentant de Parents d'Enfants victimes de la Route & OVK ?

N'être qu'une utopie, un fantôme, un spectre, du...vent, ici, devant vous?

Why is it NOT POSSIBLE to negotiate a reduction (OR Why is it NOT POSSIBLE to REDUCE) the speed limit on our roads from one hundred (and) thirty kilometres an hour to one hundred, from ninety to eighty, from fifty to thirty, without sparking an outcry, without creating a backlash?

And what if our children were not among those sixty-nine lives lost every day across the European Union – a figure that means that two hundred and fifty thousand and one hundred people lost their lives in road accidents last year (2018), (in one year alone). These may be just numbers, but (even with numbers) there's always one too many.

Lastly, if the WDR ceases to exist by next year, would that mean that we have reached UTOPIA?

Ne pas être le parent qui représente ceux qui ont perdu un ou des enfants et des proches dans la circulation sur les routes du monde ?

Ne pas être ce parent là, justement, parce que mon fils est parti dans un ailleurs indéfini après un mauvais tournant sur une route nocturne, un jour d'octobre ?

Si précisément octobre et novembre n'étaient plus ces 2 mois de l'année où les accidents sont les plus nombreux ?

Si, Mesdames et Messieurs,

Je ne devais pas être devant vous, en ce WDR ?

Si je ne devais pas chercher avec mes proches et les membres de mon association PEVR des ressources morales pour surmonter **et** soutenir?

Als ik vandaag niet voor u had moeten staan voor deze WDR... als ik met mijn naasten en de leden van de vereniging OVK niet een steun en morele hulpbron zou moeten zijn ?

Et si nos enfants ne faisaient pas partie des 69 vies perdues chaque jour dans l'UE (en 2018)... 25100 personnes en 1 an...

Des chiffres.... mais toujours 1 de trop, n'est-ce pas ?

What if our children were not part of the 69 lives lost every day in the EU (in 2018)... 25100 people in 1 year...

Numbers.... but still 1 too many, isn't it?

Ladies and Gentlemen,

What if...

In our legal vocabulary, the term "moral and civil damage" disappeared?, as did the following words: lateral collisions, frontal collisions..., weak passengers and

vulnerable, victims – secondary,...,- alternative penalties, prevention of recidivism, risky behaviour, absconding offences, trauma, rehabilitation? (Extract)

- 2 Do you attend an annual WDR event in your own Country? (please see answer 1)
Each year, an event is organised: (Brussels- Schaerbeek- Gent) was "special" in all the "Covid world" (see sensitive and strong testimonials via the internet): would 2021 a propice year. Among other things,,the exhibition of the different posters of the WdoR will be reactivated
- 3 What supports have been put in place by your NGO for those affected by road crashes?
In my country, the PEVR association works on 3 main axes: 1/ "to offer help and accompaniment to victim families; 2/ improve and optimize the reception of families in collaboration with victim assistance professionals (AWSR- Vias Institute-) 3/ Fight road safety (testimonies- National video campaign).
- 4 How do you feel FEVR NGO members, working together, can improve the needs of the traumatised victims of road crashes and their families?
"Working together" is the right word!: groups of "words" between victims and "peers", listening to needs, accompaniment or active sponsorship, relevant guidance to professional support services. Determine "missions" - as we do here ourselves - to give some meaning to the difficulties of life. It's all about POSITIVE (but not naïve!) COMMUNICATION. In order to "improve" the needs of victims, it may also be necessary to train oneself in reflections on the wounds of life and "reparations". (Lise Bourbeau,

Les 5 blessures qui empêchent d'être soi-même- La puissance de l'acceptation- "*The 5 wounds that prevent you from being yourself- The power of acceptance*"...and the difficulties of society (Cynthia Fleury, Ci-gît l'amer, Healing from resentment, Guérir du ressentiment, Gallimard)

5 Describe the active role you play in your NGO?

As "president" (chairman), I make the "link" between the team of psychologists and the victims (meetings- listening- organization of encouragement session- training - in return-listening to peers; writing articles for the newspaper of the asbl; participation and orientation for road safety campaigns (radio-TV,...); personal testimony in companies, the police and educational institutions; management of the Board of Directors. I also represent NGO before political body (Communal College,...) and chair the Board and Executive Committee

6 Like so many delegates of FEVR, you are sadly also a bereaved parent. The circumstances of your son's death will have been particularly difficult if the friend of your son was responsible for his death – was this the case and if so, what were the legal and personal consequences?

All circumstances are difficult. In the case of our son's accident, the driver was responsible (consumption, excessive speed, distraction,...) The author was sentenced to a suspended sentence, withdrawal of his licence (and retesting of his licence), prison suspended sentence and civil penalties (damages). At the "personal" level, for both families, it is complex at the level of relationships (trial, subsequent meetings because common knowledge). It is a work of collective, family and individual resilience.

7 What is the role of the CCCA – is it connected to the work of PEVR and in a wider sense of FEVR? Within the CCCA **and** the Mobility Commission, these are::

1/ / identify risk situations in infrastructure (sidewalks, roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, traffic signs,...) for weak users (elderly, people with reduced mobility,...). It's a field job (photo portfolio)

2/ Listing submitted to the JWG (Mobility Working Group) under the responsibility of the official Mobility Advisor of the entity

3/ Submission to the Communal College for work. It is therefore a question of promoting soft mobility and safety (Zone 30, better cycle paths, lighting,... direction of traffic) and the link with the SAVE charter (**PEVR** project). *It's a kind of "loop" to achieve!!*

8 Which of the training courses that you completed would you like to recommend and why?

in the context of a team work of solidarity, of understanding between members who have a high civic responsibility, it is important to collaborate serenely. So: Collective intelligence + eneagrams and team strategy. Add to this some notions of palo alto's technique to get to know and enter into positive communication with your (international interlocutors. No narcissism and a JUST posture..

Fundamental, isn't it? Of course, training to testify with relevant words – for example to the media – is essential (CICSeS, V. Gerard)

9 Your quote on Management is a very positive one – why should fair and respectful collaboration between members matter even more within a Federation of victim organisations, such as FEVR? Please share your thought

Our association aims to save lives and preserve the quality of life: a specific and colossal mission. It is a mission that brings together volunteers of different languages, nationalities, cultures and backgrounds: what a great (and beautiful) challenge to bring everyone together around common goals. And JOINT ACTIONS!

10 Your suggestion for workshops in small groups, including sometimes based on a common language is a positive one. In which language would you prefer to lead such a workshop? French as possible...

11 To have a board member who lives in Brussels would be of great benefit to FEVR – would you be able and willing to attend relevant meetings at the European Commission or other Brussels based Institutions, representing FEVR?

I am available and it would be an honour to represent our missions and each of you in the best way possible, if you wish.. *A lot is achieved and a lot is yet to be done...*, you said!