

Angels and humans – photos from the St. Joseph Institute



A photo book that will challenge preconceptions of the disabled and – equally importantly – those who care for them was launched at the beginning of February. *Des Anges et des Hommes* is a selection of photographs taken by Frenchman Nicolas Schmit during a two-and-a-half month residency at the St. Joseph Institute in Betzdorf.


Schmit says his aim is to show us and happiness in places where they would not be expected – before the St. Joseph project the qualified lawyer spent several years travelling around the world to take photos in regions struck by famine, war and conflict.

When he was asked by the former director of the St. Joseph Institute,

Willy De Jong, to work on the project, he jumped at the chance to do something different again. The results can be seen in *Des Anges et des Hommes* and he hopes the book will help break a few final taboos – not only about the way we see the disabled but also the fake and unnecessary pity or virtuousness we bestow upon those who work in such places.

"It was an audacious proposal from Willy De Jong," says the photographer. "But it has opened up new possibilities."

Des Anges et des Hommes is available from the Institute shop or from LIBO bookstore in Grevenmacher or can be ordered by calling tel. 7193 191.




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