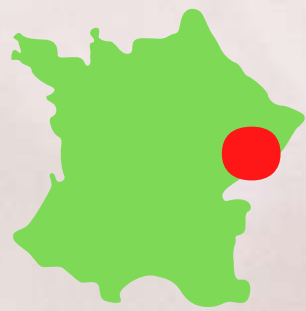


# Marie Reading and Pierre Buckel

## Maison de la Santé Mentale

Project: Maison de la Santé Mentale (Mental Health House) is focused on creating a real place in Strasbourg, France, where people can gather, where mental health associations could be gathered in the same place, mental health becomes visible in the city. The activities within the house will focus on positive aspects (preservation of well-being) and also on more negative ones (suffering and illness), and above all integrating them into the public debate, from which mental health is absent.

The launch of the house is being planned for January 2022.



For Pierre an open mind is important because in mental health you deal with people who do not think "normal" way, they may have a "crazy" way of thinking.

Therefore kindness, friendliness, non-judgmental approach are also a key

Pierre can share his experience in creating bridges between the community of healthcare professionals and citizens, engaged in mental health topics.

He can share the vision of proximity between mental health and philosophical aspect.

## Values and expertise

## Governance team

Currently, the Association is being created (launch in mid-September) and in this new organization, there will be the representation of citizens, professionals, associations, doctors, authorities, etc. The objective is to work across siloes, which is not common in France.

The new president of the association represent citizens - it was important to choose someone different than a healthcare professional for that position.



*President of Maison de la Santé Mentale*

*Coordinator*

- How to raise awareness about mental health?
- How to engage citizens and destigmatize mental health?
- How to make a citizen-led initiative sustainable?

## Questions to the Forum