

VulnerABILITY

An alternative approach to prevent radicalisation among young people



E+ training course | 3-9th of June | Molenbeek, Brussels, Belgium

INTRODUCTION

In the last years many actions and projects focussed on the prevention of radicalisation and polarisation. Youth work, through non-formal and informal learning, contributes to this movement by fostering active citizenship and social participation of young people. In this frame, youth work contribute to generic prevention that targets all young people by equipping them with life competences, reinforcing their resilience and strengthening democratic values.

Many studies show that young people can become radicalised for a multitude of reasons, such as a lack of integration into society, disengagement of social groups, ideological opposition and exposure to violent extremist groups. Personal, cultural, economical and social context also affect this radicalisation process. With so many factor making young people vulnerable, we believe that vulnerability as such should be taken as a “serious matter” and not only as a symptom.

In modern society, vulnerability is generally seen as a weakness and an obstacle to succeed in social life. This negative view also affect youth workers, their perceptions and ways of working. Although several programs for youth workers are designed to train them to prevent radicalization among young people, these generally under explore the potential of vulnerability as an approach to connect with youngsters that feel a strong disconnection and a lost sense of belonging with society.

This training course aims to support youth workers to develop their competences in understanding vulnerability and exploring its potential in reinforcing young people self confidence. In this training course participants will experience a positive approach of vulnerability which is a key element in establishing true connections with young people. We will explore vulnerability through non-formal education and experiential learning methods.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for this training course are:

- to establish a general framework on the process of radicalisation and polarisation;
- to provide participants with concepts and theoretical background about vulnerability and its role within the process of radicalisation and polarisation;
- to provide participants with a deeper understanding of vulnerability on a personal and interpersonal level;
- to explore the potential of vulnerability as an approach for empowering young people in their realities;
- to share tools and good practices of engaging with vulnerable groups in an international context;
- to visit a local initiative working on prevention of radicalisation in Molenbeek, Belgium.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

This training course has place for 24 participants.

We are looking for youth workers and social workers who are:

- 18 and up;
- working with young people;
- motivated to work on the topic of vulnerability and prevention of radicalisation;
- active in their local organisations/communities;
- able to work in English;
- able to multiply and implement the outcomes of the training course within their local/national/international work.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology will be participant-centered, based on non-formal education, experiential learning and intercultural learning; working methods will be diverse and interactive in order to ensure a balance between sharing, theory, practice and visits.

The main activities will be: working groups, guided self-reflection, workshops and a local visit. Provision of information and referent documents will be used in order to meet participants learning preferences and the training learning objectives.

TRAINERS TEAM

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PLACE AND DATE

The Training Course will be held in Molenbeek, Brussels (Belgium), for 5 working days plus arrival and departure days, from the 3rd to 9th of June 2018.

To apply for this training course, find it by title (VulnerABILITY) on the database of www.salto-youth.net

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| Day Theme: | Arriving | Teambuilding and framework | Getting into Vulnerability | Discovering Vulnerability | Making Connections | Packing Bags | Departing |
| 8:00 - 9:00 | | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast |
| 9:30 - 11:00 | | Getting to know each other | Vulnerability and Me | Field visit and exploration in Molenbeek | Vulnerable to radicalization? | VulnerABILITY at work | Departures |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | | Coffee break | Coffee break | | Coffee break | Coffee break | |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | | Program and intro to competence reflection | Sharing Vulnerability | | Making Links | Networking | |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | |
| 15:00 - 16:30 | Arrivals | Teambuilding | Vulnerability and WE | Field visit reflection | The other side of Vulnerability | Learning Outcomes (Youthpass) | |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | | Coffee break | Coffee break | Free Time | Coffee break | Coffee break | |
| 17:00 - 18:30 | | Framework of Radicalization | Vulnerability assesment | | The Power of Vulnerability | Final Evaluation and Closing | |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | | Reflection groups | Reflection groups | | Reflection groups | | |
| 19:00 - 20:00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Free Dinner | Dinner | Dinner out | |
| 20:00 - 21:30 | Getting to know each other | Teambuilding | possibility for documentaries | Free Evening | Free Evening | Farewell Party | |