MOOC ON ESSENTIALS OF YOUTH WORK

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OUTREACH & OPEN YOUTH WORK

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Youth Partnership

Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth

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COSMIN CATANA

CURBA DE CULTURĂ (ROMANIA) since 2012

2 PHYSICAL YOUTH CENTRES + 1 MOBILE YOUTH CENTRE

ROMANIA
- YOUTH 14-35 4.0.

46.2% IN RURAL AREAS

5 RURAL YOUTH CENTRES — NOT enough!

CORE VALUES IN OUR OPEN YOUTH CENTRE

? INVITE YOUTH & ASK FOR INTEREST

TRAINED ADULTS TO SUPPORT NEWCOMERS

NO OFFICIAL STUDIES ON YOUTH WORK IN ROMANIA YET

HOW TO REACH OUT TO RURAL YOUTH?

"PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT WE EXIST"

COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL (HIGH) SCHOOLS

ATTENDING AND/OR ORGANISING LOCAL EVENTS

KEEPING PUBLIC PRESENCE

YOUTH-TAILORED SCHEDULE: TUE → SAT

OPPORTUNITIES for youth 13-24 IN RURAL AREAS

"WE ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO SHOW WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH THE RESOURCES OF THE YOUTH CENTRE"

MAIN CHALLENGES OF RURAL YOUTH
- TRANSPORTATION
- ECONOMIC ISSUES
- LACK OF INFORMATION
- LACK OF LEISURE TIME
- LOW REPRESENTATION

YOUTH WANT TO MATTER & BE SAFE

OUR VOICE IS NOT HEARD!

NEEDS, WANTS & FEARS

INDEPENDENT PROJECT-BASED ORGANISATION NEED for RESEARCH

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STREET INTERVENTION IN YOUTH WORK

THE BASICS

WORKING IN URBAN AREAS OF DUBLIN

HIGH DENSITY HOUSING + SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THE 80s & 90s

POCKETS OF EXTREME DISADVANTAGES
- UNEMPLOYMENT
- DRUG ADDICTION
- BROKEN FAMILIES
- ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
- CRIMINAL GANGS

TARGETS "AT RISK" YOUTH ON THE STREET AND AT THEIR OWN TERMS

RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS
- DRUG INTERVENTION
- STREETWORK
- OUTREACH
- SCHOOL'S RETENTION
- WORK WITH PRISONS & DETENTION CENTRES

STREET YOUTH WORKER'S ROLE

MUST BE ALWAYS EQUIPPED & READY TO ACT
- ID BADGES
- CHARGED PHONES
- FIRST AID KIT
- EMERGENCY CODE

ALWAYS IN PAIRS

STREET YOUTH WORK BRINGS DISENGAGED YOUTH INTO THE SOCIETY & PREVENTS THEM FROM "FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS"

5 CATEGORIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACCORDING TO HOW EASY THEY ARE TO REACH/INFLUENCE:
- NICE TO SEE: "MAINSTREAM YOUTH"
- IMPORTANT TO SEE: VULNERABLE, BUT NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED
- NEED TO SEE: VERY CLOSE RISK, DIRECT INVOLVEMENT
- FLOATERS: TRANSIENT YOUNG PEOPLE
- PASSED YOUTH WORK INTERVENTION: NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

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Q&A SESSION

PROMOTING inclusion & DIVERSITY THROUGH DIRECT PRACTICE & ACTIVITIES

INTOLERANCE towards INTOLERANCE

"ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LIVE IN POVERTY, IT IS EASY TO SCAPEGOAT SOMEBODY ELSE"

"INTOLERANCE OFTEN JUST COMING FROM IGNORANCE"

YOUTH WORKERS ENSURE A SAFE SPACE WHICH PROMOTES KEY VALUES

WHAT ARE YOU NOT? YOUR PERSONALITY & YOUTH EXPERIENCES SHAPE THE TYPE OF YOUTH WORKER YOU ARE

YOU DON'T BECOME A YOUTH WORKER, YOU FIND ONE WITHIN YOU

WHAT ACTIVITIES TO OFFER TO YOUTH? ASK THEM!

YOUTH WORK DAILY ACTIVITIES ARE VERY VARIED:
- ADMIN WORK
- CONSULTING
- VISIBILITY & PROMOTION
- CLEANING & FIXING
- DESIGNING PROJECTS
- & SO MANY MORE!

HOW TO APPROACH YOUNG PEOPLE?
- DON'T PATRONISE
- IMMERSE YOURSELF IN WHAT THEY DO
- SHARE INTERESTS

ENSURING SECURITY WITH PROPER PREPARATION

PROMISING FUTURE: YOUTH WORK GAINING A PLACE IN THE PUBLIC AGENDA

YOUTH WORK vs. SOCIAL WORK

YOUTH WORK	SOCIAL WORK
PREVENTIVE ACTIONS	CHILD PROTECTION