**Working group 2**

**Diverse society**

**Young immigrants’ experiences about obstacles to inclusion**

What obstacles to inclusion do young immigrants have in different countries? Should NGOs support them, and why? Are NGO´s already supporting them, and how? Who is immigrant and who is considered to be young?

Working group session consists of two parts: on Monday 13.30 – 18.00 there will be a process drama on young immigrants integration into society and on Tuesday 11-13 there will be an Open floor session with the same theme.

**Aim**

Enhance NGOs’ role to support the young immigrants to combat the obstacles in inclusion

* Familiarise the situation of young immigrants inclusion in the Baltic Sea countries
* Pinpoint main obstacles of inclusion of young immigrants
* Develop initiatives for NGOs to overcome the obstacles

**Method of working (Monday)**

Participatory work shop with moderators specialized in drama methods. Process drama based on script which is influenced by real life situations. Based on this script participants, with the support of moderator, create a fictional story. This happens by stepping in to the role of the main character or other characters involved, and creating different reactions and arguments from the character's point of view, or working off the role in small groups. Aim of the method is on analyzing, understanding and learning about the different social phenomena of people’s everyday lives.

Process drama is not theatre so experience in acting is not necessary for participation.

**Participants**

Anyone can participate in the work shop; participants don't have to be experts of the topic. The more we have different points of view, the better. The organizers will invite also people who have personal experience in the theme, i.e. young migrants and people who work with young migrants. Active participation of participants is desirable but the method makes different levels of participation possible. Maximum 60 participants (2 groups).

**Open floor session: NGOs’ role in supporting the young immigrants to combat the obstacles to inclusion (Tuesday)**

**Objectives**

* Share practices and methods to combat obstacles to inclusion
* Networking
* Getting deeper into some specific topics related to the obstacles to inclusion young immigrants face

**Method of working**

Facilitated session where participants can propose different topics they want to explore more, based on process drama session. You can also spend the time to network with interesting partners. With the support of facilitator participants form small buzz groups. Buzz groups organize their work independently. All the buzz groups are open and participants are allowed to join, leave or change the group anytime they want. It is also possible to have NGO fair, where NGOs or projects working with inclusion of young immigrants can introduce their activities.

**Participants**

Even though the second session is related to the process drama session on Monday, it is not mandatory to participate in both of them. Anyone interested NGOs’ role in supporting the young immigrants or networking with other NGOs with similar interests is welcome to the session.

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