

A journey towards the goal

Dear all,

Last year we have started our journey towards learning more about the work done with abusers of domestic violence and survivors (women, children). Sad, but it is still difficult to speak about this issue in some countries since it is considered "a private matter". We noticed from the training delivered locally that specialists working in this field need to come together and share their experience. Their experience is the most valuable and giving new insights.

We also find it extremely useful to participate in transnational meetings and getting to know people from Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Lithuania. Learning from each other we may induce positive changes around us. Everything starts from small steps.

We would like to present you how partners succeeded to deliver training about the work with abusers of domestic violence (the experience which was during the meeting in Lithuania (October 2016)).

In this newsletter we also want to present you the 2nd international partners' meeting held in Skovde (Sweden) and hosted by our partners BIA.

Hope you will find the information interesting and useful!

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March 28-30, 2017

2nd meeting in Sweden

September 13-15, 2017

3rd meeting in Iceland

June 2017

Interim Report

Training on working with children who were exposed to domestic violence



Local Training

Sweden

First, local coordinator Robert and Ulla who participated in Lithuania presented the knowledge, material to Camilla and Iris that they work with. Then we made a power point presentation in Swedish.

Robert, Ulla and Camilla held several lectures via Skype for about 3 new audiences. That was how they shared the knowledge and information to 12 other adult educators.

"All of our participants felt interest, commitment and participated in discussions where experiences were shared. It was rewarding for both speakers and participants" – Robert pointed out.

Lithuania

Partners from Lithuania worked with 14 participants from adjacent region (Naujoji Akmenė) who invited ZISPb to share their experience on the work done with abusers of domestic violence. The municipality of this region expressed their will to start working with perpetrators of domestic violence since until now there were no NGOs working with this target group.

We hope to continue working with them!

Iceland

Iceland has chosen a different method to reach 12 people for the training since it is quite difficult to collect people for training face to face. They have collected contacts of relevant stakeholders and shared the material prepared by partners from Lithuania with them via e-mail also asking for their feedback. They want to attract attention to this issue since not much work is being done with abusers of domestic violence. Most of the work is done with the survivors. So far, they have feedback from 8 people.

Norway

Partners from Norway delivered training for adult learners (men) who want to become health workers about the work done by partners from Lithuania.

Meeting in Sweden

The meeting was held for 3 days. The first two days mainly were dedicated for the training and the last day – to agree on administrative things (timesheets, things that are still missing, updating website, etc.).

On Tuesday (28 of March) we had a pleasure to participate in the training delivered by Ragnhild Åkerstedt about the work with children who have been exposed to domestic violence. She presented two methods that she uses. One was play therapy and the other was the staircase method. The staircase method is a treatment that reaches out over a long time.

On 29th we had another interesting training on the work with immigrant children who are in the middle of two fires – the customs, traditions and beliefs of their parents and the modern society where they fled to from war. This issue is particularly relevant today when countries accept refugees from Syria and want to help families but have thousands of questions since it is a new challenge to our societies. Thus this training encompassed not only work with children and violence against them but also a different perspective – the work with immigrants.

On 30th we have all agreed on the final structure of the Handbook for adult educators and also agreed what principle to follow while composing examples that we find useful and worth mentioning for others.

We hope to prepare Good Practice Handbook at the beginning of June 2017.

We will share it on our project and partners' websites.

