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BE PART – FEEL YOUR PART

Unit 3: Differences and overlaps of social spaces of young people and adults

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VOLUNTEERING MATTERS



GAPS BETWEEN SOCIAL SPACES

Have a look at the flip charts/ poster -

There are similarities but also gaps.

But the first gap is in the group of young people themselves...



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IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS

Think about the problems causing a gap in the group of young people itself first. Collect your thoughts.

- young people at risk of social exclusion usually are not active in political / community / social participation
- active citizenship is not established



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WHAT DOES IT NEED TO MAKE A MOVE

Think about solutions now. Collect your thoughts.



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GAPS BETWEEN SOCIAL SPACES

Have a look at the flip charts/ poster -

There are similarities but also gaps between adults and youth.

Between decision makers and youth.

What does it need to meet?



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INSPIRATION: SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH – AN OPTION TO FOSTER PARTICIPATION?

What does 'Safe Spaces for Youth' mean to you?

[Movie](#)



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A SAFE SPACE CAN ALSO BE

- a physical space accessible to all
- an opportunity to meet other young changemakers & build social capital
- participating in a political process, such as an election, in their own conscience and without the fear of violence
- working in partnership with decision-makers, such as in a political party, without being discriminated or manipulated
- the possibility to express one's views on social media without harassment or bullying
- a space to strategize about potential risks



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THREE STEPS SAFE SPACE IMPLEMENTERS CAN TAKE

Define safe spaces: Are young people involved in leading the design of civic programs?

Define the needs for safe spaces

Ask questions that evaluate risk: is there the potential that youth participation may cause harm? Can the harm be mitigated?

Maintain your safe space: Ensure safety audit or community mapping. Encourage youth-allies to advocate for the rights and protection of young people.



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INSPIRATION I: HOW TO CREATE/PROMOTE OVERLAPS

“Dream big! Young people at risk of social exclusion are having really meaningful meetings with decision makers. It is an empathetic atmosphere and they are having a really good time.”



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INSPIRATION 2: HOW TO CREATE/PROMOTE OVERLAPS

“Dream big! In this community, young people at risk of social exclusion are no longer marginalised by society, they are involved in decisions about community life and are active citizens. What life changes made this possible? How does this look like?”



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GROUP DISCUSSION

Review your posters/flipcharts and resume your thoughts in a group discussion:

Approaches to overcome gaps and create overlaps of social spaces



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WHAT DOES „THE POLITICAL“ MEAN?

- The term „political“ has more aspects to it than just standing for election or going to vote
- Political participation therefore aims at forming and expressing an opinion, as well as bringing positive change to a community



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CONCEPTS FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- Safe Spaces
- Active Citizenship



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SAFE SPACES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntsZ9dIQJOw>

Gather together and discuss in what ways you can encourage Safe Spaces in your work field.



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ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Active Citizenship promotes ways of participation on different levels

- Municipal Level
- Provincial Level
- National Level
- Transnational Level

Gather together and discuss how these levels can be involved in your local participation project.



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GALLERY METHOD

Think about the place you live in, your job with young people at the risk of social exclusion – what could be the idea for this social space to foster political participation of youth at the risk of social exclusion?



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