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SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF MNAR

Title: **I GET YOU**

Type of resource: Research and Awareness Raising Campaign

Country: Italy, Belgium, Germany, France, Spain, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Croatia

Language: Italian, Belgian, German, French, Spanish, Maltese, Portuguese, Romanian, Croatian, English

Short Description

I Get You is a joint research project and awareness-raising campaign implemented in 9 countries. I Get You focuses on demonstrating successful examples of integration through the testimonies of those involved in the initiatives and a study of their activities, characteristics and the similarities that exist between their practices. In this way, I Get You can reflect on and learn from Community Building Initiatives (CBIs) to spread best practices for working with local citizens and forced migrants to counter racism and promote social inclusion and positive encounters between people. Main findings of the research shows: firstly, the encounter between locals and refugees is key to change the way people perceive each other and to combat racism through the grassroots level. Secondly, small-scale, locally-based initiatives do not only change the way people look at each other but also the way citizens and administrations interact. Thirdly, the best results to foster social inclusion for migrants are achieved when administrative authorities and citizens work together to build inclusive societies where everyone is valued.

Webpage: <http://www.igetyou-jrs.org/>

Title: **MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS – A lesson in community cohesion**

Type of resource: Project

Country: UK

Language: English

Short Description

This project, which took place in North-western England in 2007, allowed a group of eighteen teenage girls from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds to gather together to share experiences, beliefs, and points of view, thus creating a resonance and an impact on the surrounding community, other than within the group itself, with the main concept resonating being that the common points that different cultures share goes way beyond their differences and that inclusion and mutual respect between cultures should always be a top priority.

PDF file: <http://citiesofmigration.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/meet-your-neighbours.pdf>

Short Description

This article inquires the level of the migrants' participation in the political and educational fields and their representation in trade unions, with particular reference to the Italian framework and with a gender-sensitive approach that puts at the centre migrant women, which are supported in their process of inclusion and participation through a program that focuses on capacity-building, mentoring and network-strategies. A field study brought to light the many barriers excluding migrants from exercising active citizenship: this led to a cooperative approach in which migrants and locals create together common spaces for an interaction aimed to improve the migrant's political participation. To overcome said barriers, associations, trade unions and local bodies have proven to be very active in fostering the inclusion of migrants; informal groups involving migrants and sometimes locals have an important part in promoting active participation of the latter. It's suggested that the current anti-democratic trend must be reversed through information, actively choosing the source; through a richer and more active social life, improving critical sense; searching for associations of interest.

PDF file: <https://ecpr.eu/Filestore/PaperProposal/21f8ed53-953e-4acb-a6aa-d1d54a9c8bf0.pdf>