

DRAW the Line: Training and empowering immigrant women to prevent sexual violence and harassment

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LAUNCHING CYCLE 2 OF THE TRAINING FOR PEER LEADERS

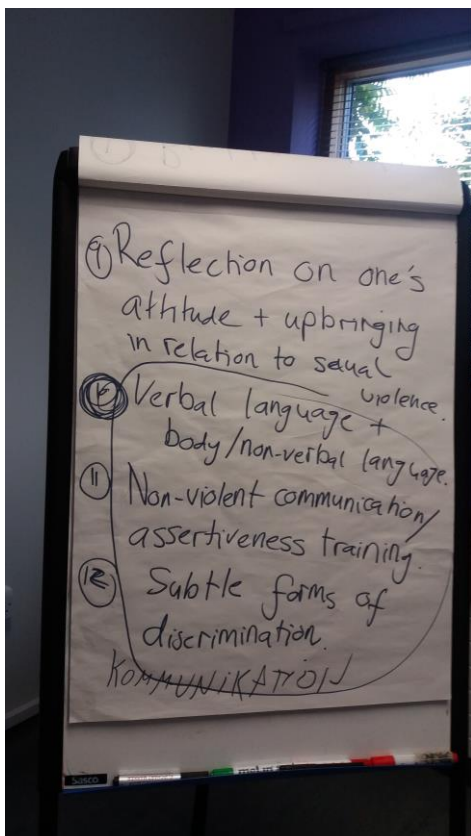


THE SECOND CYCLE OF TRAINING WILL BE STARTING DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2017 AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2017 IN ALL THE SIX PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS.

6 units of training covering laws and rights concerning sexual harassment and violence in open space, stereotypes, communication and self-esteem, boundaries and self-protection and the psychosocial and medical aspects of violence.

my body
is **NOT**
public
space

Creating awareness for boundaries which protect women in public space was a topic that was discussed in detail during the trainings in all the partner organizations. Sexual violence is not just rape. Touching and groping is just as much sexual violence. Such behaviour is not normal and should not be ignored. Sexual harassment is pervasive in all walks of life and being aware of one's own



boundaries and adopting a “no go” attitude is an important step in bringing about change in society’s approach to sexual harassment in public space. Knowing the law and rules will assist immigrant women to confront the aggressor and moreover to confront the cultural challenge of feeling ashamed or blaming oneself.

Peer Leaders say.....

“The challenge of cultural differences has to be approached in a very sensitive way”.

“I am not lecturing you, I am providing an information pack but not telling you how to go about it, not telling you how to live, but things to think about, perhaps something that you are not aware of”.

3rd Transnational Meeting in Athens from 4th - 6th October 2017

The meeting will be attended by all 6 partners and stakeholders from the partner countries. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the website.

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