

THE FORSSA

APPROACH: MEDIATION OF POLARISATION AND INTER- GROUP CONFLICTS

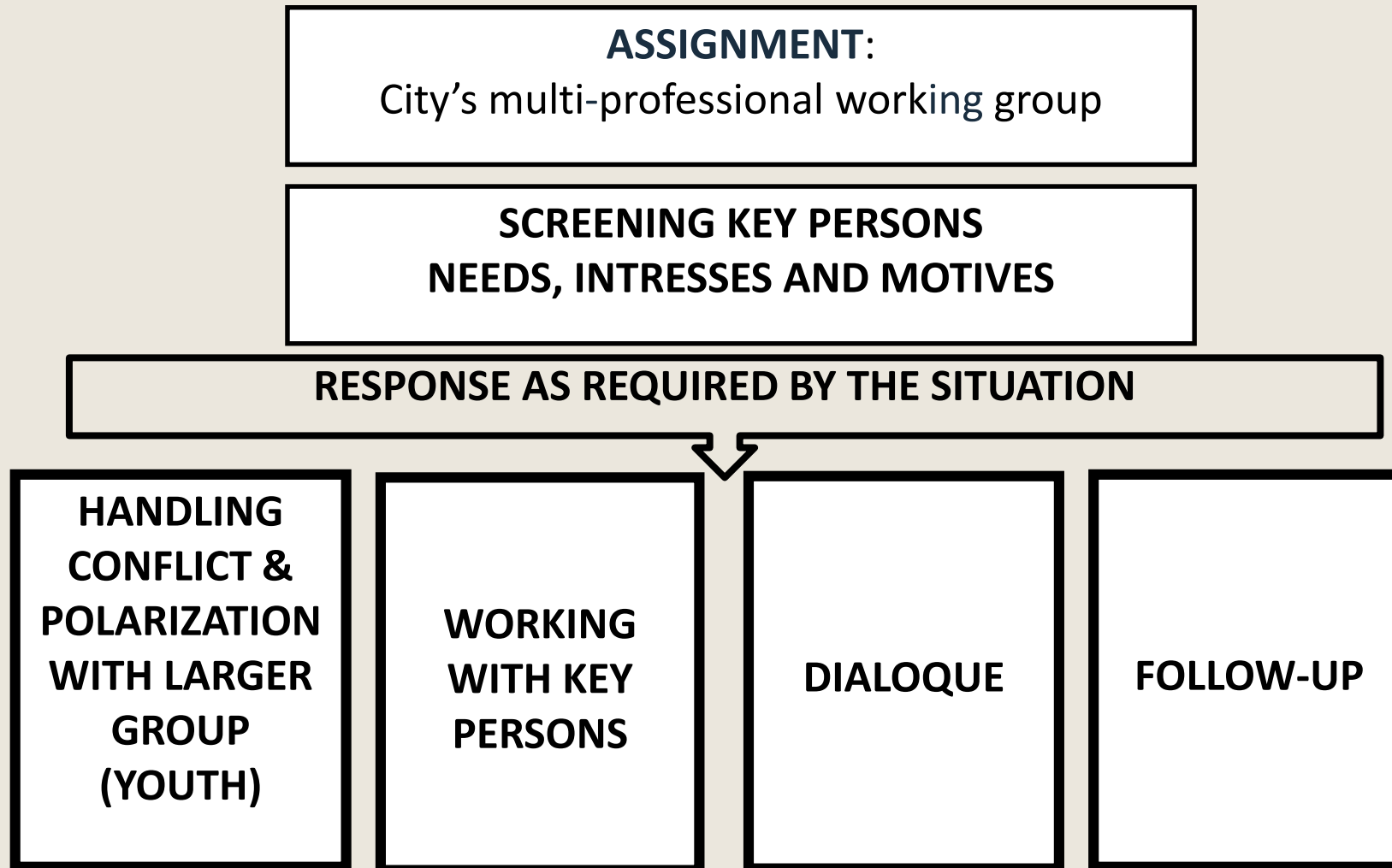
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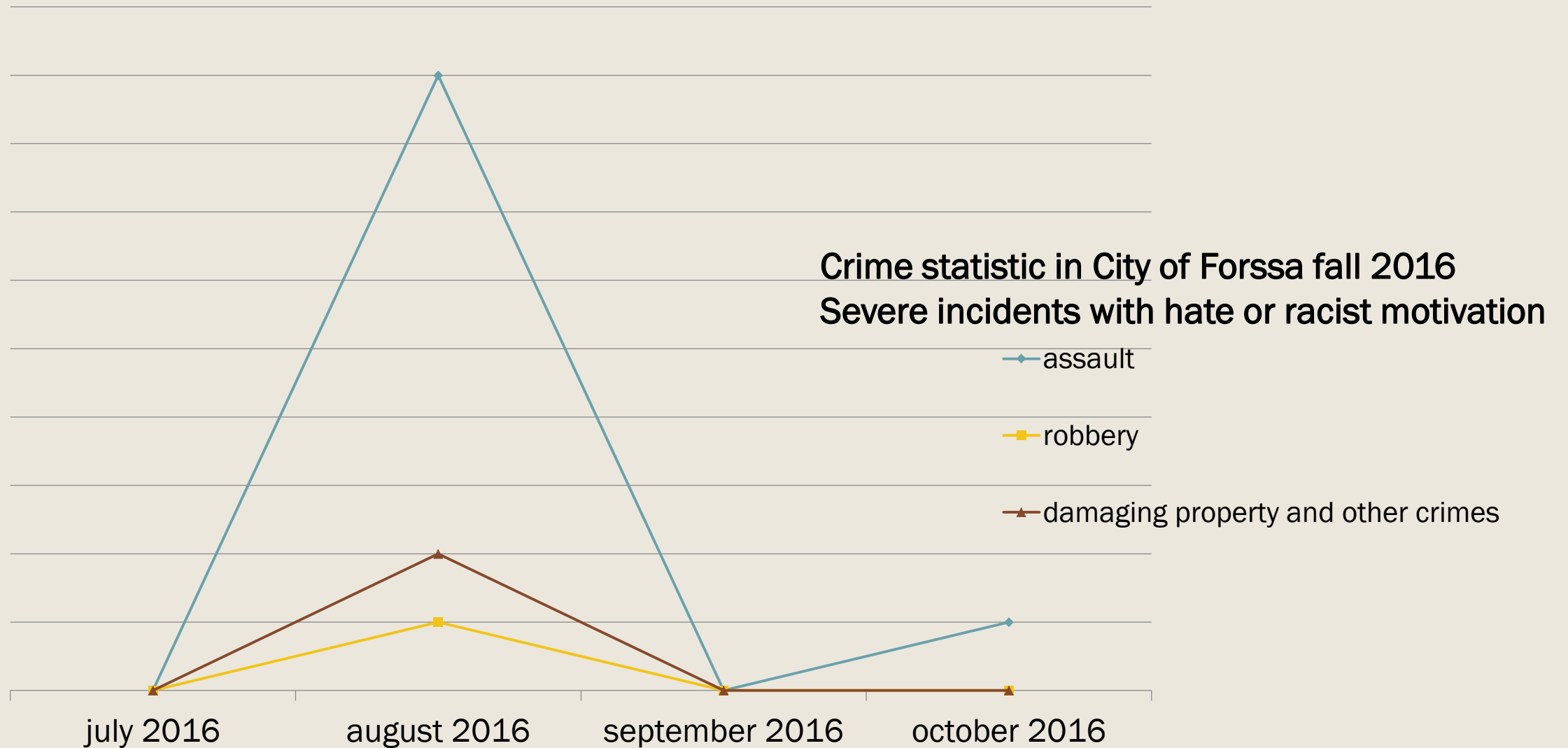
STARTING POINT 2016: Polarized local community, inter-group violences & demonstrations at reception centre



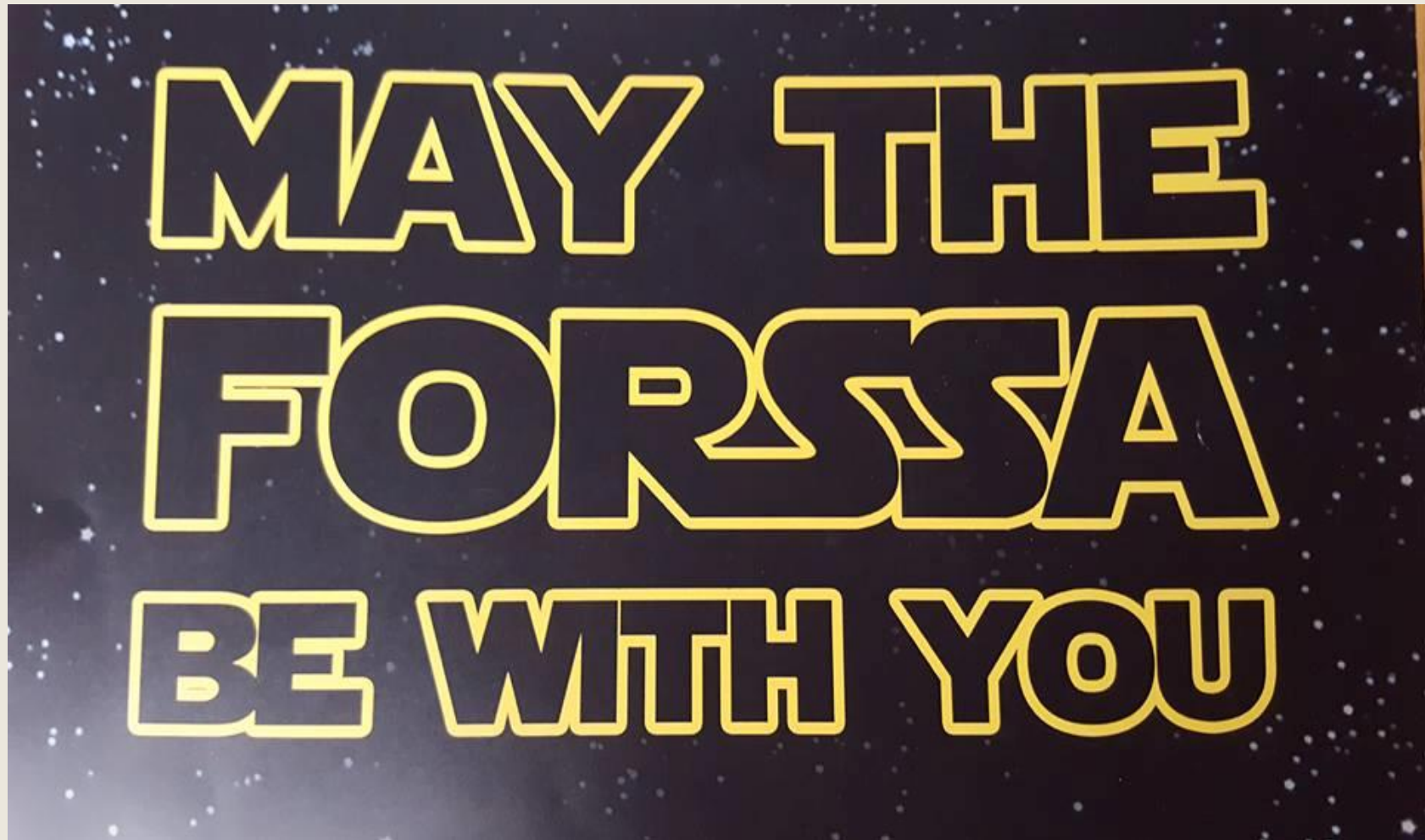
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IMPACT: From Police point of view



Media project



IMPACT:

From City point of view

” Now we have peace here. We have this model, also tools to prevent and react effectively, if needed.

Talk the talk, together. Then walk the walk, together.”

Jaakko Leskinen

Forssa city

Chief of employment and welfare services

IMPACT: From Community Mediation Center point of view

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

A method to release tensions: brings sustainable peace
(=ability to deal with conflict before they escalate stays in the
local community)

A method to depolarize; work continues with Mr Bart
Brandsma, NL

A method to repeat (has been repeated in 3 more locations)

”Friends after fights” Local Sunday paper



Thank You for listening!



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