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
THE FORSSA APPROACH: mediation of polarisation and inter-group conflicts

ASSIGNMENT:
City’s multi-professional working group

SCREENING KEY PERSONS NEEDS, INTERESTS AND MOTIVES

RESPONSE AS REQUIRED BY THE SITUATION

HANDLING CONFLICT & POLARIZATION WITH LARGER GROUP (YOUTH)
WORKING WITH KEY PERSONS
DIALOQUE
FOLLOW-UP
IMPACT:
From Police point of view

Crime statistic in City of Forssa fall 2016
Severe incidents with hate or racist motivation

- assault
- robbery
- damaging property and other crimes
Media project

MAY THE FORSSA BE WITH YOU
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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