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BOYS IN CARE

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Strengthening boys to pursue care occupations (BiC)

WELCOME

Dear readers,

We are very happy to share with you the recent exciting news on our project implementation.

In the past months we were busy to organise the European conference on Boys in Care Occupations, which was held on the 21st of June 2019 at the Istituto degli Innocenti in Florence, Italy.

It was a day full of positive energy and reflexions on men in care, gender equality, gender stereotypes and the role of institutions and individuals as game changers in European societies. We are so happy that we saw a big interest to these topics from the national and international experts, working in the educational and career orientation field, we had vivid discussions and motivating exchange of ideas and lessons learned from the practice.

The conference was a driving force for updating and improving our still ongoing trainings, support actions and awareness raising events in the partner countries. It gave us also an inspiration for the content and structure of our Manual for teachers and vocational counsellors, working with boys and multipliers for gender sensitive vocational orientation which will be ready very soon.

See what has happened in Spring and Summer of 2019!

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON BOYS IN CARE OCCUPATIONS IN FLORENCE, ITALY

On the 21st of June 2019 was held the European conference BOYS IN CARE – STRENGTHENING BOYS TO PURSUE CARE OCCUPATIONS in Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence (Italy).

The European conference was an opportunity for us to present the project's findings, results and outputs, namely the capacity building programmes addressing teachers and vocational counsellors, the educational and awareness raising materials, developed and best practices at national levels. The conference was also an opportunity for international experts and for participants to exchange views and to provide inputs



for their further work.

In the morning session participants had the pleasure to listen the keynote speaker Victor Seidler, Professor of Social Theory in the Department of Sociology at Goldsmiths University of London. Professor Seidler is the author of many key texts on gender, particularly in relation to men and masculinities, including 'Rediscovering Masculinity: Reason, Language and Sexuality'; 'Unreasonable Men: Masculinity and Social Theory'; 'Man Enough: Embodying Masculinities'.

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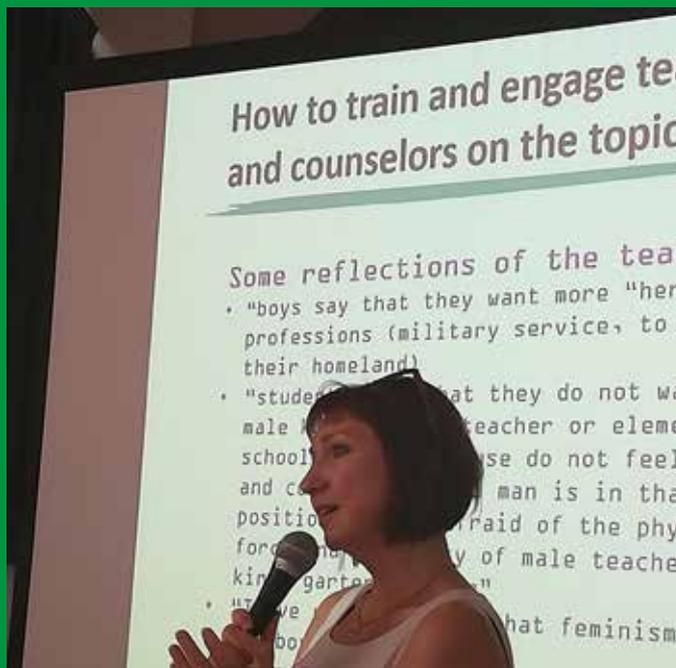
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His inspiring speech on When, Where and Why we are speaking on gender stereotypes in education and professions in Europe, provoked vivid discussions among participants on what has been achieved for the last 40 years, what are the challenges for gender equality in Europe today and why we need to address honestly the issue. You can see the videos of Prof. Seidler speech on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Boysincarework/?ref=bookmarks>

The afternoon sessions of the conference were dedicated to 3 interactive workshops in parallel sessions and a panel discussion. The topics of the workshops were: Boys Day Expertise from Germany; Gender Stereotypes in Education and Boys in Care Methodologies, facilitated by our colleagues Daniel Holtermann (Germany), Vilana Pilinkaite Sotirovic (Lithuania) and Erika Bernacchi (Italy).



The closing panel of the conference summed up how to overcome gender stereotypes in education and occupational segregation with a special focus on care work. Speakers were Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe, Ole Bredesen Nordfjell, Reform – Resource Center for Men (Norway) and Jens van Tricht, Men Engage (Netherlands).



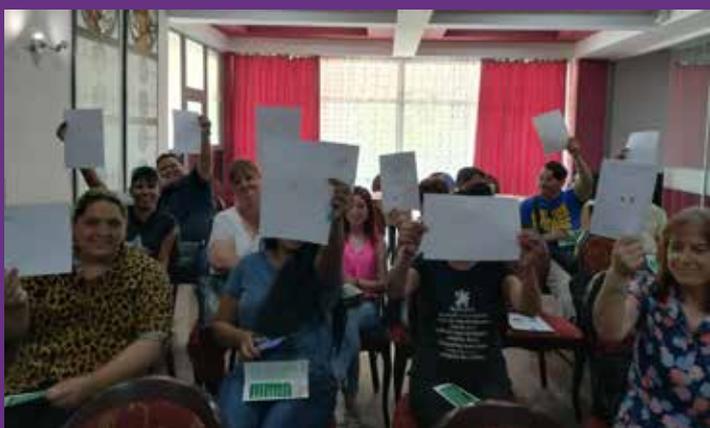
The Boys in Care team is very thankful for the devoted participation of all national and international experts, who shared valuable knowledge and provoked debates on what is the benefit of encouraging men, who have interest in care professions to enter and stay in care occupation sector, what are the good practices for support actions in Europe and how we can train and engage teachers and counsellors on the topic. We are very happy that Boys in Care project and namely the European conference in Florence contributed for new inspirations, ideas and plans for collaborative European projects!

NATIONAL AWARENESS RAISING EVENT IN SLOVENIA



On 21st May 2019 the BIC team from the Peace Institute (Slovenia) organized a national awareness raising event entitled "Challenges of Gender Equality in Primary School Career Counselling". At the event four good practices were very well presented, followed by a round table discussion "Gender stereotypes and gender segregation of the labour market: challenges and needs in the field of social protection and education". The participants were career counsellors, teachers, directors of elderly homes and kindergartens, policy makers (including from Ministry of Education and Slovenian Schooling Agency which are the main actors in this topic), experts, activists and academia. More information available at: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/projekti/opolnomocenje-fantov-za-izbiro-skrbstvenih-poklicev-bic/>

BOYS IN CARE TRAINING IN BULGARIA



On the 10th and 11th of July 2019 the Bulgarian partner Center of Women's Studies and Policies (CWSP) organised trainings in the city of Yambol. The training sessions involved educational mediators in Roma communities, tutors, youth workers, teachers and directors of kindergartens from the Tundja municipality. The training was organised specifically in that municipality in order to sensitize educational experts, working mainly in and with Roma communities about gender stereotypes and socialization, masculinity and care work and opportunities for career development in care sector in Bulgaria for men. One fifth of participants were men, some of them working themselves in the care sector as health mediators in Roma communities or in

care services in Tundja municipality. CWSP was inspired by the training methods, discussed on the European conference in Florence and tested many of them with the group. Participants experimented exercises and techniques for working on masculinities, overcoming gender stereotypes in general and in education and career orientation, understanding gender stereotypes in process of socialization and working with emotions for open up boys to think about interests, skills and talents they have and to choose a profession, nevertheless of the prevailing stereotypical environment. Finally, the participants watched and discussed the videos, produced in Bulgaria and in Italy within the project. Some interesting ideas came up by them during discussions. Some of them gave examples how they can support boys in their untypical professional choices by collecting and providing more practical information about the opportunities available in Bulgaria for education and acquiring qualifications in the care sector; others shared personal experiences of cases they had already in career orientation of boys and girls from Roma communities and how they dealt with them to encourage choices based on interests and talents, free from gender stereotypes. Thanks to their input, CWSP revised the training program and planned the next trainings coming soon in other municipalities in the country.

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