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# BOYS IN CARE

Thank you for taking the time also to sign up for our newsletter by clicking [here](#). Previous editions of our newsletters can be viewed on the website of the project by clicking [here](#). We will be glad to forward the newsletters to a friend or a colleague in case you think it might be interesting for them too.

## Strengthening boys to pursue care occupations (BiC)

### WELCOME

Dear readers,

We are very thrilled to reconnect you with latest news about how our project is going on in the last months!

Our intensive work was recently dedicated to meet and interview men, who shared their amazing stories about the work in the caring and education sector in Italy, Lithuania and Bulgaria. The interviews showed that nevertheless, whether it is a private business or occupation in a public organization/institution it can be equally rewarding for a man to be a pioneer and a happy person in the caring and education spheres which are unfairly related only to women's career choice.

Men in caring professions have a lot to say about how they feel, what they have learned and why they will recommend to other men to follow their career path.

To inform about the professional choices in care professions, some of our project partners (*Dissens* in Germany) participated in the biggest career orientation event for boys (Boys' Day 2018). Other partners (Peace Institute in Slovenia) organized pilot support actions for boys and gained impressions from employers and boys how they can benefit from such actions.

Finally, our Austrian partner is in process of preparing the capacity building trainings for teachers and professional counsellors this autumn in Austria and are ready to share information about its program.

Have a look and enjoy!

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## 1. VIDEO INTERVIEWS WITH MEN EMPLOYED IN CARE PROFESSIONS IN ITALY



*The Istituto degli Innocenti* completed the realization of 9 short videos portraying the experience of men employed in care professions. Interviews involved professional educators working in early childhood education and care services as well as in health and school facilities; social workers employed in the support of children, families and the migrant population; psychologists working in a center for men perpetrators of violence.

The interviewed men stressed the added value of working in a care profession. Daniele Maltoni, social worker, responsible for the Marginality and Immigration Service of the Florence Municipality affirms: "The beauty of this work is that it enables to relate to many people of every social condition and with many different types of problems and so they made me grow much more of what I would have been able to, if I had not met them." Also Carlo Battaglia, professional educator since 30 years states that: "our work is a reason for continuous personal and professional work and for a continuous self-reflection on ourselves."

Some men explained that their choice for a care profession originated from a previous experience of voluntary work in associations. They also emphasized why care is not a female value only, on the contrary the presence of men is important and necessary. Benedetto Madonia, social worker of the Florence Municipality states: "Giving men, boys the opportunity to develop, to fully live the area of care, according to me, opens up very beautiful ways and potentials. It is not a women's job, there are no women's or men's jobs. Unfortunately, these are cages that we carry on and I hope that boys who are now 15 or 16 can liberate themselves from these expectations."

Mario de Maglie and Rossano Bisciglia, psychologists working in the Centre for authors of violence in Florence invite boys not to get trapped into gender stereotypes as this could lead them even to violent acts. They also exhort those boys who feel attracted by care professions to get involved in them if they are interested in the relationship with others and in their behavior as well as having a good listening capacity. All interviewed men stated that they would choose again their job. Video interviews have been published at the website of the project: <https://www.boys-in-care.eu/tools.html> and in Italian language: <https://www.boys-in-care.eu/it/strumenti.html>

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## 2. INFORMATIONAL VIDEO MATERIAL FROM LITHUANIA

*The Center of Equality Advancement* released a short video on its website just before the end of the school year. It is time when young school students were finalizing their choices for professional career. Video material aimed at encouraging young men to make choices in the field of untypical professions for men, i.e. pre-school education and primary education teachers.

See the video on Boys in Care Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boysincarework/> and Facebook page of CEA: <https://www.facebook.com/gap.lt/videos/1904408796259249/> and also in Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F1oWbrtLqE>



## 3. VIDEO INTERVIEW WITH AN OWNER OF A PART TIME CLUB FOR CHILDREN IN BULGARIA



*Center of Women's Studies and Policies* interviewed a man running a club for parties and part time care for children between 1 and

12 years of age. Kristian, the owner of the club, shared that to take care for children is an amazing activity and he will recommend this type of business to all men, who are open to start something interesting and challenging that could bring them so much personal and job satisfaction.

You can see the video on the Facebook page of the project:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boysincarework/> and in Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2hPfsmSYhw&feature=youtu.be>

## 4. SUPPORT ACTION IN SLOVENIA



On 18th April 2018 *Peace Institute* organized a support action for boys, interested in care occupations. Boys in ninth grade of primary school Spodnja Šiška were invited for a two hour visit of the neighboring kindergarten Najdihojca (Čenča) to observe the work of kindergarten teacher and to talk

to a male kindergarten teacher about his experiences. Eleven boys decided to visit the kindergarten. After the short introductory conversation of the *Peace Institute* team with boys about men in care occupations, the group departed to the kindergarten where they met with male kindergarten teacher who presented his job. The boys had a chance to ask questions. Then they observed the work in a classroom and participated in organization and celebration of the birthday of two children. At the end the boys wrote down their impressions which were overall very positive. Like this one: "The profession is now much more interesting to me and was very well presented."

## 5. Boys' Day in Germany



Daniel Holtermann, part of the German Boys in Care team, took part at the Boys' Day in the Catholic University of Applied Science (KHSB) in Berlin. The KHSB opened its doors for this year's Boys' Day on 26 April for more than 50 interested boys. The boys between the ages of 10 and 17 were able to take a closer look at socio-pedagogical subjects and explore the associated occupational fields. Most social professions are currently listed as women's professions because less than 30% of them are men. At the heart of the Boys' Day was the subsequent two-hour university tour, during which the students, accompanied by committed students, made their way through the university in small groups. They visited KHSB staff and professors, who spoke from their own practice and answered the boys' questions.

In addition to the Examination Office, the Library, the Office for International Affairs and the Chancellor, several ongoing seminars also opened their doors. For example, legal areas and legal questions on health aspects were learned interactively in role-playing and with the active participation of the pupils and students of the university.

## Boys in Care Training Program

In Germany the Boys in Care training program for teachers and vocational counselors is starting. [Here](#) you can find the announcement in German.

## 6. Capacity Building Program in Austria

The Capacity Building Program is an essential part of our project. The partnership will develop training modules that will help teachers and vocational counsellors to further develop their everyday activities and raise awareness for the issue of men in care professions.

Ten advanced training courses will be offered in Austria. If you are interested in further training, please contact: [scambore@genderforschung.at](mailto:scambore@genderforschung.at)

### CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM IN AUSTRIA

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19.11.2018	8:45-16:35	
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12.10.2018	9:00-17:00	Salzburg II
23.11.2018	9:00-17:00	
17.10.2018	9:00-17:00	Kärnten I
28.11.2018	9:00-17:00	
18.10.2018	9:00-17:00	Kärnten II
29.11.2018	9:00-17:00	
28.03.2019	9:00-17:00	Burgenland
11.04.2019	9:00-17:00	
29.03.2019/30.03.2019	Each half day	Linz
26.04.2019/27.04.2019		

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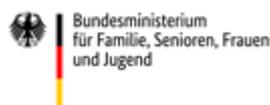
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