



POLITICAL EDUCATION IN MIGRANT COMMUNITIES

HOW DO WE DISCUSS EUROPEAN VALUES

In the third phase of the project, called “Be Part”, the multipliers carried out various activities in their communities to address the political values of the European Union. The five values were previously discussed with the multipliers in three workshops and then they had to organize themselves to bring these topics into their communities. The aim was to start discussions in their groups about some of these values.

The ultimate goal:

to generate participation in the discussion of political issues in the communities. And in a sense, participation was just as central, if not more, than the information communicated.

The work in this phase was also an invitation and an opportunity for the multipliers to reflect on the political dimension of their own engagement.

Some multipliers worked in teams of two, others preferred to work alone.

Project Framework

With this Newsletter we are proud to present advances of our project:

**MultiPLUS+
Migrant
Multipliers
build
Bridges**

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***Let us tell you what
we have achieved!***

***Our project has been
extended!***





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The five topics were:

- *Human rights
- *Democracy and participation
- *Equality and minority rights
- *Freedom
- *Rule of Law

Some multipliers preferred to conduct workshops, but most tended to moderate discussions, and in all cases, games and tools from the Multiplus toolbox came onto the scene!

The preferred theme was that of freedom, although it was discussed from a different perspective in each activity. For example, in one case, the discussion focused on religious freedom, in another the participants were asked to draw or use plastic materials to visualize their thoughts and feelings about freedom.

The communities reached through these activities were as diverse in age, gender and cultural background as the multipliers themselves.

The third phase of MultiPLUS – “Be PartPLUS” – ties in seamlessly and consistently with the first two phases.

In the course of the project, the multipliers were pedagogically strengthened by “Be Part PLUS”, enriched in “Activities PLUS” by the exchange of tools and for group work collected in the MultiPLUS online compendium.

It was a very motivating and empowering phase of working on the project. The task of going into the communities and leading the activities themselves initially aroused uncertainty among the multipliers, but the motivation was stronger.



**Multipliers
Team Graz:
working in the
communities**





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Team Graz: Multipliers leading political education activities in different settings.





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The “courage” of two Austrian multipliers went beyond borders: Rachel Makinson and Austyn Chapman travelled to Udine as part of the Austrian team to participate in the last TPM of the Multiplus consortium.

As a finishing touch, Austyn and Rachel coordinated a workshop at the end of the TPM attended by a dozen Italians invited by MultiPLUS’ Italian partners, Università delle LiberEtà del FVG.

What makes the European unity and identity?

Is the European Union more than a political and economic alliance?

What does it mean for an immigrant to live on the soil of the European Union?

These questions are among the many impulses that have stimulated discussions on the values to which the European Union subscribes and requires its Member States to accept and defend.

The European Union was founded to promote peace and the well-being of all its inhabitants. It is European values that, like a kind of creed, are supposed to unite the diversity of the Union.

Yes, Europe is one in its fundamental values: freedom, human rights, democracy and participation, the rule of law and equality are Europe’s fundamental values.

These political values were not “invented” by the EU, and they have come a long way in defining them as we understand them today.



Exchange in Italy!

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