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31st of March – 4th of April 2014

Strengths of clients and self-determination

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A brief introduction

The international code of ethics (IFSW-IASSW, 2004) stipulates in its explanation of the value of human dignity and worth of the person that every social worker should respect and sustain the right for self-determination of every person (4.Principles 4.1.1). It furthermore states that social workers should stimulate their clients in making their own choices and taking their own decisions. In another topic it is mentioned that professionals need to discover and validate strengths of people and their environment (4. Principles 4.1.4). Nevertheless a restriction is mentioned in the text as well: social workers recognize the fact that clients are entitled to make decisions for themselves as far as these decisions don't cause harm to the rights and interests of others.

We would like to dialogue in this international university weeks about the definition and explanation of client self-determination. We will look further into the boundaries and difficulties this paradigm evokes for ourselves as social workers. Talking about self-determination brings us inevitably closer to strengths of clients and their networks. Does the strength-based social work enables us to work towards more self-determination? Does it recognize the difficulties of people and their environments?

Social workers, researchers, teachers and students from different fields will explain how they work with the self-determination and strengths of clients and their context. We will visit organisations working according to this paradigm or those who struggle with this dilemma. The aim is to discuss possibilities and restrictions of self-determination, strengths and the use of the informal network of clients.

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PROGRAM

Monday, the 31 st of March 2014		
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Arrival with coffee and tea Registration for workshops/ field visits</p> <p><i>Leuven University College –School of Social Work</i> <i>Groeneweg 151</i> <i>3001 Heverlee</i></p>	ALMA (ground floor – 0)
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Official Welcome and opening of the international week <i>Mr. Imran Uddin, head of department of School of Social Work</i> <i>Birgit Goris and students, organizers of the IUW Leuven</i></p>	Aula C 2.01
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Opening lecture: theme introduction ‘Strengths of clients’ <i>Bie Melis</i> <i>Karel de Grote Hogeschool - Antwerp</i></p>	
11:00- 12:00	<p>Opening lecture: theme introduction ‘self-determination’ <i>Kris Raemdonck</i> <i>CAW Brussel – Vrienden van het Huizeke</i> <i>Brussels</i></p>	
12:00- 13:30	<p>Lunch (sandwiches) Research student Linz – evaluation online survey (Katja Hofbauer) Registration for workshops/ field visits</p>	ALMA Computer class: A 2.04 – A 2.05 – A 3.01
13:30 – 16:00	Presentation of schools by students	Aula C 2.01
16:30- 17:30	<p>Social and cultural tour in Leuven <i>guided by students of Leuven University College, dep. Social Work</i></p>	Leuven city center
19:00	Teachers dinner (teachers only)	Mykene Muntstraat 44 3000 Leuven

Tuesday, the 1 st of April 2014		
9:00 – 9:30	Arrival with coffee and tea Registration for workshops/field visits	Alma
9:30-12:30	Workshop A1 Introduction to dispute management through mediation. (15 participants) <i>Prof. Dr. iur. Thomas Trenczek, Ernst Abbe University of Applied Sciences - Jena</i>	A 2.06
	Workshop A2 Strength-based interviewing, looking with an eye for microscopic details to clients strengths. (50 participants) <i>Sulkers Eric, Signs of Safety Zeeland</i>	A 2.08 (aula) A 5.01 A 6.01
	Workshop A3 Biography and Social Work (25 participants) <i>Prof. Dr. Sylke Bartmann, Phd. Hochschule Emden/Leer</i>	A 2.07
12:30-13:30 LUNCH break Alma		
13:30 – 15:00	Workshop B1 Rehabilitation teams – the creation of a new practice? <i>Mette Vinggaard and Lise Rasmussen Lillebaelt</i>	A 2.06
	Workshop B2 Strengths and Self-Determination of Clients - a Case Study <i>Holger Kuehl, Hochschule Bremen and students</i>	A 2.07
	Workshop B3 Detecting client's strength – student workshop <i>Fachhochschule St Pölten GmbH</i>	A 5.01
15:00-15:30 break and change of workshops		
15:30-17:00	Workshop B4 Exploring yourself through core quadrants. <i>University College PXL Hasselt Student/teacher workshop</i>	A 2.06
	Workshop B5 Your own strength! <i>Groningen student workshop</i>	A 2.07
	Workshop B6 Self-determination and Participation in Psychiatry – a participatory workshop <i>Andrea Pfilgerstorfer, Fachhochschule St. Pölten GmbH</i>	A 5.01
	Workshop B7 Ethics in social work (teachers only!) <i>Iris Kohlfurst Fachhochschule Campus Linz</i>	A 6.01
17:30 – 19:30	Cinésoirée 'Le gamin au vélo' short introduction by students (<i>incl. sandwiches</i>)	C 0.01

Wednesday, the 2 nd of April 2014		
9:00 – 10:30	Workshop C1 Normalization at any cost? <i>Anne Thronsen - Ellinor Young, Telemark University College Porsgrunn</i>	A 1.02
	Workshop C2 The dark side of own responsibility <i>Jaap Olthof Hanze University Groningen</i>	A 1.03
	Workshop C3 Self-determination of Roma people and work with Roma people in Czech republic. <i>David Urban, Ph.D., Jihočeská univerzita v Českých Budějovicích</i>	A 2.06
	Workshop C4 Social Work and Self-Determination: A nice Fairy Tale? <i>Holger Kuehl, Bremen and Birgit Goris, Leuven</i>	C 1.03
10:30-10:45 change between workshops		
10:45 – 12:15	Workshop C5 'Empowerment and linking' against poverty <i>Veerle Matthijs and Wim De Clerck Karel De Grote-Hogeschool, Antwerp</i>	A 1.02
	Workshop C6 Appreciative Inquiry of values driven working in organisations <i>Marie Martens and Tine Taveirne, KHLeuven</i>	A 1.03
	Workshop C7 I can only strengthen others if myself is strong enough <i>Fachhochschule Campus Linz Student workshop</i>	A 2.06
	Workshop C8 EK-c workshop <i>Kristin Nuyts – Steunpunt CAW</i>	C 1.03
12:30-14:00 Lunch ALMA		
14:30- 17:00	Field visits <i>Choose a field visit. See for more information in the attachment 'info field visits'. Guidance by students Leuven university college.</i>	Leuven center
20:00- 22:00	BRE2DBEELD meets Urban Mic <i>visuals, project mapping and photography with artists and youngsters in Leuven, in the idea of empowering people by arts and visuals. Language poses no problem to live the experience. (discussion afterwards with the youngsters and social workers - Dutch speaking only)</i>	Foyer - Het Depot

Thursday, the 3 rd of April 2014		
8:45	Gathering at Leuven main train station – main corridor near track 2	
9:04	Train to Brussels on track 2	
9:40 – 12:30	Excursion to Brussels (guided by Brukselbinnenstebuiten) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men of the other side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1 Dutch (20 pers) o 1 English (19 pers) <i>Starts at metro ‘Graaf van Vlaanderen’</i> - Don’t mess with the ‘Marollen’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1 German (22 pers) o 1 English (20 pers) <i>Starts at Poelaertplein, stairs Courthouse</i> <p>4 groups: 2 in English, 1 in Dutch, 1 in German</p>	Brussels
13u Social dinner at a social restaurant (social economy) in Brussels : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les Uns et les Autres (40 persons) (attention > be there at 13:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > lunch for the group : Men of the other side (Dutch) Marollen (English) Rue du Comte de Flandre, 15 1080 Molenbeek (BXL) • Atelier Heksenketel (19 persons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > lunch for the group Men of the other side (English) Henegouwenkaai 29 1080 Molenbeek (BXL) • Recyclart (22 persons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > lunch for the group Marollen (German) <i>Station Brussel - Kapellekerk</i> Ursulinenstraat 25 1000 Brussel 		
14:00-19:00 Free Time in Brussels or Leuven (at your own choice)		
20:00	Reception and fare well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation - Goodbye - Info about research student Linz – evaluation online survey (Katja Hofbauer) 	Wereldcafé (Coop) Helleputteplein 2 3000 Leuven