

Young people, social worker, teachers and researcher presenting the **Project CYRAC – Children and Youth as Researchers and Agents of Change in a Local Community**

Presentation

Oral and PP-Presentation, Poster-Presentation and dialogue.

Background

In order to reduce disconnection among vulnerable youth and to help reconnect young people experiencing marginalization, by providing them greater resilience the aim is that the vulnerable young people develop competences, document and analyze, implement and disseminate their own research with relevant themes of well-being and safety.

The young people recruited have mainly ethnic Middle East background. They are motivated and are preparing for what to examine and how – discussing what they need to learn in order to carry out the project/their research.

Main project activities:

The main intervention involves 12 vulnerable adolescents (13 - 18 years old) in education, learning how to plan and carry out research.

They will earn money, gain esteem as rolemodels, disseminate their findings and be motivated regarding education. Estimated duration 6-8 months.

A following stage will hopefully involve a wider audience regarding research in a longer perspective.

Ideas and first initiative

Representatives of the Department of Social Work, Metropolitan University College and Children and Youth in the local community and professionals and operators in the local area around vulnerable children and youth, have met, establishing dialogue and partnership - Initiated and facilitated by Department of Social Work and the Department of Child Protection in the local community together with the school and the street level workers, who know the youngsters well.