

Prevention Activities in the Municipalities of Latvia

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NGO Shelter «Safe house»

- Founded in 2007
- Since 2007 until now supports people who are victims of human trafficking.
- In 2008 began to provide support to asylum seekers, refugees and persons with other statuses.



Human Trafficking Prevention Activities in Latvia

- 24/7 anonymous trust-line for cases of trafficking in human beings
- Help group to victims of THB
- Information and other campaigns
- Anti-trafficking info trailer
- Seminars, trainings (pupils, social workers, police officers and cadets, academic and school staff, librarians, active youth, etc.)



- Forum theatre
- Simulation games
- Participation in international learning and experience exchange



Forum theatre

Providing a safe environment to observe the process of trafficking and develop safe behavior





Anti-trafficking info-trailer

Used in various forms of learning environment to visualize emotions, forms of THB, living conditions and serve as a conversation piece involving all senses – sight, smell, touch, hearing:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-VjCE1WTo0





Simulation Games

Providing a learn-by-doing environment to observe the process of THB and understand the environment of it in real-life situations





Preventive Activities for Young People at Local and Regional Level International exchanges

Developing competent peer educators and exchanging approaches to THB in teaching it to young people

Human Trafficking – Be Aware. Cut the Chain.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlrD31xqhUM

Human Trafficking – Is Ignorance a Blessing? https://www.youtube.c om/watch?v=jJICAmt

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Prevention Activities for Professionals from Different Fields

- **2-day seminars** facilitated by experts in the field (social worker, lawyer, policeman)
- **Target group** social workers, state and municipal policemen, crisis center employees, NGO representatives, culture center employees (librarians), others municipal employees teachers, social pedagogue, youth workers
- **Aim** provide specialists with skills necessary to recognize cases of THB and reffer them to relevant stakeholders for formal identification



Main Topics

- Policy planning to prevent trafficking, interinstitutional coordination mechanism for cooperation
- Forms of THB and their spread in Latvia
- Characteristics of fictitious marriage as a form of THB
- Recruitment for fictitious marriage trending scenarios/ forms of recruitment/ targeted groups/ target countries
- Identification of victims
- Others

Prevention Activities for Professionals from Different Fields

- **4-day seminars** facilitated by experts in the field (social worker, lawyer, policeman, supervisor)
- **Target group** social workers and pedagogues, state and municipal policemen,
- **Aim** provide skills to recognise and work with groups at potential risk of trafficking, develop anti-trafficking education activities to general public



Main Topics

• Theoretic:

- Legal aspects and trends of THN in Latvia
- Most common forms of trafficking forced labor, forced sexual exploitation, fictitious marriage
- Inter-professional and inter-institutional cooperation models for identification of victims and implementation of preventive measures



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Practical activities:

- Professionals learn about the psichologigal condition of the victim by "standing in their shoes"
- Understand and tackle personal stereotypes and prejudice towards victims
- Receive support from professionals reducing risk of burning out during work with victims



Thanks for your attention!