

CARE FOR A COMMON CAUSE

Training: How young leaders can create common ground and lead change.

‘We need to strengthen the collective voice of young community leaders, to enable them to engage in human security approaches on countering violent extremism.’

Care for a Common Cause offers young community leaders a methodology that encourages them to work in multistakeholder settings on often very complex security issues in high-risk areas. Participants are introduced to the attitudes needed to creating common ground with different stakeholders and formulating innovative and effective action plans.

The method is based on participatory and non-formal learning. Activities include role-plays, interactive games, small group exercises, and discussions. The interactivity offers participants the chance to explore sustainable human security strategies they care about and want to implement. At the same time, the participatory-based approach creates collective ownership of the action plans. It also challenges some of the prejudices and misconceptions that hinder mutual understanding and consensus on human security strategies.

Care for a Common Cause is a joint initiative of the Human Security Collective and Perspectivity Enterprise.

Course Aim

Care for a Common Cause provides young leaders with insights and experiences leading to behavioural change, especially in collaboration.

Key in the training is to learn how to find common ground related to their human security needs and how to achieve ownership and commitment for collective change.

Target Group

Young community leaders (age: 18 - 30) in high-risk areas who want to engage more effectively with actors that influence their security.



Young community leaders from the Mena and Middle East region (Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia and Libya) discussing trends in the region that affect youth engagement in human security approaches.

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AN INNOVATIVE YOUNG LEADERSHIP TRAINING

COURSE OBJECTIVES

After the training participants:

- Have developed an attitude and behaviour to achieve ownership and common ground for a shared cause
- Are willing to work towards common ground and have several tools to do this
- Are aware that inclusion of different stakeholders is important
- Are aware of different options to create change and take the circle of influence into consideration when choosing topics and groups or organisations to target
- Learn from each other's experiences and continue cooperating with each other after the course
- Make a joint effort for sharing experiences and asking questions among each other and are motivated to provide (mutual) peer support
- Are capable of formulating innovative and effective action plans in a collective way
- Have experienced different methodologies that support the finding of common ground in a multi-stakeholder setting
- Have explored their readiness and willingness for future cooperation and generated shared ideas.



Training young community leaders in East Africa: Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

What I learned:

- 'The importance of exploring the whole elephant'
- 'The value of working together to face complex issues'
- 'New interactive assignments that stimulated lots of new ideas'
- 'The process to arrive at common ground'
- 'Inspiring stories shared both by facilitators and peers'
- 'Creative ways for expression in addition to the need of creating safe spaces for dialogue and reflection'

About Human Security Collective

Human Security Collective is a foundation that believes security is too important to be left in the hands of states and military only. Genuine security requires citizens to talk freely and fearlessly about their human security needs. We create conditions to make them do so and advocate for an approach that incorporates the principles of human security, centring on the needs of people and communities, in counter terrorism and violent extremism strategies.

We host a platform to link local communities with policymakers to enhance alternative approaches that complement and support the work of governmental bodies and policymakers on current security and violent extremism practice.

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