

Consultation Sessions - Pivotal Moments of Collaboration:

Guiding Questions:

- What are the challenges and needs of young women in your home countries?
- What are the needs and challenges of young women with forced migration experience in Germany?

Train of Hope Dortmund e.V., NRW

Feb 4 and 28, 2023

Core Themes Explored:

1. Education and Enlightenment:
 - Emphasis on the expansive nature of education beyond traditional confines.
 - Advocating enlightenment as a means to bridge societal divides.
2. Gender Dynamics & Discrimination:
 - Anecdotes of societal biases both from homeland and in Germany.
 - Discussions on how clothing standards can impact professional opportunities.
3. Acceptance & Open-mindedness:
 - A vision for a more inclusive German society and the significance of acceptance.
4. Economic Stability & Opportunities:
 - Dialogue on economic adversities, spotlighting the non-acknowledgement of qualifications in Germany.
5. Cultural and Religious Practices:
 - Dissection of cultural and religious rites and their role as potential integration barriers.
6. Conditions & Needs in Home Countries
 - Accounts of the circumstances left behind, emphasising discrimination, violence, and an urgent call for societal change.

MPower e.V., Berlin

March 5, 2023

Core Themes Explored:

1. Societal Pressure & Religious Norms:
 - A comprehensive look into the symbolism of the headscarf, from a mark of modesty to potential imposition.
2. Beauty Standards:
 - Insight into stringent Syrian beauty standards and their impact on individual self-worth.
3. Power Dynamics & Discrimination:
 - Acknowledgement of differentiation based on heritage, economic standing, and marginalisation encounters.
4. Rights and Freedoms in Somalia:
 - Conversations on curtailing women's rights, focusing on education and forced matrimonial practices.

5. Aspirations:
 - A collective call for representation, equal rights, and celebrating successful women emerging from their community.
6. Integration Challenges:
 - Addressing biases based on origin, linguistic abilities, and differential treatment grounded in attire.
7. Educational Biases:
 - Delving into perceived educational system biases, especially against those who aren't native German speakers.
8. Seeking Safe Spaces & Understanding
 - The collective plea for welcoming environments in Germany and the essence of shared experiences in tackling discrimination.

Mastering Participatory Research: Peer Training Journey

April 2023 (ongoing)

Core Themes of Discussions on Community, Identities, Power Dynamics and Intersectionality:

1. Community, Identity, and Origin:
 - Exploring fluidity in identity and the significant role of language in community and self-recognition.
2. Power Dynamics and Societal Structure:
 - Recognising individual and structural power disparities, especially in institutions like schools and housing.
3. Generational Differences and Interpersonal Interactions:
 - The influence of age and personal encounters in forming identity and feelings of belonging.
4. The Multifaceted Role of Language:
 - Understanding language as both a unifier and divider in societal interactions.
5. Intersectionality, Religion, and Ethnicity:
 - Acknowledging the intertwined nature of identities and the distinct experiences they create.
6. Discrimination, Privilege, and Community Dynamics:
 - Navigating shared discriminatory experiences while recognising privileges associated with specific identities.
7. Gender Dynamics and Inequality:
 - Investigating gender expectations within ethnic communities and broader societal inequities.
8. Perception and Community Interplay:
 - Identifying the underlying "us vs. them" sentiment influencing community interactions and perceptions.