Unlocking Children's Rights

Strengthening the capacity of professionals in the EU to fulfil the rights of vulnerable children

Participant's Workbook

Closing Module

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"Above everything else, the professionals should be at peace with themselves. If you are not at peace with yourself, you cannot help the children".

Focus Group Participant, Greece

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CLOSING MODULE

PROPOSED DURATION: 30 minutes

AGENDA

SELF-REFLECTION, POST-ASSESSMENT FORM AND EVALUATION

CERTIFICATES

SELF-REFLECTION: MY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

As with the form completed at the start of the training, this form is for your own personal learning experience, and will not be shared with other participants or the facilitator(s).

1. Communication skills and characteristics

a. How confident are you in the following areas? Tick the box that matches your confidence level.

Statement	Not confident	Fairly confident	Confident	Very confident	N/A
Communicating with very young	confident	confident		confident	
children?					
Communicating with teenagers/young					
adults?					
Communicating with children/young					
people with communication difficulties?					
Communicating with children/young					
people who speak little of the/a national					
language?					
Making children feel welcome and					
valued?					
Involving children in decision making?					
Showing a child you are listening?					
Managing children's verbal challenging					
behaviour?					
Recognising children's communication					
difficulties and using appropriate					
communication techniques?					
Communicating with children according					
to their age and level of ability?					
Helping children to understand sensitive					
information that relates to them?					
Explaining to a child why a decision has					
been made in their best interests and not					
in line with their views, wishes and					
feelings?					

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POST-ASSESSMENT FORM

Name: Role: Date: 1. Needs a. My knowledge of child rights is b. My knowledge of child development is Limited Excellent Average Good c. My communication skills with children are Limited Excellent Average Good d. My listening skills with children are Limited Average Good Excellent e. I know how to make a process child friendly **Disagree Strongly** Disagree Neutral Agree Agree Strongly f. The three things I am best at when communicating with children are:

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- g. The three things I most need to improve when communicating with children are:
- ...

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