

Fortress of Democracy

Module

- Intervention

Purpose

- To increase the knowledge of youngsters on democracy and democratic values
- To stimulate the critical thinking of youngsters
- To prevent radicalisation

Description

In the Fortress of Democracy youngsters between the ages 14 and 25 first watch an introductory movie on democracy and democratic values. Afterwards they work in pairs on assignments which they face while walking through the exhibition rooms. The interactive exhibition covers different social issues with the aim to challenge the beliefs and perspectives of youngsters. The youngsters are asked to note down their beliefs. At the end of the exhibition the youngsters receive feedback on the extent to which their beliefs are in correspondence with the constitution.

Example:

Youngsters see pictures of refugees from four different time periods (1914, 1944, 1994 and 2014). They are tasked with placing the corresponding luggage to the different types of refugees. While the youngsters are fulfilling this task they are confronted with ten arguments in favour and against sheltering refugees in their own neighbourhood. Youngsters are then asked to formulate their opinion on this issue.

Source / Literature

<http://www.fortvandedemocratie.nl/>



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