

Street work management in changing times – challenges and good practice.

Working together to reach and empower
marginalized youth

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Management? What??



The title

- Street work management in changing times – challenges and good practice
- Street work and outreach in times of change – thriving or just surviving?

So this is about..

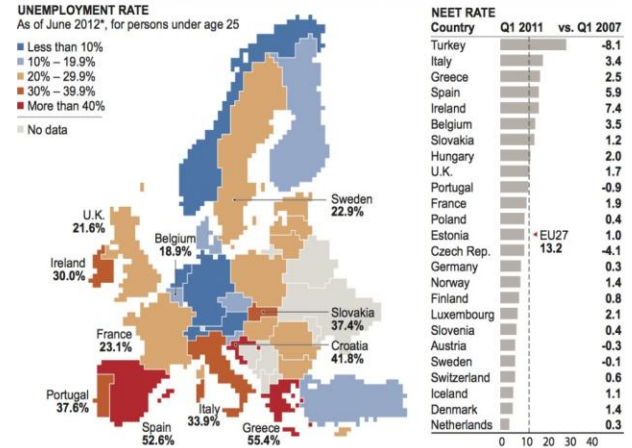
- Outreach or street work
- Times of change
- Challenges (or challenging times)
- Thriving? Or just surviving...?
- Good practice
- (And management)

Challenges

- Recession
- Mobility
- Unemployment
- An open labour market
- Trafficking
- Ageing population

Young and out of work

Youth unemployment has hit hardest in the south of Europe, but the north is not immune. Significantly, substantial numbers of young people are not in employment, education or training (known as NEET)



Challenges



- New drugs
- New user groups
- Short time funding
- Project orientation
- Changing of policies
 - Decriminalisation
 - Recovery vs. harm reduction

Responses

- New Public Management
- Trends and translations
- Outsourcing
- Public sector vs. private sector
- NGO's
- Globalisation

Outreach, rich, varied and colourful

- Tasks
- Fields of work
- Personalities

- Maybe good, or not?
- Need for more of a consensus?



Pressure

- The recession
- The policy (responses)
- New trends
- Different needs
- The colourfulness of the field



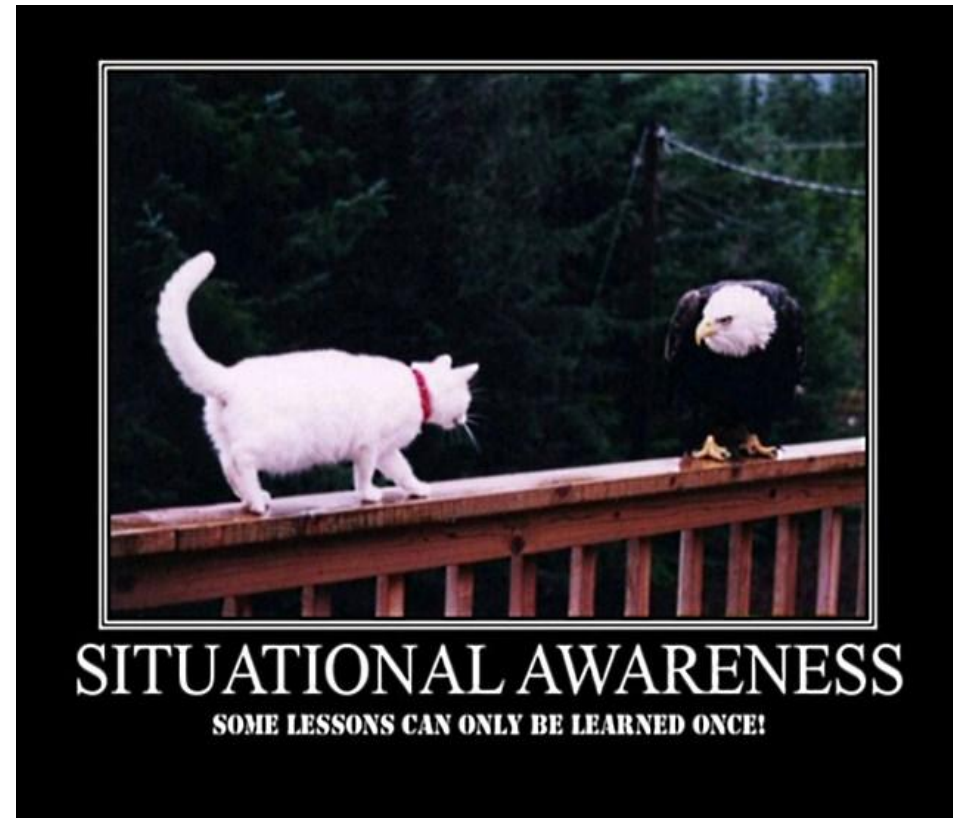
Outreach work/street work

- Have to do-tasks
- Can do do-tasks
- Would like to do-tasks

- What controls the choices we make?

How can we meet this situation?

- Is outreach managing the crisis, or is the crisis managing outreach?
- How to prioritize?
- What to do and what NOT to do?



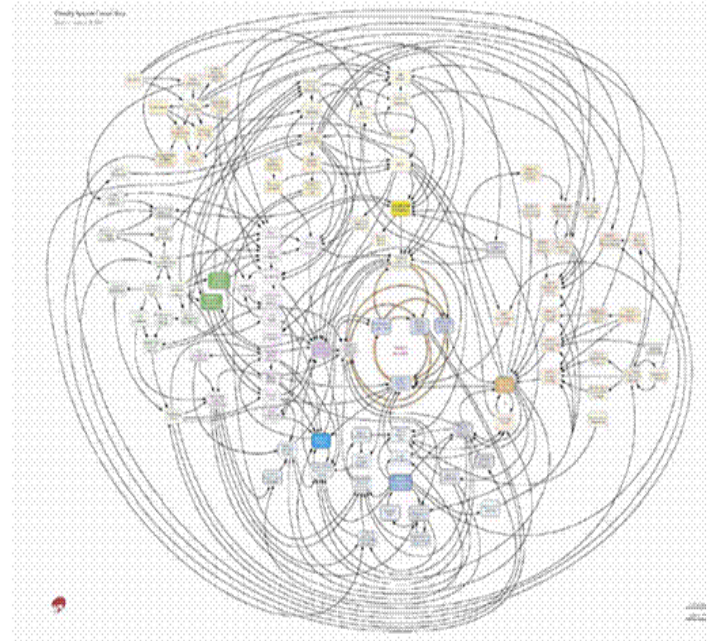
Street work and good practice

- Individual perspective
- Group perspective
- Community perspective



Street work and good practice

- Street works unique position to understand complex situations – what does it require?



Design of obesity reduction: simplified model of multiple interrelated feedback loops
<http://www.foresight.gov.uk/Obesity/12.pdf>

Thriving or just surviving?



Not Waving but Drowning

Nobody heard him, the dead man,
But still he lay moaning:
I was much further out than you
thought
And not waving but drowning.

Poor chap, he always loved larking
And now he's dead
It must have been too cold for him
his heart gave way,
They said.

Oh, no no no, it was too cold always
(Still the dead one lay moaning)
I was much too far out all my life
And not waving but drowning.

Stevie Smith

Choices

- The need to know what perspective to take – when
- A change to a more community level perspective?



Management in times of crisis

Crisis managing outreach



Outreach managing crisis

We do have a choice!