

# Preparing our Communities for Social Integration

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# Exploring the Community

- Needs and attitudes of the participants
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- Resources of the community
- Barriers

# Audiences and Spaces

- Social housing providers
- Police
- Social Services Offices
- Doctors
- Families
- Community
- Non DTC Courtrooms
- Media
- Hospitals

# Sensitization to create an accepting environment. Getting rid of the dogma and stigma

- Training of the team
- Training of the participants- work and social skills
- Involve the families
- Training of the community
- Humanizing our participants
- Debunk the myths
- Advocacy vs. confidentiality
- Mediation, Restorative Justice

# Education

- Creating an assurance that the participants are held accountable and both the community and participant have support
- Mental health
- Restorative Justice
- Criminality with respect to assure the safety of the community
- Mediation and conflict resolution
- Coaching around cognitive impairments
- Anti-oppressive model- using oppressive words
- Framing addiction as a health issue
- Conversations with participants on social justice and equality and still be effective
- Awareness days and sensitivity training

# Client Preparation

- Trans-integration
  - Language barriers
  - Cultural barriers
- Loaded language and self labelling
- Effective communication
- Enhancing social skills
- Emotional regulation
- Acquisition of employable skills

# Bridging the Gap

- Job opportunity
- Pre-employment programs
- Retraining programs
- Use of counsellors for advice and resources
- Town meetings
- Mediation
- Community Involvement