

“Community Work and Roma Inclusion”

This new book is a co-production of Spolu International Foundation (www.spolu.nl) and Leidraad Leertrajecten (www.leidraad.com). The key to success in the development of Roma communities and their inclusion in mainstream society lies in their active participation and ‘ownership’. Community development can transform Roma communities from a culture of being marginalised into a culture of development. This study book (189 pages, including study tasks for each chapter) is based on a combination of

- lessons learned in ten years of practice in community development by Spolu and its Roma national partner organisations in most of the central and east European countries;
- training, provided by Leida Schuringa, the author of this book, to the teams of Spolu’s partners as well as to local Roma groups, during these ten years;
- relevant theories about community development and community work.

Leida Schuringa is the person bridging these three aspects. This unique book is a balanced document between theories, methods, practice and concrete examples of community work with Roma. We suppose that the book may also be interesting for supporting other minority groups in European countries.

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