



## **APROPOS - Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Professional Specialization Programme for Violence Prevention**

APROPOS -programme is a 25 ects international specialization programme for students and for in-service training for various occupations. The aim of the programme is to increase awareness of violence, give tools to encounter violence, to work in different violent environments and to help the victims of violence.

APROPOS -programme consists of five consecutive web courses. The courses are organised in the Discendum Optima web-based learning environment with the support of course mentors. Each individual course is 5 credits in extent. Some of the courses may have meetings or practical training which will be informed in context. All of the courses will include reading and other individual work in the web-based learning environment, activities lead by the mentor and group work e.g. discussions and exercises in the Discendum Optima web-based learning environment. The course materials; texts and multimedia are available in the environment. All of the courses will include individual studying, and discussions and a final course task. The whole programme and the individual courses are offered in Finnish and in English.

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### **The Structure of the Programme:**

- I Gendered and Sexualised Violence - Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Introduction
- II The Global Context of Violence
- III Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking
- IV Tools for Practitioners
- V Gender Equality and Non-violent Studying and Working Environment

Enrolment to the course via the web form by **24<sup>th</sup> of October** <http://wwwedu.oulu.fi/apropos>

The first course of the programme in the fall semester 2007 is

### **I Gendered and Sexualised Violence – Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Introduction**

Time: 11/2007-12/2007

The aim of the course is to

- introduce multidisciplinary research and research conducted on the various disciplines on gendered and sexualised violence
- familiarize oneself with the basic concepts, extent, forms of violence
- give tools to recognise and prevent violence in different contexts
- strengthen the occupational development for the multisectoral support of the victims of violence

## II The Global Context of Violence

Time: 1/2008-2/2008

During this course the global context of violence - the forms, extent and background of violence are studied. The subject matters are e.g. gender and sexual violence as more extensive societal and international phenomenon and its manifestations in the crisis of conflicts. Manifestations of violence are examined in media. The course will introduce national and international conventions and actions taken to combat gendered and sexualised violence, and opens critical perspectives to their implementation.

## III Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking

Time: 2/2008-3/2008.

The course "Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking" will continue with the theme of the previous course "The Global Context of Violence". In the course sexual exploitation is framed as a form of sexual violence and various dimensions of the phenomenon such as trafficking, prostitution, and smuggling are studied. The course will consist of definitions, legislation and statistics where known. Already existing help channels for victims and prevailing challenges are examined through the multisectoral perspective.

## IV Tools for Practitioners

Time: 3/2008-4/2008

"The tools for practitioners" -course will give a more practical view on violence prevention and working with violence. It will familiarize us to the "good practises" in recognising the victims of violence, helping them, but also in counselling the helper, resolving the threat of violence and violence prevention identified by the professionals. During the course applications of communication and information technologies, that enable distance consultation, are practised to use. Also the method of open dialogue and its application to the multisectoral work will be acquainted.

## V Gender Equality and Non-violent Studying and Working Environment

Time: 4/2008-5/2008

The course will finish the specialization programme by concluding the themes from the previous courses and examining the challenges and possibilities for the multisectoral work. In the course the concepts of equality, its principles, legislation and policies are studied, as well as combating inappropriate treatment in educational organisations and workplaces. The special focus is on non-violent environment and organisation culture including getting acquainted to the conflict resolution models.

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