

## TRAINING ON MULTI-PLATFORM NEWSROOM MANAGING IN ITALY

### *Project description*

#### **T4.2 Training on multi-platform newsroom managing**

The training activities for radio creation, focusing on the themes of gender and affectivity, will involve youth change activists from the Roma community. The course will be divided into 5 sessions, each lasting 3 hours. During these sessions, participants will have the opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to conduct professional interviews on the topic of gender and to try their hand at developing a radio station with the continuous support of professionals. They will also have the opportunity to freely explore and discuss sensitive topics, such as the relationship between men and women, allowing them to express their opinions and reflections in an inclusive and protected environment.

**First Radio Training: 29.01.2024 - 15:00 – 18:00**

**Trainer: Chiara Di Paola**

**Participants: 12 members of the Roma community**

The first radio training session was held on January 29, 2024, at 3:00 p.m, conducted by Chiara di Paola. During the meeting, which involved youth and members of the Roma community, brief introductions were made. Following this, the trainer explained the main objective of the course: the creation of a radio station and podcast, combined with learning the skills needed to conduct professional interviews on gender-related topics among the residents of the Corviale neighbourhood.

During the training, they watched excerpts from Pier Paolo Pasolini's film "Comizi d'amore," an investigation of the relationship between men and women in 1960s Italy. To then understand the techniques of radio and podcast making, Chiara explained all the components of the radio kit.

As the last activity of the day, with the aim of testing the radio kit, the young participants were interviewed by taking up some questions from the film seen such as "What is love for you," "What is priority in life for you?".

The young participants initially found it difficult to answer the proposed questions, however, the trainer was fully aware of the complexity and sensitivity of the topic addressed. This proves that there is a long way to go and will require continued commitment to address the challenges associated with the topics covered. It is remarkable that, during the interview, girls were more open and willing to discuss topics concerning love and relationships than boys. However, it is important to point out that both girls' and boys' opinions are deeply influenced and shaped by their culture, which still has a significant impact on their perceptions and ideas regarding these topics.



### Second Radio Training: 31.01.2024 - 15:00 - 18:30

**Trainer: Emanuele Floris**

**Participants: 12 members of the Roma community**

The second radio training session was held on January 31, 2024, led by trainer and sound technician Emanuele Floris. During the training, Emanuele gave a detailed overview of how microphones work, explaining how voice, when transmitted through a microphone and heard through headphones, takes on a different timbre. The boys and girls were then actively involved in using the microphone and listening to their own voice through headphones, discovering with fun and amazement how different it can be from their own perception.

Next, the trainer involved the participants in a second activity, asking them to contribute to the creation of a theme song for the podcast/radio: each boy and girl was invited, in fact, to say a short sentence into the microphone.

Selecting a music base that was most suitable for radio was a particularly fun activity for the young people: they suggested several options, including music that reflected their cultural background. This activity provided an opportunity for them to share their cultural identity; indeed, In addition to adding an element of fun and involvement to the activity, the choice of music fostered a sense of belonging and connection to each other.

As the final part of the course, Emanuele explained and practised the post-production process, joining the different parts of the recorded acronym; he also taught the boys and girls how to remove any unwanted noise and correct errors captured during recording. At the end of the training, participants listened enthusiastically to the final product they created.



**Third Radio Training: 05.02.2024 - 15:00 - 18:00**

**Facilitator: Andrea Volterrani**

**Participants: 8 members of the Roma community**

In the third meeting of the radio training, the group evaluation regarding gender equality training and radio training conducted by Professor Andrea Volterrani took place. This session was divided into two phases, the first dedicated to evaluation by the training participants and the second to evaluation with tutors. Regarding the participants' evaluation, Professor Volterrani adopted an innovative approach to collect direct and immediate feedback. He prepared three posters, hung on the walls, on which he stated the following questions, "What did you do?", "What did you like and dislike?" and "What would you like to do?".

The boys and girls were asked to answer each question by attaching post-it notes with their evaluations. It emerged that most of the students found the training on the radio extremely enjoyable and engaging. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity to use new tools such as the microphone and mixer, which helped make the training experience more dynamic and stimulating. However, it was during the discussion of the question "What would you like to do?" that some interesting considerations emerged, allowing for a better understanding of the interests and ambitions of Roma boys and girls. One particularly significant response was "learning new things": Professor Volterrani decided to elaborate further by asking each of them what exactly they wanted to learn and what job they dreamed of doing. There was initial reluctance to answer the question truthfully. However, with encouragement, the girls let loose, enthusiastically revealing the occupations they aspired to pursue. In contrast, the boys appeared vaguer and more reserved in formulating their job aspirations, showing some difficulty in confronting these issues.



After completing the evaluation with the participants, the next phase of the meeting was dedicated to the evaluation with the tutors. At this step, Professor Volterrani adopted a similar methodology, using a single poster board on which four questions were written, "What did you do?" "What were the strengths and weaknesses?", "What did you learn?" and "What would you like to change for the future?". As it happened with the participants, the tutors also had the opportunity to express their thoughts by adding their post-it to the board in response to the questions posed by Professor Volterrani. Clustering of the responses was then carried out to organise the information that emerged, therefore identifying the main areas of interest and discussion.



**Fourth and Fifth Radio Training: 06.02.2024 / 07.02.2024 - 15:00 - 18:00**

**Trainers: Chiara Di Paola - Emanuele Floris**

**Participants: 11 - 14 members of the Roma community**

The last two radio training meetings were held on 06/02/2024 and 07/02/2024, respectively. In these two sessions, on the one hand, the work of recording the interviews with the young activators was continued, therefore continuing to explore issues related to affectivity and relationships; on the other hand, the work of post-production was continued, incorporating together the various considerations of the young activators on the issues covered and correcting any errors and noises picked up from the recordings.

