



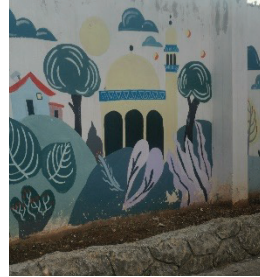
NEWSLETTER

SPEAK-UP Jean Monnet Module



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The SPEAK-UP Jean Monnet Module concerns EU studies on gender discrimination and violence. It aims to promote European values of equal opportunity and dignity between women and men and to encourage an active European citizenship in a globalised world, empowering women's voice and standing in the civil society and to facilitate the people-to-people dialogue along three EU and extra-UE directions.



Speak-up in Türkiye

This third Newsletter focuses on the activities led in Kilis and Gaziantep (Türkiye), one of the focus countries of the Speak-Up project for its first year.

Among Syrian refugee women

The end of the first year of the Speak-up module was led in a mission in South East Turkey on the border with Syria, among refugee women, in a very intense and impactful series of meetings with

the staff of local organization and women beneficiaries of their services in a fruitful dialogue that opened up perspectives and insights on the project main topics.



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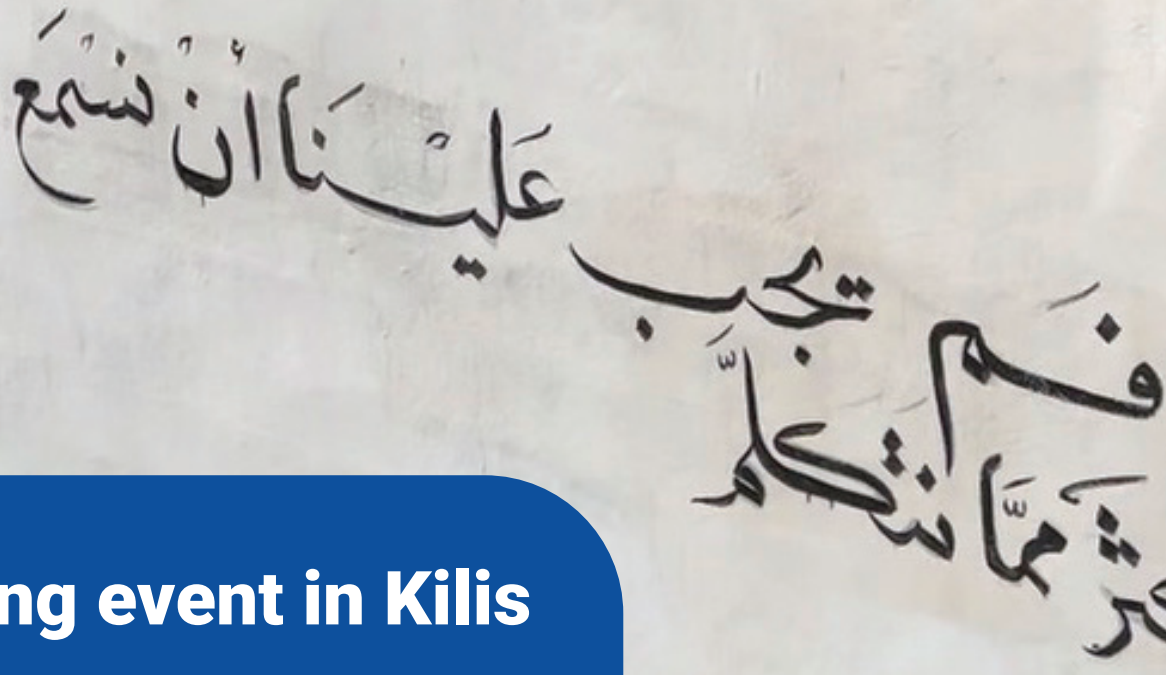


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Closing event in Kilis

The Closing Event in Kilis at the place of Amal Insani Derneği & Amal for Education (Turkiye) by Fiorenza Deriu (Project manager of the JM Module)

The conclusive session of the SPEAK-UP Jean-Monnet Module has been given in Kilis, a little city in the Southern region of Turkey, on the border with Syria, densely populated by Syrian refugees, where both the humanitarian associations Amal for Education and Amal Insani Yardim Dernegi, associated to the Jean Monnet Module, have their main legal and executive offices.

In this area, women speak mostly, or only Arabic language, even though the official language is Turkish. There are three Community Centres, managed by the associations, in Kilis and Gaziantep, providing young women and their children, orphans and widows with a wide range of activities and support.

The centres offer opportunities to develop a multilingual community, to raise awareness on human rights, to participate in sport events and activities and to promote social cohesion. They also provide art education and opportunities for artists, mentoring and counselling services to youth and university students.

They also provide a Gender Equality Programmes - For diversity and inclusion - and a series of awareness sessions and workshops tailored for women to help them participate in Turkish society.

In the following pages we will illustrate some of the activities that were realized during the visits.



A day in Gaziantep in Amal Al-Hayat Centre

The Gaziantep community centre is named Amal Al-Hayat ("Hope of Life") and offers educational and psycho-social activities to children, youths and women. Among the activities for women are vocational training opportunities and workshops and financial education courses. In the following pages some of the activities with women and children that were observed during the visit of Coordinator Fiorenza Deriu in Gaziantep.



Amal means “hope”

Amal for Education and Amal İnsani Derneği in Türkiye are the NGOs where the last lectures of the first year of the SPEAK-UP Module has taken place.

Amal starts from the belief that education is the first step for the acquisition of one's autonomy, for the pursuit of happiness and personal fulfillment and development, and the ability to understand others, is in the possibility of carrying out one's own path of growth and in seeking own way to interpret the world. Language and education provide these first irreplaceable tools.

We believe that education is the foundation of freedom, individual and

collective, democratic, open, diverse and giving equal opportunities to girls and boys, women and men. We believe in building a society of coexistence, solidarity, inclusion and respect.

War in its rubble, crises and conflicts are the first to abandon education. For this Amal for Education places language and education - in an open, different, inclusive, democratic and participatory sense - at the center of its mission.

Amal for Education



Amal for Education is an Italian ngo, focused on the support of migrants and people in need in conflict areas through education and community services. Its headquarters are in Rome and it operates in Türkiye and in partnership with other organizations also in Greece and Spain. It is coordinator of many Erasmus+ projects and Creative Europe projects.

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Amal İnsani Derneği



AİYD is a Turkish registered organization that plays as the twin partner of Amal for Education and operates in South East Turkey in the border city of Kilis and in Gaziantep. Its focus is on empowerment and social cohesion of Syrian refugees in Turkish society through education, vocational training, sport and awareness sessions.

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» Photos from the final lecture



Closing lecture of the Speak-up Module

The closing lecture of the module has been held in blended mode with Syrian refugee women in presence and students online connected on Zoom.

Prof. Fiorenza Deriu has discussed a model of response to victims of violence and the Women's Agency Building Model: Empowerment paths for women suffering from IPV and discussed with present participants on the specific context they live in and the limitations deriving from the lack of access to existing services, the language barrier and lack of a general

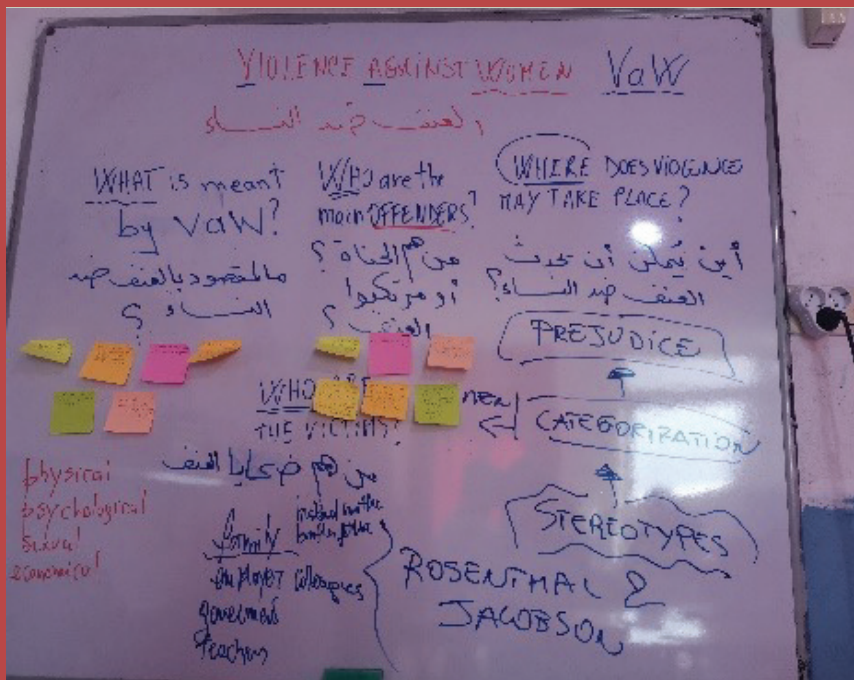
support system they would have accessed to in their own country.

Prof. Isabella Chiari has closed the meeting by focusing on some positive aspects that are peculiar to the border town of Kilis, where the refugees outnumber significantly the host community and where the need of breadwinners gives women opportunities to work and to access to awareness and educational activities provided for free by the municipality of Kilis and by various NGOs, among which Amal for Education.



A discussion on violence against women in Kilis

A group of Syrian refugee women in the border city of Kilis participated in an active discussion on violence against women in the Bayt Al-Amal Centre.



A group of women and staff members of AIYD participated in a workshop led by Prof. Fiorenza Deriu to discuss on differences and similarities in response to violence against women.

The workshop served to better identify the definitions of violence against women in a participative way and to define the main actors and the what, who, where and how of the most common aspects of violence as it happens in contexts of migration in the Middle East.

It also served to redefine prejudices, categorizations

and stereotypes regarding gender roles.



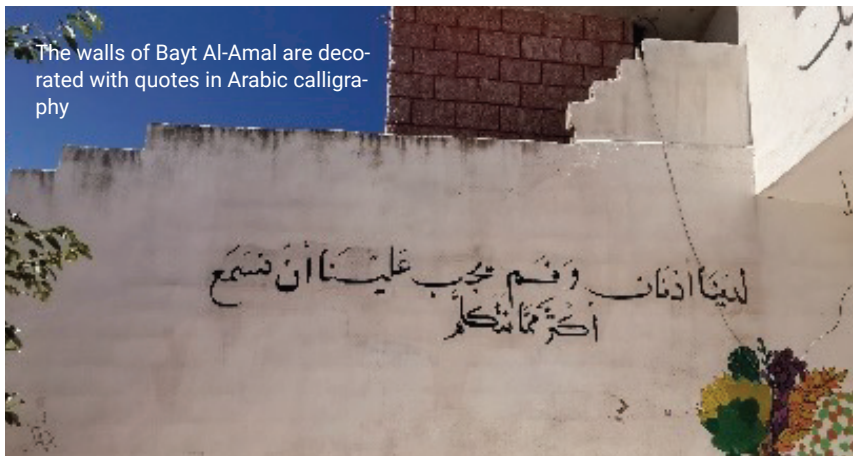


Activities in Gaziantep

Activities in Gaziantep have included educational and psycho-social support sessions with children and women with the participation of the Speak-up Module coordinator.



Bayt Al-Amal Community Centre

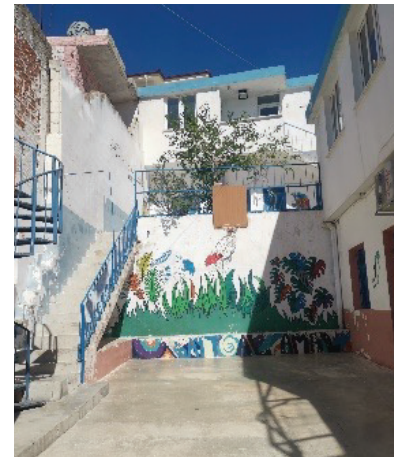


The walls of Bayt Al-Amal are decorated with quotes in Arabic calligraphy

All the walls in Bayt Al-Amal ("the House of Hope") are decorated by significant quotes written in Thuluth Arabic calligraphy style.

The main motto of the centre is taken from Zeno and trans-

lated in Arabic as a homage to Prof. Tullio De Mauro, eminent linguist, who used to repeat these quote during his lessons in Sapienza University and that has deeply impacted the philosophy of Amal for Education projects.



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WE HAVE TWO EARS
AND ONE MOUTH SO
WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO
MORE THAN TO SPEAK



Amal Gençlik Merkezi **The New Youth Centre**

A recent project by Amal is a youth centre where tradition meets innovation

The idea of the Youth centre comes from the role of youth as a bridge among generations. The new centre is in a traditional historical Arab house in Kilis and is devoted to beneficiaries, especially women, from 14 years old to 35.

It now offers English for all levels but also classes and work-

shops in participatory photography, creative journalism, podcasting and different arts and crafts.

Along with English the traditional pillar of Amal is the preservation of the original identity of Syrian women through courses of Arabic for both Syrian and Turkish youths.



The idea of a fundraiser for Syrian refugees in Gaziantep and Kilis

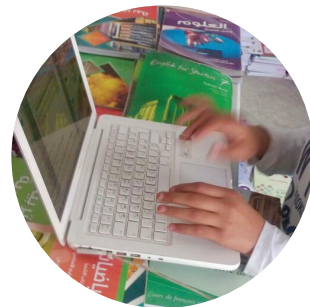
Prof. Fiorenza Deriu and Prof. Isabella Chiari, during the visit launched the idea of developing a plan of improvement of the space of Amal for Education in Kilis and Gaziantep through the rehabilitation of spaces, the provision of digital equipment for the centres and also the enrichment of the multilingual libraries for children and youth in English, Arabic and Turkish.

Updates on this project will be given in the future hoping in the support of all partners and network of friends.

Points of focus



Rehabilitation of Spaces



Digital Equipment



Library Enrichment

