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Building Resilience to Address Domestic Violence

IO4-The in – service training programme for Adult Educators Module 2



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Workshop 1

Introduction to the Family Learning Toolkit



What is family learning?

„Family learning is a powerful method of engagement and learning which can foster positive attitudes towards life-long learning, promote socio-economic resilience and challenge educational disadvantage“.

(Scottish Family Learning Network, 2016)



What is family learning?

- *Family learning classes are run in the community.*
- *Learning as a family encourages confident, lifelong learners.*
- *Parents are teaching their children from birth.*
- *Family learning helps parents on their own learning journey.*



Video: Family
Learning -
Ideas for
Learning
Together



Why is
family
learning
important?

Family learning encourages family members to learn together as and within a family, with a focus on intergenerational learning. Family learning activities can also be specifically designed to enable parents to learn how to support their children's learning.



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For many adults a family learning programme can be the first step to taking up further adult learning and training opportunities, gaining a job or developing new skills. For children, this can have a positive impact on their individual attainment and learning journey (Harding et al, 2013).



Why is family learning important?

Family learning supports children to achieve the highest standards whilst reducing inequity and closing the attainment gap. Educational interventions involving the whole family make a significant difference not only to the aspirations and attainment of children, but also to the skills, confidence and ambition of their parents. Family learning has long-term benefits as it affects behaviours and attitudes to learning across the whole family

(van Steensel et al, 2011; NIACE, 2013)



Benefits to families

Taking part in family learning:

- *Has provided parents with an opportunity to socialise with other parents;*
- *Has provided parents with support, information and help needed to develop their learning skills;*
- *Has been of benefit to families regarding helping with their children's homework and other related school work;*
- *Has provided all round family support that extends beyond the requirements of school work;*
- *Has helped to alleviate some of the pressure experienced by parents with literacy difficulties;*
- *The provision of a small allowance to cover additional costs e.g. childcare costs has assisted low income families to continue in and progress in family learning programmes.*



Video: The impact of Family Literacy and Family Learning



Family Learning Toolkit

Comics strip

For children between the
ages of 8 and 12



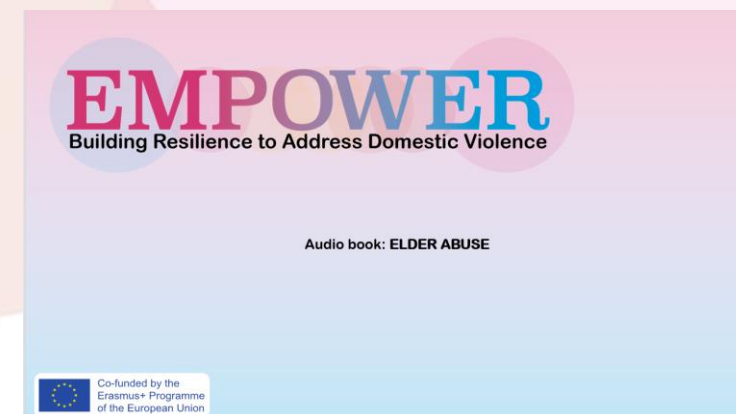
Magazines

For teenagers and young
adults aged 13 and 20



Audio books

For senior adult learners and
grandparents



Comics strip



The toolkit will provide a series of 12 themed comic strips that will follow the life of a family – these comics will form a series called ‘Talking Makes us Stronger’.

6 will present scenarios that show positive activities that families can do together

6 comics will present mild conflict situations, and show how conflicts with siblings, friends and parents can be resolved peacefully



Magazines



The toolkit will provide bespoke resources that will comprise a series of short explainer videos, self-help resources, games and puzzles, all presented through an interactive digital magazine.

10 magazines will address 5 themes. 2 magazines for each theme

one at introductory level
for teenagers aged
13 to 17

one at advanced level
for young adults aged
18 to 20



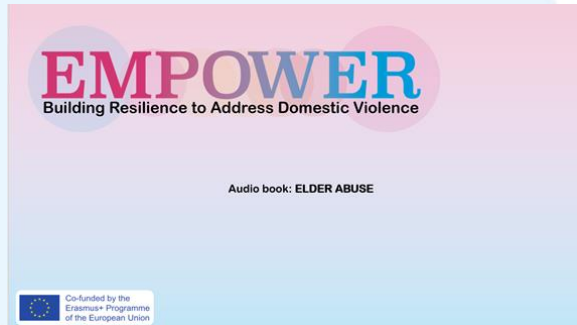
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Audio books



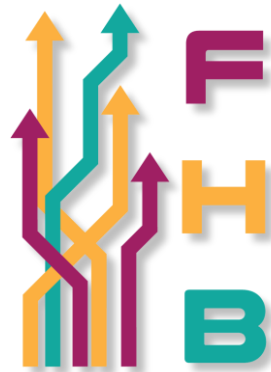
The toolkit will provide a suite
of 10 audio-books



These resources is to
highlight some of the
specific risks that senior
adults are susceptible to,
and also, to support them
to prevent themselves
from being victimised.

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