

Activity Name	The roots of Hate Speech
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Become aware that we all have stereotypes. ➤ Comprehend how stereotypes affect our cognitions and our actions. ➤ Become aware that stereotypes are the roots of Hate Speech.
Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tutors will ask participants: “Do you believe you have stereotypes? For what groups of people? What do you believe for these groups?” Tutors will write the answers on a board/flip chart. 2. Tutors will give each participant a post-it that she/he must not see but stick it on her/his forehead. When all participants have a post-it on their forehead, they will be asked to find friends by looking on each post-it. They will stay near to their friends. On each post-it we can write different groups of people with positive or negative stereotypes (i.e. woman police-officer, gay man, muslim man, German scientist, woman social worker, former AIDS patient, illegal immigrant from Greece, illegal immigrant from Irak, ex-prisoned man, taxi-driver, teacher). 3. Tutors will ask participants to talk about their choices before and after taking off their post-its (how they made their choices and which criteria they used, how did they feel that some participants avoided/picked them as friends). 4. Tutors will begin a conversation by asking participants, after they are seated again: “Why do we all have stereotypes? Are they always helpful? Do you believe there is a link between stereotypes and hate speech? What may be the consequences of negative stereotypes on a person?”
Type of activity	Experiential activity and exchanging opinions
Duration	60 Minutes
Space & Materials	<p>Space: A spacious room.</p> <p>Materials: Flipchart/board, markers to write, post-it, chairs</p>

Learning Outcomes	<p>After the completion of the activity, the participants should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acknowledge their own stereotypes and the impact on their behaviour. ➤ Be able to understand how hate speech is motivated. ➤ Cultivate empathy.
Module	Understanding Hate Speech
Source	The Smile of the Child