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Empowering vulnerable youth via streetcornerwork and outreach

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What is outreach?

“Outreach is a way of working that applies an **active approach** and aims to **promote wellbeing**. The worker practices a **participative attitude** and has **vulnerable people** as a target group. These people aren't (well) reached by the current services of state, care and welfare. Outreachers **engage in their environment with recognition of their values and rules**. Outreach aims to obtain a **mutual adjustment** of the target group, their network, social services and society as a whole.”
(Dewaele, De Maeyer & Beelen, 2012)

Why outreach?

- **Groups under the radar**: theory of vulnerability
- The **relation** works! (environment, values and rules)
- Problem awareness?
- **Staying on top of things**: policy making
- Info, prevention, support and guidance: works **better in their environment**
- **Community support**

So why not outreach?

Because we're **scared**?

Because we don't have **time**?

Because we rather work with **'easy' clients**?

Because we think **they have to adapt**?

Because ...

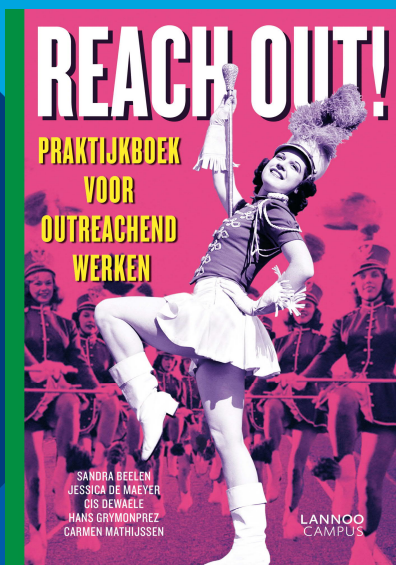
But for righteous policy making and an equal society, we need the voice and participation of all vulnerable people.

For formation, consult and proces guidance

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