# Working with refugees A Human rights perspective





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### Today's Schedule

- 8.45- 9.00 Warming up
- 9.00-9.30 Introduction of the perspective
- 9.30-10. 30 group work
- 11.00-12.00 presentation and discussion

### **Background**



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### **Human rights**

- Historical struggles behind the Human Rights framework
- Post WWII 10<sup>th</sup> December 1948, Universal Declaration of Human Rights



### A global perspective on Human Rights: First Generation

The state is responsible to insure dignity and security of each citizen

- Physical Integrity
- Protection against discrimination
- Correct representation in law
- Freedom of believe, expression and association
- Political participation



### **Second generation**

- The necessary conditions to meet the basic needs of human life and dignity
- Rights such as access to food, education, health care, work and housing



### **About Vulnerability**

 Vulnerability is exposed when social infrastructures are increasingly dismantled and fail to address needs and capabilities or to tailor services accordingly (Buttler; 2000).







 $https://www.upi.com/Odd\_News/2014/05/15/Businessman-takes-to-the-streets-to-beg-for-workers-for-his-landscaping-company/6311400179576$ 



### Self reflection and sharing with a peer

Which are the privileges of my own position?



## Nussbaum perspective: a fully human life Capabilities approach

"What people are actually able to do and to be"



### **Community based work**

 "A development strategy within the general community striving for social inclusion and equal opportunities" (Suarez-Balcazar,

2005)









### Community based work: Green Initiation

- Identified group: refugees seeking for employment but having mental health problems
- Partnership between Employment office, Stockholm commune, refugees and local community
- Groups of 12 refugees meet in a structured environment for 12 weeks and do diverse garden activities.
- Team: OT, social worker, psychologist, gardener and local community

example of CB



### **Participatory approaches**

- Participatory
- Collaborative
- Action
- Participatory Action
- Emancipatory
- Community based
- Transformative



Research



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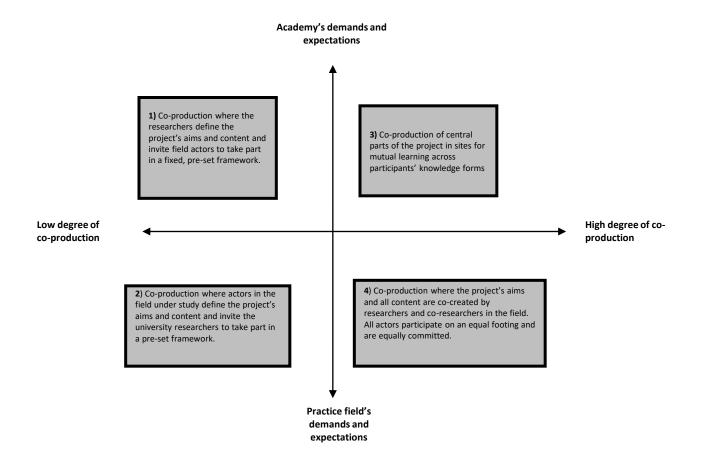


### **Participatory approaches**

The methodological decision to collaborate with the people studied is guided by a desire to democratize knowledge production and to give more people the opportunity to have voice in defining the boundaries of the possible (Reason and Bradbury, 2008).



#### Positions in participatory research relations



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### Photovoice



Treasure Hunt exercise: What is a community?



### **Group work**

- Build a interdisciplinary team
- Discuss together what a community is
- Build a case based on the questions you get
- Develop a community based interdisciplinary strategy
- Prepare a question/challenge for the audience
- Present in your own creative way: narrative, role playing, poster, action, etc