RAN Collection practice template

Name of the practice Please note that by practice we mean an activity/method/tool that has been used or is in use by professionals and/or community members.	**RadicalWeb**
Description (max. 300 words) Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that <u>there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism</u>. This means that in the aims and/or the activities/methods/tools of the practice, there is a link to preventing and countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. Practices without this link cannot be included in the RAN Collection.	RadicalWeb is a project implemented by Save the Children Finland. It aims to prevent online extremism and radicalisation that threatens young people's welfare and rights. The overall objective is to build societal resilience by increasing the capacity of youth workers to counter and prevent radicalisation in youth. The main aim of the project is training youth workers and other professionals working with young people on the issue of violent radicalisation and extremism. The purpose of the trainings is to increase understanding on the phenomenon and its possible manifestations and introduce tools to enable dialogue on the subject. Furthermore, these trainings aim to convey the idea of youth work being key in preventing violent radicalisation. In addition to these day-long trainings, the project will organise in-depth workshops on key issues based on feedback from the trainings. Additionally, the project conducts research on how violent extremism and radicalisation manifest online. The project aims to increase understanding on the manifestation and spread of extremism in Finnish online environments. A pilot training was conducted at the end of 2018. A pilot project was carried out in 2019, and the current phase is ongoing (2020-2022).

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The project is funded by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture.

Content of the training

The training utilises a presentation that covers the following sections:

- Addressing one's own biases and preconceptions
- What is violent extremism and radicalisation?
- What causes violent extremism and radicalisation?
- The role and effects of the internet
- Group work on fictional cases
- A presentation by a former skinhead who has over 10 years' experience in youth work and currently works on exit programming
- The situation in Finland
- National cooperation and legislation on P/CVE on the national and local levels in Finland
- Understanding radicalisation: How can radicalisation manifest in young people? How to recognise the signs?
- Intervention and discussing the issue with young people: An overview of tools created by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare on addressing difficult issues and concerns pertaining to them
- Group work: discussing personal cases that youth workers raise during the training

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Key themes

Please choose 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.

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Vulnerable youth and youth engagement in P/CVE

Training

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Target audience

Please choose a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.

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First responders or practitioners

Local Community Organisations / NGOs

Online Community

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Geographical scope Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).	Finland – national.
Start of the practice	Starting year: 2018
Deliverables Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.	The pilot phase of the project conducted five trainings and published one report. The current phase of the project will conduct 10 trainings, 15 in-depth workshops and an online training module. Additionally, two reports will be published on the subject. One report on radicalisation in Finnish online environments, particularly far-right extremism, was published in early 2020. The report was completed during the pilot phase in 2019 and can be found in English online (https://pelastakaalapset.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/main/2019/03/31162948/StCF_Violent_Extremism_online.pdf). Published in September 2021, the second report explored how extremist groups recruit young people, with a focus on online environments. The report has not yet been translated into English but has been published online in Finnish (https://pelastakaalapset.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/main/2021/09/08124219/nuoret_aariliikkeiden_rekrytoinnin_kohteena_2021.pdf).

Evidence and evaluation	
Evidence and evaluation Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including 1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention. 2. <u>evaluation and feedback</u>, including surveys and/or anecdotal evidence e.g. have you done either an internal or external evaluation, have you encouraged any feedback from your target group? 3. <u>peer review</u> which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed. Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.	1. Overall, the 15 trainings conducted have received positive feedback from participants. Demand for these trainings has been high. All training and workshop sessions will be followed up with feedback forms. Additionally, the project is internally monitored according to Save the Children Finland KPIs and strategy aims. 2. The project is included in the Finnish National Action Plan for the Prevention of Violent Radicalisation and Extremism 2019-2023 as well as the national working group that oversees its implementation. The project is still ongoing, and as such, an evaluation has not been carried out. Additionally, a formal evaluation is not required by the funder. 3. The project was presented at a RAN LOCAL meeting in September 2020. Overall, the project received positive feedback from the meeting participants. The project is currently being reviewed by an expert. It may be included in the RAN best practice database.
Sustainability and transferability (maximum of 200 words) Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. <u>Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.</u>	The practices of the RadicalWeb project are easily transferrable to different contexts. The content of the trainings can be localised and modified to fit local challenges and issues. Depending on the training youth workers receive in their respective countries, the content of the training and workshops can be adjusted to correspond to their skill set and knowledge. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the cost of running these trainings is low as they are conducted on online platforms. Furthermore, this has the potential to reach more people than would have been possible had the trainings been done face-to-face. Otherwise, travel as well as space bookings, etc. would increase the cost of running these trainings and workshops. Other costs of the project include host platforms for the online training module as well as a crawler search engine to conduct research.
Presented and discussed in RAN meeting Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is	Name: RAN LOCAL Date: 29/09/2020

preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings.	Place: Online Subject: Violent Right-Wing Extremism in the Local Strategy
Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding (maximum of 100 words)	One of RadicalWeb's project partners is CNAF, Caisse nationale des allocations familiales (Web Walkers), which receives funding from ISF.
Organisation (enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type) Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.	**Save the Children Finland** Save the Children Finland is a politically and religiously independent non-governmental organisation founded in 1922. Save the Children is made up of Save the Children International and 30 member organisations raising funds and running programmes domestically and/or internationally. Save the Children International is based in London. Type of Organisation: NGO
Country of origin Country in which the practice is based.	EU or EEA country: Finland
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