



## PRACTICAL EXERCISE

**Before proceeding to solve the case study, keep the following in mind:**

Citizen security is not only about real crime, but also about perceived crime. The sense of insecurity created by social alarm is in itself a threat with personal, social and institutional consequences that deserves to be addressed individually in any citizen security strategy. The aim is not to instrumentalise it to create a climate of generalised fear, as punitive populism or heavy-handed interventions have done, but to channel it through actions that encourage informed, constructive and responsible citizen participation. (UNDP, 2020)

### ❖ Case study

Young people are negatively affected by an increase in perceived crime in the community. Crime rates have not increased, but the feeling of insecurity has become a threat to citizens in general and to young people in particular, who are stigmatised and excluded in their own community. The result of this situation is a deterioration in community relations, where the local authorities are called upon to provide immediate solutions for the safety of citizens.

The municipal mediation team wants to ensure that "the voices of young people are also heard" in order to find a solution to the problem of public safety that has arisen. To this end, they have called in a JPS expert to bring the JPS experience to the municipal team and advise them on this issue.

Congratulations! As a JPS consultant, you have been asked to support the mediation team in this matter. Given the complexity of the situation, it has been suggested that an initial brainstorming meeting be organised with the main actors in the community.

To prepare for this first meeting, the community mediation team presents the following questions for you to answer (be sure to justify whether your answer is positive or negative, and what other





options you can offer):

- Should the municipal team try to involve young people from the community in this first meeting?
- What can be done to increase the participation and influence of young women and men in the process of finding solutions, without compromising or endangering young people?
- What are your concrete ideas and proposals?
- What are the concrete actions to be taken to ensure an Action Without Harm approach?

**Note: questions will be answered in a reflective manner and it is expected that your answers can be socialised in the synchronous spaces.**

