



INTRA-YOUTH DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL COHESION

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AIM

Foster social cohesion, overcome stereotypes, prevent isolation by strengthening bonds and exploring the similarities in dialogues between young people from diverse backgrounds.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Speakers from diverse backgrounds were selected to represent each minority group and religion
- Topics of dialogues included: coexistence between minorities living in Kurdistan, effects of referendum on the minorities in Kurdistan
- Focus on having young voices, observers and the international community to exchange perspectives

SUCCESSES

- Effective in introducing the youth from different backgrounds to each other, opening their eyes to understand the views of others
- Participants were willing to work on concrete solutions to the pressing issues

CHALLENGES

Having the dialogues in English limited the participation to the well-educated class which led to similar perspectives. Now, there are plans to hold sessions in the under-privileged neighbourhoods with the youth there, to include their perspectives.