

The Good Citizen

Ready to do Your work?

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- Prevention Manager
- City of Malmö, City Office
- 300 000 inhabitants
- 10 City Districts
- Today...

Devil's Advocate

Questioning Citizens' Participation

However...

A testimony

Instead

Nothing about us without us

Changes

is what Preventive work is about

Can you handle the truth?

Jack Nicholson

We need to do something about...

- Riots
- Drug Abuse
- Robbery
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Gang Criminality...

NOW!!!

Recognize it?

chasing solutions?

First: Do Not Panic!

We do a lot of bad things in panic

Panic?

Crime troubled area



Solution?

Police Chief



Sausages

Prevention – within a logical framework

- What is the problem?
 - Are we sure about that?
- Which are the underlying factors causing the problem?
(risk & protective factors)
- Are there programs dealing with these factors?
- We agree on objectives for the work
- Implement programs with fidelity and sustainability
- Follow up (process) and evaluate (effects)

Nothing about us without us

It's time for Citizens and Stakeholders

Who is this Citizen?

And why should he/she participate in your work

Why Citizens' Participation?

- Noting about us without us
- I.e. to give them initiative and possibility to influence their future
- To give us necessary information
- BUT...

Consider...

- Whose future, and are the people involved representative for that group(s)?
- What are their motivations - are they victims of crime, ex-convicts, ex-addicts, unemployed, do-gooders etc?
- Ulterior motives?
- Do they have enough skills; can they be objective in advocating/choosing measures?

Consider...

- Do you really want them to influence decisions, or actually make decisions, which means spending public money?
- Do you need a “hostage”, a group of citizens in a “Community Board”, “Reference Group” or similar defending your decisions among their peers in the society?
- Is citizens’ participation consistent with the democratic system, where we elect our representatives?

Something about implementation

- We are faced with the paradox of non-evidence-based implementation of evidence-based programs (Drake, Gorman & Torrey, 2002)
- Result: ☐

Is there a solution

yes

Communities That Care

is the solution

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