

## ---> Youth Department

The Youth Department is part of the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation of the Council of Europe. The Department elaborates guidelines, programmes and instruments for the development of coherent and effective youth policies at local, national and European levels. It provides funding and educational support for international youth activities aiming at the promotion of youth citizenship, youth mobility and the value of human rights, democracy and cultural pluralism. It seeks to bring together and disseminate expertise and knowledge about the life situations, aspirations and ways of expression of young Europeans.

## ---> Opening hours

The Living Library is open from 10h00 to 18h00, the last opportunity to borrow a book is 17h00!



## Living Library

Council of Europe Open day  
on 16 September 2012



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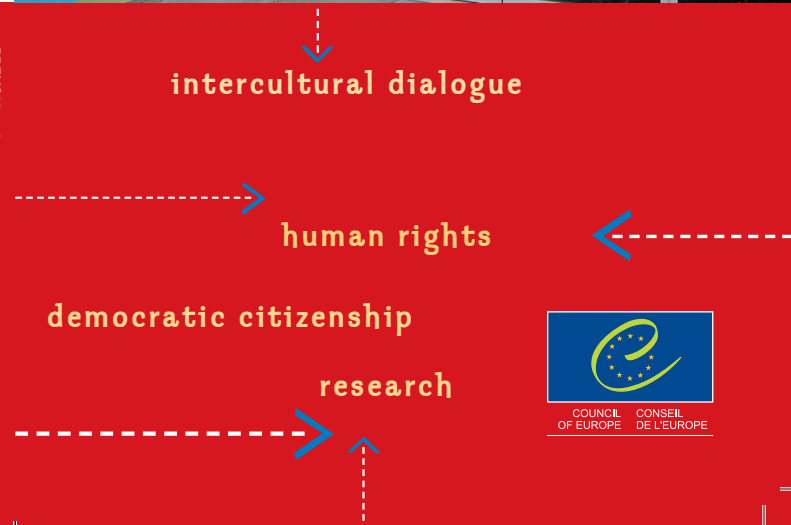
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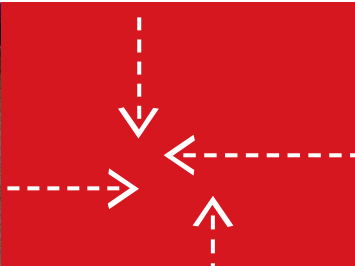
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## → Living Library – Don't judge a book by its cover !

Have you ever thought about your own prejudices and stereotypes about other people?

Or felt that other people might have some about you?

Do you have a lot of pre-conceived ideas for example about Roma people or Jews, priests or psychiatrists, feminists or homosexuals, disabled or about blond women?

But have you never had the chance to speak to one of them to find out what his or her life is like?

If you're ready to face your own prejudices and stereotypical judgements and meet "your stereotype" personally, you should become a reader of the Living Library where books speak!

## → How does the Living Library work ?

- When you come for the first time you will have to register as a reader to receive your Living Library Pass. By becoming a reader you accept the Living Library policy;
- From the library catalogue you can choose a book you would like to read.
- You can spend 30 mn with the book of your choice. Then you must bring the book back to the Living Library;
- The services of the Living Library are free of charge for registered readers.

## → What are the rules for readers of the Living Library ?

- Only registered readers who have accepted the Library rules can borrow a book;
- Only one book can be borrowed at a time;
- A book can be borrowed for 30 mn, and then it must be returned to the Living Library. Readers can extend reading time for a maximum of one extra hour arranged with the librarian;
- The reader must return the book in the same mental and physical condition as when it was borrowed. It is forbidden to damage the book, tear out or bend pages, spill food or drink over the book or hurt his/her dignity in any other way. The reader is responsible for preserving the condition of the book;
- The reader accepts the fact that the book can quit the conversation if he/she feels that the reader treats him/her in an inappropriate manner or hurts his/her dignity.