

17. Forum für Täter-Opfer-Ausgleich

„Die Stärke der Beteiligten: Selbstbestimmung statt Bedürftigkeit“

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Arbeitsgruppe 5:

„Self-determination in VOM – especially in cases of serious crime“

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Abstract:

„We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.“ Anaïs Nin

This workshop will be introduced with an (individual) experimental exercise. After a brief overview of the legal framework and the principles by which we mediate in Belgium, we will focus on a number of specific mediation cases in serious crime.

These mediations took place on different levels (before and after trial) and in different periods in of people's lives.

The focus will lie on various aspects: on the facts, on the harm that has been caused, on the future-perspective: “how to give a place what happened?”...

These and other aspects will be discussed within the perspective of self-determination: What are the opportunities? What are the limits/ boundaries? Different themes such as context (prison, family, health...), resilience, desistance, empowerment, the person of the mediator, the media... will be addressed.