

Narrative Report Pokja Costly Tolerance / Inclusive Religious Education 2021

1. Webinar Series "Other Voices"

A webinar series with the theme "Other Voices" was proposed as one of the main activities of Pokja CT/ IRE.

The first series webinar took place in February under the title 'Game On! Playful Religious Education'. In this webinar, speaker Ina Ter Avest, responded by two respondents, presented the results of her research team and experiments to tackle radicalization among young people in the Netherlands.

The second and third series of webinars have been conducted with the title 'Reading Texts in the Quran and the Bible'.

The second webinar which took place on October the 13th has focussed on texts on "Love and compassion" found in the Quran and the Bible.

Meanwhile, the third webinar which took place on December the 8th discussed texts on "War and Violence".

2. Quran and Holy Bible Website Development

There is a complete text of Bible and Qur'an in Dutch available, attached to a website that was set up by the interchurch broadcast company IKON. This website had clearance by the editors of the translations in question to use their material. The IKON has been liquidated, and its successor in rights is the EO broadcasting company. The EO has been approached to share their content of the website which has stopped to function in 2010, with NICMCR. However, we learned that the settings of the website were outdated and EO had question marks on whether NICMCR/Pokja Education would be able to do this job.

This meant that Pokja Education needed to set up a completely new website and to produce the content. Because it was too much work for us, we have approached Marlies ter Borg who had built the first website with IKON and published the content as a book in the Dutch language to give the content for the Indonesian book. She was happy to cooperate but told us that the copy rights are in the hands of the publishers. We have approached the Belgian publisher and negotiated with them. We are now at the point that the publisher accepted our proposal and is willing to contact the writer of the book, Marlies ter Borg for permission. The publisher wants in return 2000 euro for giving permission for a closed website, made available for the dialogue groups only for 10 years.

On the Indonesian side, there is the same material available that was originally produced by Frederik Duka. But the pokja members on the Indonesian side were not yet able to approach him or work on the website in another way.

3. CT/IRE Annual Symposium

One of the annual agendas of the Pokja CT / IRE is holding an annual symposium on prevention of radicalization through religious education. However, due to the Covid pandemic, the symposium was postponed to February 23rd and 24th 2022. For this annual symposium which will be held online, we will invite 5 speakers from the Netherlands and Indonesia

4. Contribution to the 10th NICMCR Anniversary

2021 marked 10 years since the NICMCR was formed. To commemorate this, the Steering Committee made a documentary video to document the journey and development of this consortium.