

## 05 Safety for everyone – Studying alternative security concepts

Safety is a broad term, which is extremely subjective and is definable differently for everyone. While in our project work we have dealt with different concepts to create safety, such as abolitionism, transformative justice and community accountability we have decided to create a utopian vision, in which every person feels safe through making use of all these concepts. As our world and society is experiencing crisis after crisis (Ukraine-Invasion, Covid-19 etc..) the idea of safety might be as important as never before.

Our Utopia is based on a community in which everyone is equal and safety is normality. There is no police, no state authority, no surveillance, no laws and thus ideally no social harm or violence. We create safety through implementing a group of RRR people, these people are in charge of “Responsibility, Reflection & Rehabilitation”. Meaning, that the RRR can be involved whenever a person feels unsafe or conflicts arise. The community and the people within are focusing on every individuals feelings and an etiquette, which is accepted by everyone.

Critically looking at our community we have to take into account the isolation from the rest of society, that happens when such enclosed groups are formed. This undeniably happens consciously, but causes an interruption to the exchange of different opinions and in the worst case leads to radicalisation. Moreover the development of one's own opinion and personality is made more difficult. Another point we have to discuss is the difficulty of preventing conflicts and assaults, as there is no instance, which actively pursues crime. The idea of the “RRR” might be interesting, however obviously idealised as not everybody is open to search for help and/or wants to be helped. Moreover there is no punishment in place to deal with repeat offenders or rapists, murderers etc and our society today shows, that the more intimate the environment, the lower the inhibition threshold for assaults is. When talking about murder we also have to address “human nature” and the difference between people, their ambition, their greed and their strive to be better. A community where every person is equal to the other might not be possible, as there are always people who want to be different, who want a better living standard or who want to have a bigger impact on society. Our community does not comply with these individuals and does not offer them a space in which they can act up to their standards. Furthermore such a community can not be applied on all of society but only on a small group of people who share specific values and interests. As soon as there is a group of humans unhappy, change and uprisings are preprogrammed.

Now, we have obviously created a Utopia, which is subject to many unrealistic circumstances and there are many questions still uncertain. However there are always small things, that we can implement in our society today and questions, that can wait. We can conclude, that safety is subjective, but people tend to feel safer, when society focuses more on each individual. Meaning, that offers for mental health support, victims of certain crimes and support in questions of day to day life could lead to a feeling of more safety. Additionally we urge to say, that safety is not created by “everyone for themselves”, meaning, that people have to discuss, speak out and be open to discussion in the matter of safety.