



COERCION AND ROUGH SLEEPING

**Forcing people into
shelters? Or how to
seduce them**

FIGURES ROTTERDAM

1995 ----- 7 rough sleepers

2000 --- 260 rough sleepers (22
Women)

2002 --- 400 rough sleepers

2004 --- 476 rough sleepers

2010 ----- 15 rough sleepers

YES

Coercion for

- organizations for the homeless, mental health care, addiction care, police, prisons, probation officers, welfare work
- local and national government, health insurance
- social science in finding evidence based working methods.
- citizens to commit in the change
- rough sleepers

They all have to work together and combine their efforts in giving shelter and accommodation and perspective of living.

FIVE PERSPECTIVES

- 1. Citizens**
- 2. Politicians and their civil servants**
- 3. Organizations**
- 4. Social science**
- 5. Rough sleepers**

CITIZENS

Not in my backyard

Every social network, family, has its dropouts (social exclusion)

Safety in the streets

Are paying taxes

Are choosing european, local and national government

Explain the need for change and ask for co-operation and commitment based on “social quality” of city and country.

If the “social” is not working well, it hampers the economical growth

POLITICIANS AND THEIR CIVIL SERVANTS

Responsibility for the city and citizens

Safety in the streets

Budget for the homeless

Budget for police; regulations for police action

In need for having a say in the way of spending budget for

- **medical care, mental health and addiction care**
- **housing and resolving debts**
- **prisons and probation officers**
- **making schools and sports available**

In charge of making policy and giving direction together with national government, health insurance and justice department.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

**Working together in
one action plan for
each rough sleeper**

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Perspective of Social Quality (EFSQ)

**Socio-economic Security; Social Cohesion;
Social Inclusion; Social Empowerment**

Evidence based methods

**Assertive Community Treatment, Strength
Based approach, Critical Time Intervention,
Rehabilitation Methods etc.**

Research on the population, on what works

www.socialquality.org

ROUGH SLEEPERS

Contact rough sleepers or homeless persons

Explain your policy and ask for advice on a regular basis

They know exactly where the chain is broken. = social inclusion

ROUGH SLEEPERS

Stay in contact

Ask their opinion on how they want to live

Ask their advice on way the policy goals will help them

Ask homeless people advice on the way to get them off the streets

Provide in methods like ACT

YES

**COERCION IN WORKING TOGETHER
BECAUSE**

**EACH PARTY ALONE CAN NOT CHANGE
THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE ROUGH
SLEEPING**

**YOU NEED ALL THE AVAILABLE
RESOURCES**

**THE SOCIAL QUALITY OF YOUR CITY
WILL GROW**

COERCION ON ROUGH SLEEPERS

**Yes, but seduce him or
her into a small change.**

**Build a good thrustworthy
working relation.**