Handout A
Some good reasons for doing awareness-raising

Participants:

• experience that there are problems in their practice
• are invited to specify these problems
• experience that others (colleagues) have the same problems as themselves
• share good strategies for solving problems
• become used to learning in a group
• become used to looking at their own practice with awareness and a critical eye
• collect examples from their fieldwork which can be used directly in the intensive skills training – this makes the training feel directly relevant
• feel that their needs will be the basis for the training programme – this increases motivation
• learn to listen to each other
• become used to observing their own practice and incorporating the questions, reflections and learning into their regular work
• become used to giving each other feedback and being involved in each other’s learning

In summary – participants take responsibility for their own learning:

They “wear” their antennae while contacting and working with respondents, and
• Read and analyse the situation
• Decide how to behave
• Communicate with awareness
• Collect good quality information
• Share experiences with colleagues