



Violence Prevention Network is a group of experienced specialists who have been active in the field of anti-violence work and the prevention of extremism as well as in the deradicalisation of extremist-motivated violent offenders with great success for many years. Since 2001, the Violence Prevention Network team has been working successfully in reducing ideologically motivated and religious-motivated serious crime and extreme acts of violence committed by adolescents and young adults.

Violence Prevention Network and its collaboration partners aim to pass on the expert skills gained over many years in working with this target group to the people and institutions in Hesse. The objective is to integrate as many Hesse-based institutions and persons as possible, thereby creating an extensive network that facilitates sustainable prevention and intervention activities.



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If you are interested in a workshop, advanced training or advice, give us a call or send us an email. The services provided by the Advice Centre Hesse are free of charge and accessible to all persons.

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ADVICE CENTRE Hesse

Religious tolerance instead of extremism

Change of perspective
Values Participation
Islam Deradicalisation
Interreligious Conflicts
Maturity
Lifeworld
Mid-east conflict
Identity Honour
Together Extremism Responsibility
Democracy

Prevention • Intervention • Disengagement assistance



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The Advice Centre Hesse of the Violence Prevention Network is geared towards adolescents, parents and experts who have questions in the area of extremism. The centre provides prevention, intervention and deradicalisation measures as a response to general helplessness when dealing with religious extremism. The Advice Centre promotes increased tolerance of different world views, and early detection, prevention and reversal of radicalization processes. Intervention in early radicalization processes and targeted deradicalisation activities are aimed at people who are searching for an escape from extremist ideologies.

One of the key aspects of the Hessian approach is to provide adolescents with information and knowledge enhancement on interfaith and intercultural connections at an early stage and on dealing with interfaith conflicts. Interfaith communication allows for a basic understanding that does not reject fundamental principles such as democracy, non-violence, human rights and tolerance. Rather, it includes these values in their own religion as well. At the same time, this understanding also prevents extremism and the trend to radicalism.

Objectives of the Advice Centre Hesse

- + Creating an openness to dialogue between people with different cultural and religious backgrounds
- + Breaking down antidemocracy and misanthropy
- + Preventing and reversing radicalization processes and violent behaviour
- + Promoting interfaith/intercultural responsibility
- + Activating and professionalising institutions and multipliers

The aim is to establish contact with young people who are susceptible to extremism. Also, in the course of pedagogical work, the intention is to first effect the separation process from extremist groups and the questioning of violent and extremist ideological elements, which then allows for deradicalisation processes.

Who can approach the Advice Centre Hesse?

The services of the Advice Centre are essentially meant for all persons who require advice or support in dealing with religious extremism.



The Advice Centre Hesse is there for you if ...

- ... your institution is experiencing religious-related tension
- ... a religious conflict is intensifying in your environment
- ... you require support in dealing with extremist world views
- ... you think that your child, student or friend has become radical
- ... your institution requires advice and advanced training in dealing with religious extremism
- ... you would like to disengage from extremist ideologies or opt out of radical groups



Range of services

In order to reach a broad spectrum within the target group, prevention as well as intervention measures are used, and in particularly entrenched cases, deradicalisation measures and disengagement assistance are provided.

Prevention

- + Student workshops in schools on interfaith and intercultural responsibility
- + Advice for parents, mosque congregations and other interested parties within the framework of preventive work
- + Civic education for promoting tolerance and democratic capability

Qualification

- + Information, awareness-raising and educational events for early detection and strengthening the coping skills of persons who are in contact with vulnerable young people

Intervention/deradicalisation/disengagement assistance

- + Advice for relatives when dealing with religious extremism
- + Advice, support and special training for adolescents at risk of becoming radicalized prior to delinquency
- + Disengagement assistance: advice and dialogue-promoting measures with radicalists, foreign fighters and returnees (e.g. from Syria)