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Violence Prevention Network is a group of experienced specialists who have been active in the field of prevention of extremism and 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 and religiously motivated serious crime and extreme acts of violence committed by adolescents and young adults.



Everyone can change their behaviour

The skills that a person needs to change their behaviour – the ability to relate with others, to empathise, to have a sense of responsibility and to perform self-reflection – can be learned. The activities of Violence Prevention Network are based upon this educational attitude, which involves a commitment to humanist principles.

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If you are interested in an educational workshop for students or vocational training, give us a call or send us an e-mail. The offers are free of charge.

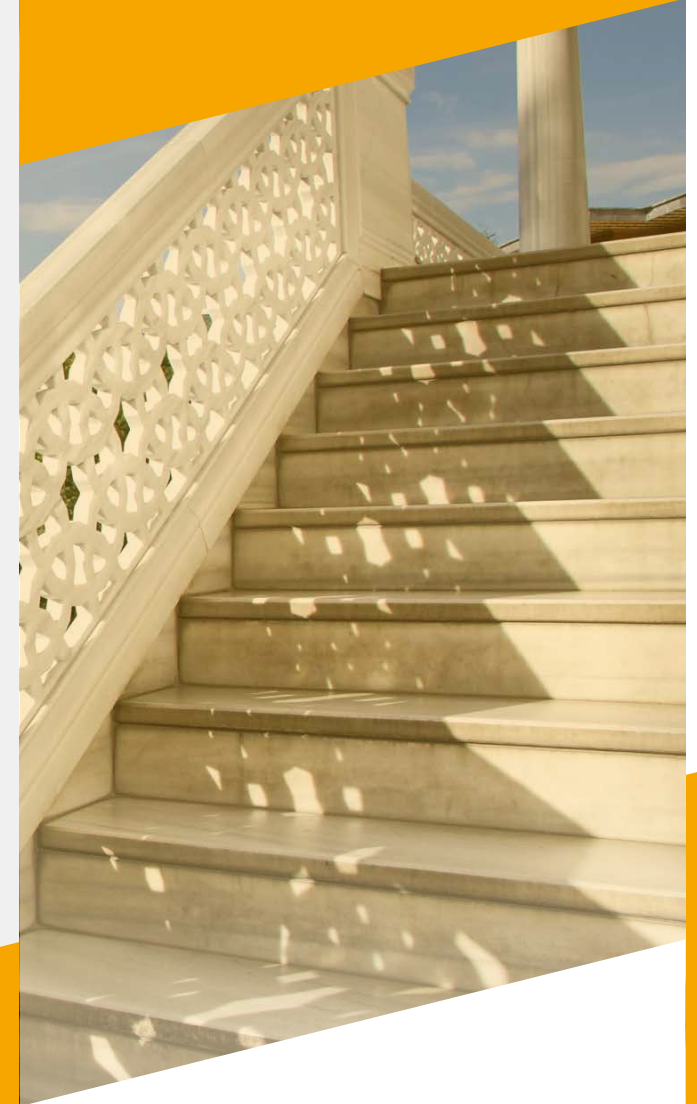
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Teach2Reach

Educational workshops and
vocational training about
religiously motivated extremism



Teach2Reach – Educational workshops and vocational training about religiously motivated extremism

The **Teach2Reach** project is a response to the growing need for preventative political education in order to address the phenomenon of religious extremism. Its goal is to provide education about extremism and recruitment strategies as well as to develop potential courses of action for young people and specialised staff when signs of radicalisation arise. Other objectives are to demystify the phenomenon of jihadism and to increase the ability of young people to distance themselves from extremism.

The overall goal of the **vocational training** "Dealing with religious extremism and radicalisation in schools and youth welfare" is to convey the ability to recognise extremist argumentation and to develop possible resolution strategies concerning this argumentation. The emphasis is placed on practice-oriented pedagogical thinking and behaviour. With the training, further understanding of one's own professional role is developed, making dialogue possible with young people who display extremist thought patterns.



Our **workshops** are tailored to the specific context of the particular institution, allowing young people to respond critically to the recruiting efforts of the extremist scene rather than feeling powerless. They address the limited capacity of friends, teachers and the social environment of a potentially radicalised individual to act and point out the constant availability of staff members of the KOMPASS advice centre. These professionals can take immediate action in recognisable individual cases that require more intensive support.

Pedagogic objectives

1. Expanding **knowledge** of inter-religiousness, identity and religious extremism
2. Achieving **awareness** of the recruitment strategies of extremists and the stigmatisation of groups
3. Enabling **positioning** in a pluralistic society
4. Strengthening **skills** such as media literacy and awareness of tolerance
5. Developing **action strategies** for dealing with recruitment attempts and religious extremism. At this point, the intervention team of the KOMPASS advice centre may be called in as a partner at any time.

The following thematic clusters can be addressed in coordination with the institution:

Workshops about the topics of Islam, inter-religious competence, democracy and conflict in the Middle East:

- + The role of one's own identity, religion, origin and culture
- + Religious life practices and fundamental beliefs in Islam
- + Life in a pluralistic society
(human rights, fundamental rights, democracy)
- + Dealing with other religions and world views
(tolerance of ambiguity)
- + Shared values in the three monotheistic religions (excursions)
- + Inter-religiosity as an opportunity of social cohesion
- + Engagement and critical analysis of the conflict in the Middle East

Education about and dealing with religious extremism:

- + Education about radicalisation processes involving teenagers
- + Analysis and deconstruction of extremist argumentation strategies
- + Recruitment attempts by extremists in the media
(social networks, etc.)
- + insight into the scene of religious extremism
(with a focus on Germany)
- + Action strategies in dealing with religious extremism



Target group

The **workshops** are generally offered to pupils from grade nine to upper secondary and beyond. They last between one and three days and can take place either in the school or on the facilities of **Teach2Reach**. The **vocational training** is aimed at participants who are in permanent dialogue with youths who are placed at risk by extremist or fundamentalist ideology.

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 fundamentalism and radicalisation.