

Objectives of the Advice Centre Saxony

For youths and young adults

- Awareness-raising and education about Islam, criticism of Islam/Islamophobia and radicalisation
- Immunisation against recruitment attempts from extremist groups
- Creation of (counter-)offers that provide young people with a perspective beyond religious extremism without negating their religious beliefs or needs
- Intervention and deradicalisation in cases where radicalisation has already begun or taken place

For multipliers

- Confidence in dealing with young people at risk of radicalisation
- Awareness-raising and education about Islam, criticism of Islam/Islamophobia and radicalisation
- Expansion of competences, activation and professionalisation in dealing with prejudiced and Islamophobic individuals

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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 Saxony are free of charge and accessible to the public.

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 **Hotline**
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This hotline allows you to speak to competent contact persons who will be happy to offer advice on preventing extremism and radicalisation

"The Advice Centre Saxony is part of the coordination and advice centre for the prevention of radicalisation (KORA). The KORA project is operated by the Saxon Minister of State for Equality and Integration in partnership with the Saxon Minister of State for the Interior and the Saxon Minister of State of Justice."

Violence Prevention Network

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 training multipliers and reducing ideologically and religiously motivated serious crime and extreme acts of violence committed by adolescents and young adults.



ADVICE CENTRE SAXONY

The purpose of the Advice Centre Saxony is to immunise young people against recruitment attempts from extremist organisations and initiate distancing processes in cases where religiously motivated radicalisation has already begun. It organises training courses and awareness-raising events that enable multipliers to recognise extremist argumentation and to develop possible resolution strategies concerning this argumentation. By providing insights into and information about the lifestyles and religious practices of their clients, it also aims to allay fears and counteract potential Islamophobic or racist tendencies in these multipliers.

Target groups

The Advice Centre Saxony is aimed at professionals working with young people who are potentially at risk of radicalisation. Institutions that wish to obtain professional skills in the field of radicalisation prevention and anti-discrimination can take advantage of the services offered by the advice centre.

In youth welfare institutions and schools, the target group of young people at risk of radicalisation is approached by way of prevention workshops with a modular structure.

The project further comprises individual casework with radicalised people and people at risk of radicalisation in the aforementioned institutions.



Offers

Advanced training for multipliers

Depending on their professional needs, multipliers have a range of training courses available to them. These courses have a modular structure and can be adapted to the requirements of the interested parties. The following subjects can be offered:

Subject 1: Islam

Basic knowledge and religious routines

Subject 2: Radicalisation

Dealing with religiously motivated extremism

Subject 3: Anti-Muslim sentiment

Dealing with Islamic and Muslim narratives

The training events' methods are based on the following parameters: differentiation, awareness and sensitisation, ideologisation and radicalisation, perception and attitude, and practical strategies.

Offers for youths and young adults

The approach involves the interactive transfer of knowledge about specific topics that are creating conflict in the respective institution (school, youth welfare entity) at the time. It focuses on developing inter-religious and inter-cultural competences and promoting political education. The workshops can be booked at short notice.

- Basic workshops on the topics of Islam and (religious) extremisms
- Inter-religious competence workshops on the topics of identity, religion/worldview, religious conflict, culture and origin
- Demystifying extremism – information and education about religiously motivated extremism and the consequences of recruitment, radicalisation, departure to conflict zones and membership in a terrorist organisation

Work with people endangered by radicalisation

The focus of our work with youths and young adults lies in establishing the accessibility to people who are potentially at risk, approaching these individuals, and developing trust in order to build a relationship. Support and advice in difficult life situations and accompanying work with counsellors form part of the offer. This is aimed especially at young people in youth welfare institutions and schools.

Deradicalising ideologised youths and those at risk

Deradicalisation comes into play when the degree of radicalisation is very advanced and the risk exists that young people will be a danger to themselves and others, such as by travelling to or returning from a war zone. Due to its specialisation on this topic from the outset, Violence Prevention Network has years of experience in dealing with radicalised young people and understands how to speak to members of these scenes, how to establish dialogues with them, how to motivate them to change, and how to trigger processes of becoming distant from inhumane ideologies.