

## **Glocal Islamism 2019 – Phenomena, Interdependencies, Prevention**

### **PROJECT SHOWCASE**

19 organisations engaged in preventing (violent) extremism presented their projects:

#### **IFAK e.V. – Association for Multicultural Child and Youth Welfare – Migration**

The Association for Multicultural Child and Youth Welfare – Migration (IFAK e.V.) is a non-profit not affiliated with any political party or religious group autonomously organized by migrants and locals at the local authority level. A range of bodies, projects and measures in intercultural child and youth welfare work as well as in social work for migrants operate under the aegis of IFAK e.V. across Bochum and especially in districts often home to families with a migration background. IFAK has now evolved into an organisation, whose membership, board and project teams are composed of people from different ethnicities. People supporting IFAK e.V. pursue intercultural approaches and the joint aim of promoting coexistence and mutual acceptance and tolerance between migrants and locals, empowering migrant communities and reducing unfavourable treatment.

**[ifak-bochum.de](http://ifak-bochum.de)**

#### **Women without Borders**

Women without Borders translates research into action through community-based strategies that combine theory and grassroots level fieldwork. Women without Borders focuses on Preventing Violent Extremism, Capacity Building, Gender Based Violence, Female Leadership, and Intercultural Dialogue. The organisation's core focus is its pioneering 'MotherSchools: Parenting for Peace' Model, which has been strengthening local, national, and global security for over a decade. This bottom-up security approach positions civil society to address the dangers of extremism while fostering dialogue between local stakeholders and global decision-makers. MotherSchools have engaged over two thousand mothers in twelve countries across Western and Eastern Europe, South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

**[wwb.org](http://wwb.org)**

#### **Connecting Research on Extremism (CoRE)**

The Network for Connecting Research on Extremism in North-Rhine Westphalia (CoRE NRW) was founded in 2016 to foster interdisciplinary exchange between scientists working on radicalisation and extremism. The network increases knowledge transfer between different scientific disciplines and supports practical work carried out by security authorities and civil society. It pools expertise on a state level and strives to identify and close existing and emerging knowledge gaps. Having its main focus on Salafism, the network also addresses other manifestations of extremism as cross-phenomena thinking and for instance right-wing extremism are becoming increasingly important. The Bonn International Centre for Conversion acts as coordination body and is supported by the Ministry of Culture and Science of North-Rhine Westphalia.

**[core-nrw.de](http://core-nrw.de)**

### **Turn – Association for the Prevention of Violence and Extremism**

The turn association was founded in 2017 with the aim of carrying out projects on online street work and offering low-threshold guidance and counselling by social workers. Youths and young adults who participate in projects are supported by a cross-disciplinary network of experts from youth social work, Islamic studies, sociology, film and music production, psychology, psychotherapy, social pedagogy, graphic design, political science and digital management.

**[facebook.com/turn.VereinFuerGewaltUndExtremismuspraevention](https://www.facebook.com/turn.VereinFuerGewaltUndExtremismuspraevention)**

### **Terrorism and Radicalisation (TerRa)**

#### **Prevention, De-radicalisation and Citizenship**

Terrorism and Radicalisation (TERRA) is a European project supported by the European Commission Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs which focuses on preventing radicalisation, supporting deradicalisation and disengagement, and encouraging citizenship. The objective of TERRA is to reinforce the positive role victims and former terrorists can play in relation to the prevention of radicalisation and providing practical guidance to specific target groups. Target groups and beneficiaries include victims, (potential) terrorists, EU member states and frontline-workers in the field of law-enforcement, rehabilitation, teaching, welfare and social workers, journalists, policy makers, and religious leaders. TERRA stimulates knowledge synthesis and exchange throughout the European Union, between groups and between member states. The project builds on the work of the Network of Victims of Terrorism (NAVt) and is complementary to and provides input for the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) as a 'network of networks'.

**[terra-net.eu](https://terra-net.eu)**

### **Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN)**

Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) is a network of frontline or grassroots practitioners from around Europe who work daily with people who have already been radicalised, or who are vulnerable to radicalisation. Practitioners include police and prison authorities, but also those who are not traditionally involved in counter-terrorism activities, such as teachers, youth workers, civil society representatives, local authorities representatives and healthcare professionals. In RAN Working Groups, frontline practitioners may share their extensive knowledge and first-hand experience with one another, and peer review each other's practices. RAN is also a platform for the world of practitioners, researchers and policy makers to pool expertise and experience to tackle radicalisation.

**[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation\\_awareness\\_network\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network_en)**

### **International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH)**

International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH) aims to combat discrimination on the internet. The organisation was founded on October 4, 2002 by jugendschutz.net and agenta Foundation, Complaints Bureau for Discrimination on the Internet. INACH is a foundation under Dutch law, and has its office / secretariat in Amsterdam. INACH unites organisations around the world, incorporating different cultural backgrounds and speaking many languages. It has a diverse perspective, allowing the network to counter and address all forms of online discrimination. INACH adds value to the Internet and brings the online in line with Human Rights.

**[inach.net](https://inach.net)**

### **National Committee on Religiously Motivated Extremism (BAG ReIEx)**

The National Committee on Religiously Motivated Extremism (BAG ReIEx) supports the nationwide networking of civil society stakeholders who are active in successful and sustainable deradicalisation and prevention of religious extremism. The working group offers experts a platform to exchange ideas and supports them in developing quality standards. It also represents civil society actors from the field of prevention and deradicalisation in politics, science and administration, and aims to enrich the scientific and political debate with their experiences and perspectives. Furthermore, BAG ReIEx also provides interested parties with relevant information and lists local partners.

**[bag-relex.de](http://bag-relex.de)**

### **European Forum for Urban Security (Efus)**

The European Forum for Urban Security (Efus), founded in 1987 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, is the only European network of local and regional authorities dedicated to urban security. It includes nearly 250 local and regional authorities from 16 countries. Efus provides support and inspiration for locally elected officials and their teams who are convinced of the necessity of working together, transcending political differences, for the benefit of long-term security. In accordance with the principle of 'cities helping cities' Efus fosters the exchange of experience between authorities.

**[efus.eu](http://efus.eu)**

### **Networking Arab Civic Education (NACE)**

The Networking Arab Civic Education (NACE) recognizes the importance of providing a sustainable structure for addressing the pressing challenges of the day, such as migration, high youth unemployment, low participation, radicalisation, migration and instability, and provides a platform for exchange and knowledge transfer on Civic Education in the Arab region. The platform connects and enhances the diverse initiatives of Civic Education in the Region. In addition NACE reaches out to a European sister structure NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education that exists since 2004 to support a sustainable exchange and cooperation between stakeholders of CE from North and South of the Mediterranean and to cope with common challenges.

**[nacecommunity.org](http://nacecommunity.org)**

### **Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP)**

The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) is a nonpartisan network of over 100 organisations working in 153 countries to end conflict, reduce violence, and build sustainable peace. The members of the network include some of the world's largest development organisations, most innovative academic institutions, and most influential humanitarian and faith-based groups. AfP builds coalitions in key areas of strategy and policy to elevate the entire peacebuilding field, tackling issues too large for any one organisation to address alone. The working group 'Countering Violent Extremism' works with all levels of US government, domestically and abroad, to develop durable solutions to violent extremism that use the enormous resources of the US government to address the underlying causes of extremism and build international peace.

**[allianceforpeacebuilding.org](http://allianceforpeacebuilding.org)**

### **VAJA – Verein für akzeptierende Jugendarbeit**

The Association for Acceptance Based Youth Work (VAJA) was founded in 1992. Since then it has become the largest provider of street work and detached youth work in Bremen, Germany. In addition to seven street work teams, VAJA also offers three counselling services. Following the approach of acceptance-based youth work, VAJA mainly focuses on young people who have not been (fully) included in other youth work offers, who define their group as a clique or scene and who have made public spaces the place where most of their (social) life takes place. VAJA reaches out or re-establishes contact with the adolescents, provides support in all situations and helps them move towards a more positive perspective on life.

**vaja-bremen.de**

### **“Die Freiheit, die ich meine” by Gesicht zeigen!**

#### **Für ein weltoffenes Deutschland**

“Die Freiheit, die ich meine” (The freedom I mean) is a project run by the Gesicht zeigen! Für ein weltoffenes Deutschland association, which can be translated as True colours – promoting cultural awareness in Germany. It is a political education effort, addressing the needs of Muslim women and girls and their everyday life in central Berlin. In recent years, the public debate around “Islam in Germany” has become ever more acrimonious. As a consequence, while suspicions and insecurity on how to deal with Muslims fester in mainstream society, Muslim citizens feel anxious and unsure about their identity and sense of belonging. This project helps Muslim women and girls to address these challenges independently, and participate actively in society. A diverse educational approach seeks to encourage them to become ambassadors of diversity, tolerance and democracy to their families, social circles and groups of friends.

**gesichtzeigen.de**

### **Jugendschutz.net**

Jugendschutz.net is a joint competence centre for the protection of children and adolescents in the online world run by the federal states and government. Jugendschutz.net is not an authority but has an official mandate stated in the German Interstate Treaty on the Protection of Minors in the Media (JMStV). Its main focus is enabling a culture of mutual responsibility to protect young users. To reach this goal, jugendschutz.net supports initiatives and organisations in making the online world a safer place. Islamists also use elements of pop culture to try and target a young audience. They spread hate and promote inequality, denigrate the rule of law and democracy and incite violence towards “nonbelievers”. Jugendschutz.net systematically monitors content of significant relevance and processes complaints.

**jugendschutz.net**

### **streetwork@online**

The streetwork@online prevention project aims to counteract the Islamist radicalisation of adolescents and young adults aged between 16 and 27 living in Berlin. To do so, a dialogue is held with the target group with a view to strengthening their reflection skills and supporting identity development. There is a far-reaching consensus among experts that, particularly for young people, social media plays a focal role in the distribution of Islamist content and radicalisation processes in general. Personal contact on social media (online street work), the “Iam-street Berlin” platform and workshops for multipliers are a means of fostering a democratic debate culture and responsible media behaviour. This project is run by the Akzeptanz Vertrauen Perspektive association (AVP).

**streetwork.online**

### **Prevention Network against religiously justified extremism**

This prevention network is a collaboration between several civil society organisations (religious and non-religious) which aim to counteract religious extremism and social polarisation. The network is mainly directed at the associations of the German Islam Conference. This is the first network of its kind in Germany and the participating associations work independently. Regular meetings offer a space to establish a joint position on different issues and connect with well-known providers of prevention. The Turkish Society in Germany (Türkische Gemeinde in Deutschland) and the association Gegen Vergessen – Für Demokratie e.V. are in charge of coordination.

**[www.tgd.de/projekte/praeventionsnetzwerk-gegen-religioes-begrueendeten-extremismus](http://www.tgd.de/projekte/praeventionsnetzwerk-gegen-religioes-begrueendeten-extremismus)**

### **Information Service on Prevention of Radicalisation**

The information service on prevention of radicalization offers practice-based background information and material on how to counter Salafist movements. It aims to support all professions who encounter the subject in a work context, such as employees in formal and non-formal education and public administration. The information service is continuously updated and provides background reports and current developments relevant to the Salafism debate as well as covering the expert discussion on prevention of radicalisation.

**[bpb.de/210411](http://bpb.de/210411)**

### **Ufuq.de**

Ufuq.de is a recognised independent provider of youth support and is active in political education and prevention pertaining to Islam, Islamophobia and Islamism. The services ufuq.de offers make it a competent advisor to teachers, pedagogues and employees of public authorities across Germany. It usually operates at the point where political education, pedagogy, research and science, and political debate intersect and informs, counsels and provides support when it comes to handling the challenges that may come up in pedagogical work in migration societies. Providing counselling and training, project data, expertise as well as experience, ufuq.de aims to foster pedagogical practice, enrich expert dialogue, and contribute to a democratic society.

**[ufuq.de](http://ufuq.de)**

### **Legato – Fach- und Beratungsstelle für religiös begründete Radikalisierung**

Legato is an expert and counselling service for religious extremism and offers systemic counselling on exit strategies. Legato offers help to relatives of proponents of a violent and extremist religious movement and / or people who feel that said mindset dominates their social circle. Its services also extend to those who want to exit a group which upholds this violent and extremist approach to religion. Legato also provides experts with training and information. The project is sponsored by Vereinigung Pestalozzi gGmbH and Ambulante Maßnahmen Altona e.V. Legato is a member of Hamburg's counselling network for prevention and deradicalisation.

**[legato-hamburg.de](http://legato-hamburg.de)**