

Facts „islamic discussion club“

Name:

„islamic discussion club“, is a discussion platform for Muslim and non-Muslim youths and young adults.

Short description:

"Islamic discussion club" deals with young people from the age of 12 to 21. The focus is on secondary school pupils who have a Muslim background or who want to gain better insight into the subject. "Islamic discussion club" is implemented in a participatory way and serves as a platform for discussions and exchange of information concerning Islam and the current radicalization crisis. The specific topics to be dealt with, will be determined by the youths themselves! In addition, the project participants decide how they wish to evaluate, record and present their findings.

The project management, which is supported by other specialists (freelancers) if necessary, is responsible for setting the central theme of the workshop and accompanies the youth in their informal education and in the acquisition of their new findings.

Goals:

- The project participants have a solid knowledge of Islam.
- The young people know the differences between their understanding of Islam and radical extremist processes.
- With the acquired knowledge, they actively counter Islamophobia by engaging in discussions concerning Islam with third parties.
- The young people receive the opportunity to discuss concise and controversial topics (also gender specific questions) in an intimate environment.
- The population receives an insight into the world of the Muslim youth and their interests, e.g. through media reports or through cooperation with research teams at the universities.

Directed effects:

- Identify gaps in Islamic knowledge and eliminate fears: using various educational methods
- Participatory workshops: focus on topics of discussion that are of actual interest to the target groups
- Playfully designed meetings with the help of (new) media
- Translate media containing topics of interest to the target group
- To draw attention to the youth's grievances
- counteract a rising Islamophobia

Output / Product:

- Workshops for young people and young adults from the 6th grade.
- Designed for Muslims - as well as the youth interested in the subject.
- Experience reports for the interested (e.g. authorities, donors)

Runtime / Current Project:

- Ongoing project planned from September 2016 - September 2019.
- For workshops, we recommend a minimum of six units.
- We are flexible concerning time arrangements. (Workshops could for example, be integrated in religious or ethics teaching in schools or project weeks in youth work).

Evaluation:

- Regular use of questionnaires. With and without project groups.
- Application of evaluation methods from social work and socioculture

Who we are:

We are a group of young Muslims from Social Work, Education and political Business. All of us have a migration background and we all live in Switzerland.

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If questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.