

## "Right-wing extremism" in your group – How to deal with it

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**Language:** English

**Target Group:** Persons who are interested in political questions, who, e.g., do voluntary work and thus may meet the problems of right-wing extremism as participant of or person responsible for a group: for example pupils (older than 18 years) in class, students, honorary club members, politically or socially committed citizens.

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## Agenda

Arrival: 21 November 2010

<p><b>22 November 2010,</b>  <b>Morning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition of right-wing extremism (Organization of the right scene, internationally)</li> <li>- Outer characteristics (Symbols, music, clothing)</li> <li>- Behaviour, dealing with other members of the group.</li> </ul> <p>Lecture and collection of clues</p>	<p><b>Afternoon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognition of processes involving group dynamics</li> <li>- The composition of „my“ group</li> <li>- The behaviour of right-wing group members in view of others.</li> <li>- The rights' „typical“ strategies?</li> <li>- Particularly endangered group members?</li> </ul> <p>Teams, e.g. groups with a teaching, sporting and/or cultural mission, composed of multi-cultural or socially disadvantaged members                  Presentation of the results with regard to common international features and national differences.</p>
<p><b>23 November 2010,</b>  <b>Morning:</b>                  Dealing with right-wing group members individually (group work)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysis of my behaviour up to now</li> <li>- Successful and unsuccessful methods</li> <li>- Offers of help on location (advisory centres, possibilities for exchange)</li> <li>- Presentation and verification of transfer</li> <li>- possibilities to European conditions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Afternoon:</b>                  "School without racism" presents itself. An example for the building of networks of persons affected in public schools regardless of the type or the place of schools.                  Presentation of the project and discussion with members of the project team</p>
<p><b>24 November 2010,</b>  <b>Morning:</b>                  Changing of individual behaviour - finding the correct attitude. Discussion with the "Project Team against Right-wing Extremism".</p>	<p><b>Afternoon</b>                  Visit of the memorial at Schwarzenbach/ Saale, led on a voluntary basis, and discussion about targets and target groups with the persons</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- positive criticism as a help in argumentations with right-wing extremism group members. (historical and political knowledge as a precondition?)</li> <li>- Thinking of and working with the past as a means of prevention?</li> <li>- Dealing with the topic by my personal social vicinity</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>responsible for the memorial.</p>
<p><b>25 November 2010:</b>                  Day-trip to Flossenbürg and visit of the state-run memorial. Viewing of the exhibition with ensuing discussion together with the head of the memorial. Topics: targets, groups of visitors, cooperation with other institutions, effects of the memorial on the political and information work on the scene.</p>	
<p><b>26 November 2010,</b>  <b>Morning:</b>                  Integrating instead of excluding – how to withdraw the basis of argumentation from right-wing extremists and how to reintegrate them in the group. Discussion and role play with members of the citizens' group "Wunsiedel is colourful" and the project team.</p>	<p><b>Afternoon:</b>                  Networks as a support for individual work                  Construction of regional and nation-wide networks. Practical tips from experienced network – participants of the citizens' group. Example: the construction of the „Wunsiedel-Alliance“.</p>
<p><b>27 November 2010,</b>  <b>Morning:</b>                  Development and use of European networks. Presentation of the already existing nationwide network; ensuing discussion with the “Project Team against Right-wing Extremism”.</p>	<p><b>Afternoon:</b>                  Feedback.                  Possibilities of further cooperation and exchange of information</p>

**Departure: 28 November 2010**