

PREVENTING AND COUNTERING FAR-RIGHT EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION: EUROPEAN COOPERATION

WORKSHOP

LONDON, 8-9 MAY

AGENDA

Thursday 8th May 2014

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| 12.00 – 12.30 | Arrivals and Lunch |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | Welcome |
| 12.45 – 13.15 | <i>Presentation of ‘Belong Somewhere’ counter-narrative film and discussion</i> |
| 13.15 – 13.30 | Coffee break |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | Improving public order management: smart policing, communications and community engagement |
| | <i>Leads: Nadeem Mir, Chief Inspector, Greater Manchester Police, Rochdale Division, UK (Engagement with the community in public order management: Lessons from Rochdale)</i>
<i>Aron Meszaros, Dialogue Police, Sweden (Dialogue policing: engaging with far right protesters)</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Use of social media to rapidly respond to misinformation, provide reassurance and key messages during protests and demonstrations▪ Involving the community in demonstration management▪ Changing attitudes within the police – training, education and engagement with victim communities |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | Coffee break |
| 14.45 – 15.45 | Hearing and addressing grievances: local leadership, dialogue and conflict resolution |
| | <i>Leads: Maja Nenadovic, Trainer, Anne Frank House and Open Society Institute Budapest, Netherlands and Hungary (Methods of promoting a culture of debate in Hungarian society)</i>
<i>Rocio Cifuentes, The Think Project, UK (Equipping young people to hear and address grievances, refute and challenge racism)</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Methodologies for engaging with local grievances through sustained or one-off dialogue▪ Promoting a culture of debate, critical thinking and conflict resolution among both young people and adults▪ Role of local leaders, elected and non-elected, in providing a voice for political disengaged or disillusioned individuals |
| 15.45 – 16.00 | Coffee break |

16.00 – 17.00

Creative messaging: Public campaigns, film and social media

Leads: Institute for Strategic Dialogue, UK (Film and visual methods to engage with new audiences on extremism)

- Developing strong public campaigns – infographics, visuals, and human stories
- Use of film and visual methods to engage with young people on far-right extremism
- Creative uses of social and mainstream media to engage with the wider public

17.00 – 17.15

Close of day

Friday 9th May 2014

Leaving Far-Right Movements: Exit programmes

09.30 – 09.45

Arrivals and coffee

09.45 – 10.00

Welcome and introductions

10.00 – 10.40

Personal statement by a former right-wing extremist from the UK

What is an Exit programme?

- Limitations of one-to-one interventions – what makes Exit different?
- Key elements and structures of Exit programmes
- Proactive vs. reactive strategies to reach out to far right individuals

Dave Allport, UK (Limitations of one-to-ones and the need for Exit in the UK)

Robert Örell, Exit Fryshuset (Key elements and structures of Exit programmes)

10.40 – 11.20

Personal statement by a former right-wing extremist from Germany

Engaging with ideology in Exit programmes: the risk, the need, and why context matters

- When to tackle ideology in interventions and Exit programmes
- Why context matters
- Methodologies for challenging ideology of far right individuals

Petri Salakka, Aggredi (Sensitivities around challenging ideologies, and mental health sensitivities)

Fabian Wichmann and Pia Lamberty, Exit Germany (When and how to challenge ideology)

11.20 – 12.00

Personal statement by a former right-wing extremist from Canada

When is Exit's job done, and what's next?

- The end point: At what point does Exit end?
- At what point is an individual ready to be involved in counter-extremism?
- Why individuals who have left far-right movements are so instrumental to helping others leave

Lars Schäfer, Violence Prevention Network (When someone is ready to Exit a programme)

Tony McAleer, Life After Hate (The importance of formers, and when formers are ready to work in counter-extremism)

Evening Panel and Reception

Far-Right Terrorism and State Accountability: The Trial of the German National Socialist Underground, One Year On

16.00 – 19.00

One year ago, the trial commenced of Beate Zschäpe, the only surviving member of the National Socialist Underground, a far right terrorist group linked to the murders of nine immigrants and a policewoman, the 2001 and 2004 Cologne bombings and 14 bank robberies. Since the discovery of the NSU, a series of **failures, misunderstandings and negligence on behalf of the police and intelligence services** have come to light, and a Parliamentary Inquiry investigated these failures. The case **strongly brings to mind the Stephen Lawrence case**, and the recent Ellison inquiry, which exposed police corruption and maltreatment of the victims and their families.

This panel will be held **in partnership with the lawyers representing the victims of the NSU**, to have an open conversation on racial violence and state accountability. It will also open a dialogue between those pushing for state accountability in Germany and those who have worked tirelessly for it in the Stephen Lawrence case.

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| 16.00 – 16:15 | Welcome
<i>Rachel Briggs, Institute for Strategic Dialogue</i> |
| 16:15 – 16.45 | Presentation of the NSU case and the victims' perspective
<i>Mehmet Daimagüler and Alexander Pyka, Lawyers representing victims of the NSU</i> |
| 16.45 – 17.15 | Respondants
<i>Dr. Richard Stone, Panel Member in the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry</i>
<i>Suresh Grover, Founder of the Southall Monitoring Group</i> |
| 17.15 – 18.15 | Discussion |
| 18.15 – 19.00 | Reception |