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Wolfsburg's deradicalisation efforts: Successful integration as a means of prevention

Abstract

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Wolfsburg is a "colourful city", characterized by internationality and diversity! The city of Wolfsburg and its citizens stand behind this diversity and tolerance. Wolfsburg has always been characterized by immigration as well as ethnic and religious diversity. Citizens of various nationalities are an integral part of our urban society and shape it in many different ways.

The events and headlines of the last months have therefore taken us all the more by surprise. Wolfsburg has made regional, supraregional and international headlines.

Especially since 2014 Wolfsburg has been dealing with this phenomenon very intensively. The reasons for young people to join the IS are as manifold and diverse as their biographies. There are no simple explanation models. By adopting a council resolution, Wolfsburg has brought an action plan and, hence, the development of a prevention strategy into the focus of attention.

While there is no single remedy, a network and the cooperation of many institutions including the security agencies as well as parents and young people are indispensable.

For this purpose, the council of the city of Wolfsburg adopted a resolution last December which responded to the situation with a local action plan. This plan includes:

- Networking with the helpdesk of the Land of Lower Saxony
- A local network
- Crime prevention
- Symposiums and training courses for educational staff
- Parental work