



„COOPERATION FOR SAFETY IN PUBLIC – POLICE AND MIGRANTS IN OPEN DISCUSSION“

Polizeipräsidium Mannheim
Prevention Branch



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Agenda

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- Realisation
- Results
- Further proceeding



Project design

Intention:

to find a way to bridge the gap between the turkish community and the Mannheim Police Force

to discuss actual and real problems openly and freely without feeling offended on either party

to create awareness and sensitivity to the challenge of mutual understanding in order to strengthen the trust in each other

No formal training but an exchange of experiences on a very personal and emotional basis



Project design

People and institutions involved:

- Heidrun Hassel – head of the prevention branch PP Mannheim
- Fatih Ekinci – personal advisor Minister of Integration BW Bilkay Öney
- DITIB-Mosque Mannheim
- Mannheim Institute for Integration and interreligious Dialogue e.V.
- Police Precincts Mannheim



Project design

Components:

- 2 meetings within a week
- 4 – 5 hours each, starting 5 pm
- Setting: 10 people of turkish decent and 10 „street cops“
- Common language: **German**
- First meeting at the Mosque
- Second meeting at the Mannheim Police Headquarter



Realisation

First meeting :

- Guided Tour through the Mosque
- „Speed dating“
- Exercise „differences in status“
- Joined turkish dinner



Realisation

Second meeting :

- Introduction and Welcome
- Three short role plays of the presenters (Hassel / Ekinici)
- Written query
("Which problems do you see in the mutual interaction between the police and migrants?")
- Clustering cards in three blocks
- Presentation of important results of Masterthesis by Heidrun Hassel
- Joined dinner (vegetarian)
- Discussion
- Evaluation questionnaire
- Attendee certificate



Results

- Very positive rating by the participants
- 100% recommendation to continue
- Key to success: emotional acceptance as basis for discussion of real problems
- Trust building experience
- Very effective and efficient => outcome



Further Proceeding

- Patronage of Ministry of Integration
- Direct involvement of the City of Mannheim
- 4 events (police – migrants) planned in 2015
- Expanding the idea (city administration)
- Recruiting participants besides religious groups



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Szene 2 ☹

Szene 3 ☹



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for your attention**

