



Federal Ministry for
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

Demokratie
leben!



Promoting democracy.
Shaping diversity.
Preventing extremism.

Democracy is decided locally.

Every day.

Our democracy needs to be filled with new life every day. It needs people who practise and maintain democratic culture at local level. The aim of the federal programme “Live Democracy!” is to support people in this. With this programme, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth has been supporting civic engagement for a diverse and democratic society since 2015.

“Live Democracy!” facilitates projects all over Germany which develop and trial new ideas and innovative approaches in promoting democracy, shaping diversity and preventing extremism.

Through **Partnerships for Democracy (Partnerschaften für Demokratie)** cities, municipalities and districts all over Germany develop strategies for action in order to strengthen democracy and diversity and to counter group-focused enmity. The partnerships decide independently on the types of measures that are to be carried out in their respective local areas.

The **Federal State Democracy Centres (Landes-Demokratiezentren)** pool the measures targeted at strengthening democracy and diversity within each respective federal state. They also connect all relevant stakeholders and coordinate counselling services, such as mobile counselling and victims’ counselling as well as disengagement and exit counselling services, which are largely funded by “Live Democracy!”. The Federal State Democracy Centres were established in close cooperation with the governments of the respective *federal state*.

The **Competence Centres and Competence Networks (Kompetenzzentren und -netzwerke)** bring together and advance expertise in all thematic areas of the federal programme. They organise specialist events and qualification measures and promote the development of professional standards.

Pilot projects develop new and innovative approaches. After the period of successful trial, the methods and materials developed by them are to be used in educational practice in children and youth services as well as in other regular structures.

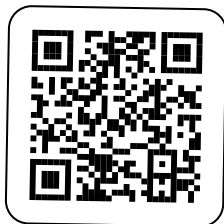


Additional information

Programme website

You can find current information on “Live Democracy!” as well as an overview of all projects funded on the programme website. This includes a calendar of events containing a variety of meetings, conferences, workshops and campaign days.

www.demokratie-leben.de



The aims of the federal programme are:

Promoting democracy.

“Live Democracy!” raises awareness of democratic rights. It supports democratic education and social cohesion. The projects that are being funded are about fundamental principles such as equality, the rule of law, the protection of human rights and social participation in political processes. In particular, children and young people are being supported in exercising their rights of participation and co-determination.

Shaping diversity.

“Live Democracy!” develops solutions aimed at enabling everybody to live a life free of discrimination. The projects thus focus on recognising and valuing diversity. The aim is to understand diversity as an opportunity for our society and to deal with the contradictions and conflicts linked to it in a constructive manner.

Preventing extremism

“Live Democracy!” aims to prevent the development of anti-democratic, misanthropic as well as extremist attitudes and endeavours to interrupt the process of radicalisation early on. Apart from right-wing extremism, this also includes Islamist and left-wing extremism and online hate speech.

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