

Conference announcement

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„Local crime prevention: How to promote and support the participation of citizens?“

Sine many years local crime prevention is an important topic. Especially in urban districts local crime prevention comes to live. In this way it can strengthen social cohesion.

If we talk about local crime prevention, we talk also about the participation of citizens, because citizens do often participate in projects on the local level. The participation of citizens is important because citizens have knowledge about their quarters and can be seen as “experts” on site. Their participation is desirable because it is assumed that they can contribute to the success of the local crime prevention. Furthermore it is possible that the origin, the expansion and the preservation of networks in city quarters are supported by their participation.

The meeting wants to show the current situation of citizen participation from a European perspective with partners from Denmark, England, Estonia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland and Sweden as well as three speakers from Germany. Furthermore the meeting wants to show how the participation of citizens can be promoted and supported.

The following questions will be discussed in the conference:

- To which extent do citizens participate in local crime prevention?
- Which factors favour civil involvement in local crime prevention?
- How can we enable and support the participation of younger and older people and migrants in the quarter-related crime prevention?
- Are there model projects which made a sustained quarter-related participation of citizens possible?
- Which tasks do citizens perform in the field of local crime prevention?
- To what extent does citizens' participation contribute to the strengthening of a quarter?
- How can citizens be supported in their engagement?

The European contributions will be presented in lectures that should not exceed 15-minutes. The lectures will be given in English or German language and translated simultaneously into German or English.

Objective of the conference

The conference will give an overview of possibilities to involve citizens in the field of local crime prevention. Best practice examples will show how citizens can participate and be supported in this field.

Target group of the conference

The target group of the meeting are practitioners in the field of local crime prevention as well as persons that would like to engage in this field. Furthermore the meeting aims to NGOs, volunteers and local policymakers.

Conference time and meeting place

The conference takes place from 09.05.2012 till 10.05.2012 close to the Bremen central station in the Marriot Hotel Bremen (<http://www.marriott.de/hotels/travel/brecy-courtyard-bremen>). The program starts at 9:00 o'clock and ends at about 15:30 o'clock at the first day and on the second day it starts at 9:30 o'clock and ends about 12:30 o'clock.

Program

You find current information on the conference in the Internet under the address:

www.kriminalpraevention.bremen.de.

The final conference program will appear at the beginning of April.

Conference registration

If you would like to enrol yourself for the conference already now, please write an E-Mail to:

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