

I beg to differ! Debate training for the awareness for gender related topics

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LMU München, RTG-SFB 1064 Chromatin Dynamics

Initial situation

Many people have little connection to the topic of gender equality in their everyday lives. As a result, they often consider the issues of the gender equality debate to be of little relevance. The willingness to deal with the topic of equality is therefore correspondingly low.

Objective

The debate training to raise awareness of equality issues arouses the participants' interest: By addressing the issues in the argumentation training and in various debate topics, participants succeed in dealing with the topic of equality on an intuitively accessible level. The participants are thus sensitized to the topic of equality and re-evaluate its relevance for their everyday lives. In addition, the participants train their argumentative and rhetorical skills. The debate training thus promotes the culture of debate.

Contents

After a short introduction to the topic of equality, participants will learn how to

- find valid arguments
- argue in a target-oriented way
- check arguments for relevance
- build arguments in a coherent and comprehensible way
- develop a persuasive strategy
- present arguments with confidence

Duration

8 hours (break & buffer time included)

Training Methods

In this seminar we work with many practical exercises, concise theory inputs and of course with the supreme discipline of rhetoric: the debate. Learning success is complemented by group and trainer feedback.

The topics of our debates are chosen to sensitize the participants of the debate to the topic of equality.

Target Group

Up to 12 people who want to explore the topic of equality and develop their argumentative skills in the process.

The seminar can be designed for larger groups as well; in this case not all participants can be included in each exercise.

Time and content

Day 1

09:00	Introduction to the topic "Gender" How to find more arguments
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45	Convince through addressee-oriented arguments Check arguments for relevance
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30	Present with confidence Conclusive and consistent structure of reasoning Preparation for the first chosen debate topic
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15	1st debate on chosen topic Feedback and evaluation of the 1st debate Transfer into practice
17:00	<i>End</i>

Day 2

09:00	Promotion of an objective debate in the gender perspective Rebuting and weakening arguments
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45	Counter-argumentation: Being prepared for counter-arguments Handling heckling and critical questions
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30	A confident performance with critical audiences Preparation for the second chosen debate topic
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15	2nd debate (with interjections and questions) Evaluation of the 2nd debate Transfer into practice
17:00	<i>End</i>

Debate topics:

Your trainer: Konrad Gütschow, Leipzig



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Full trainer profile

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