



Debate training for the awareness for gender related topics

„In particular the individuals awareness for problems, the ability and courage for developing, presenting and taking a stand on their own opinions, makes it easy for debaters to participate in the social and political processes, away from competitive debating events, and thus making valuable contributions to the democratic debating culture.“

Bartsch, Tim-C. see: What is a Debate? An international overview. Cuvillier Verlag, Göttingen 2005, S. 13

Debating equally enables women and men to discuss gender-matters. By means of explaining the advantages and disadvantages of a topic, a high analytical depth is achieved in argumentation, which helps participants to reflect their own way of thinking and to voice their opinions in daily life. What you can learn with debate training in graduate programs changes perspectives, and therefore has a direct and positive impact on the personal life of participants and their choices.

Duration:

1 day (8 hours)

Contents:

- Finding sound arguments as well as checking their relevance
- Building arguments in a coherent and convincing manner
- Being able to refute solid arguments
- Presenting oneself in a self-confident manner, even if the audience is a discerning one
- Handling interruptions and fault-finding questions in a confident manner

Goals:

- Furthering the capabilities and assertiveness of women during arguments in mixed gender groups
- Sensitization of all participants to the important differences in the communication of men and women, and individuals of different cultures
- Promotion of awareness that the expression of opinions is not dependent on a person's gender or culture

Debate-topic:

The topics of our debates are chosen so that the participants of the debate are made more aware of gender issues.