



Factsheet

Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point

(Dutch: Meld- en Adviespunt Radicalisering)

Introduction

The City of Rotterdam is investing in the prevention of social tensions and in counteracting radicalisation. Over the last period we have seen the problem of radicalisation grow in The Netherlands, including in Rotterdam. In april 2015 the City of Rotterdam has therefore developed a new action programme to address the problem of radicalisation. The Rotterdam approach to radicalisation is focused on the prevention of social tensions, the perception of symptoms of radicalisation in an early stage, and the application of a 'custom-fit' individual approach using various interventions. Partly in order to pick up symptoms of radicalisation in an early stage, a few years ago the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point was initiated.

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- **What does the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point do?**
- **Who is the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point for?**

The purpose of the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point is to provide the opportunity for civilians, local civil servants and other involved professionals to ask questions (anonymously) about all kinds of radicalisation or to inform the authorities about possibly radicalising individuals or groups of people. Reports about possible radicalisation are investigated and assessed by a team of experts. In addition, necessary interventions are defined by the city municipality in order to create a 'custom-fit' individual approach.

Identifying (symptoms of) radicalisation

- **How can I identify radicalisation?**
- **When do I contact the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point?**

When assessing the symptoms of possible radicalisation of a person, the involved professionals from different sectors can have doubts about a person's condition and about the

right way to act. One should at least be alert to the following characteristics (which can occur in varying combinations): Change of name; physical change of clothing/hairstyle/behaviour; being resentful against other cultural or religious communities; the perception of an external enemy; the existence of one truth; observed injustice; glorified violent struggle/martyrdom; enmity against the government/society; splitting with family/friends; preparing for an outward journey. In case you are concerned about someone and/or recognize (a number of) the above characteristics, you can contact the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point.

How to contact the Radicalisation

Contact and Advisory Point?

You can contact the Radicalisation Contact and Advisory Point by calling 06-23660386.

You can also send an e-mail to mar_bsd@rotterdam.nl. For further questions you can visit the website www.rotterdam.nl/radicalisering.