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**From:** Craig Silverman <craig.silverman@buzzfeed.com>  
**To:** Juliane Leopold <juliane.leopold@buzzfeed.com>  
**Sent:** 4/21/2015 10:19:16 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Juliane meet Craig, Craig meet Juliane

Hi Juliane,

We're working to finalize the story this week. I just wanted to check in and see if you had any luck getting someone at Helfen Wir to answer the phone? It seems as though they are not very active these days but I'd still love to talk to Urban. Thanks again for your help. I know you are busy with many other things!

Best regards,  
Craig

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 12:48 PM, Craig Silverman wrote:

Hi Juliane,

I wanted to pass on one other thing about these charities from Tom Philips:

From having looked into this before, my understanding is that the only registration Austrian charities need to go through is registering with the Finance Ministry if they handle donations themselves. Journalists Without Borders aren't (as they aren't with the Charities Commission in the UK), but Helfen Wir are – but then they already say that Helfen Wir handles the donations. It would be good to check a) that this understanding of the requirements is correct and b) get some sense of how common this arrangement is in Austria. It could be entirely possible that this is super-common, one registered charity handling donations for one or more other unregistered charities. Or it could be kind of weird.

Do you have a sense of whether it's common for one Austrian charity to accept donations on behalf of another charity? It's something we will look into next week, but wanted to see if you had any thoughts.

Thanks again for your help!

Craig

On Friday, April 17, 2015, Craig Silverman wrote:

Thank you for continuing to try... seems as though this charity may not be as active as I thought.

On Friday, April 17, 2015, Juliane Leopold wrote:

tried it again, still no success. tried another number, the one I found here <http://helfen-wir.org/kontakt/impressum/> number isn't valid, says Telekom.

their fb page seems pretty outdated [https://www.facebook.com/HelfenWir?fref=ts&ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/HelfenWir?fref=ts&ref=br_tf)

and I dont see a possibility to contact them there :(

will try again this afternoon.

Best  
J

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 11:30 AM, Craig Silverman wrote:

Ok thanks!

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 11:29 AM, Juliane Leopold wrote:

Hi Craig,

They didnt pick up the phone. I will call again in 30 min

Best

J

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 11:24 AM, Craig Silverman wrote:

Here's the contact page:

<http://helfen-wir.org/kontakt/>

His name is Hannes Urban.

Here are the questions:

- \* What was the arrangement with Journalism Without Borders when it first launched?
- \* How much money has been donated to the charity?
- \* How has the money been delivered to the people/sources?
- \* Did you ever meet or speak with anyone who was to receive the funds?
- \* Did something change between your org and Leidig's in 2014 to end the relationship?
  
- \* Is there still an affiliation?
- \* Why did the arrangement end?
- \* What is your understanding of how JWB is administered?
- \* Is JWB a licensed charity?
  
- \* What is your opinion of Leidig? Did you find him to be trustworthy?

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 11:11 AM, Juliane Leopold wrote:

Hi Craig,

Sure, call me under +49 171 831 5 666.

Best  
Juliane

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 10:54 AM, Craig Silverman wrote:

Thanks Alan! (moving to bcc).

Juliane, it's great to meet you. Any chance you have a bit of time free for a quick chat this morning? The somewhat urgent item relates to the story Alan mentioned. I'm trying to get an interview done with someone in Austria and me calling and speaking in English does not seem to be working for me :) (I would also love to set up a time next week to talk about your experience getting up and running Germany.)

Let me know if you can talk sometime between now and 1pm Germany time, and a number I can reach you at. Thanks!

Craig

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 10:47 AM, Alan White wrote:

Hey Juliane,

Just dropping you a line to introduce you to Craig. He's the new editor of \*yet another\* BuzzFeed – BuzzFeed Canada.

Craig would like to have a chat with you at some point about a couple of things - one is that he and I have been working on an investigation for months and we need a little bit of help from a German speaker. The other is that your insight would, I'm sure, be really helpful for him as he gets our latest BuzzFeed off the ground!

Enjoy your chat guys!

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