
From: Juliane Leopold <juliane.leopold@buzzfeed.com>
To: Craig Silverman <craig.silverman@buzzfeed.com>
Sent: 4/22/2015 6:24:08 AM
Subject: Re: Juliane meet Craig, Craig meet Juliane

Sure, that would be great! Let me know when you are in Berlin :)
And have a great time with BF Canada. I'm excited for you guys:)

Best
J

On Wed, Apr 22, 2015 at 12:14 PM, Craig Silverman wrote:

Thank you, Juliane. I appreciate your help with this. I'll follow up with Nathalie if we plan to pursue it any further. I hope we get a chance to meet in person soon!

Craig

On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Juliane Leopold wrote:

Hi Craig,

Sorry to have not answered sooner! Regarding the question of Charities accepting donations on behalf of other charities: I think that's pretty weird and not so common. In Germany at least, it would strike me as odd because obviously people giving you money want to give it to one cause, not some other cause and org they don't know. But this is just a notion.

Regarding reaching Urban: I tried it again under the phone number mentioned here, but I wasn't successful. Phone goes straight to Fax.

I emailed them now asking for a number and an email address of him.

Since I'm busy with running the site and doing admin stuff, I'd love to recommend you a German stringer who can help you if you need more support. Her name is Nathalie Stüben and she used to work for DPA (German news agency). She is now a freelance translator for us and I like her work. This is her email: nathaschka@gmail.com

Best of luck with the story and have a great day
Juliane

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 6:48 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 don't 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 didn't 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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