

## Federal Association ANUAS e.V.

Help Organization for Relatives

violent homicide missing persons dubious suizides

perpetrator victim

Who we are

## The Federal Association ANUAS e.V.

- Relief Organisation for relatives of homicide, suicide and missing persons -

is a nationwide victim assistance and self-help organisation. It sees itself as a representative and supportive partner for relatives affected by the loss of a beloved person. It is there for all affected persons living in Germany, including refugees and migrants.

Information and Clarification

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ANUAS is aware of its social responsibility to exert influence in order to raise public awareness for the concerns and needs of people affected and to enable improvements in the implementation of the laws.

ANUAS is committed to crime prevention and advocates for help and justice in dealing with affected people who have lost a relative through a fatal act of violence.

Information and Advocacy www.anuas.de/die-hilfsorganisation

As a self-help organization ANUAS acts nationwide, in Berlin among other things in the form of a self-help contact point.

ANUAS organises individual aftercare offers for bereaved relatives following the guidelines of the "Self-Help Guide". All those affected are cared for according to the systemic family-oriented approach.

Furthermore, in close cooperation with the regional associations and self-help groups, ANUAS strives for and supports a nationwide self-help offer in the health care system for all those affected.

ANUAS offers individual help and support in accordance to the specific needs of the persons affected by a fatal act of violence.

As kind of a first aid we render the possibility of one-on-one personal talks, thus giving the bereaved a certain relief and stabilization as well as building up their self-conficence for the things ahead.

Experiencing the feeling of injustice, of being overwhelmed by the (traumatic) incident as well as seeing a long lasting juridical process ahead ... all that leads to a massive mental and psychological strain.

In consequence this might end up in a posttraumatic stress disorder and often even in an occupational disability.

But not being able to work affects the financial and structural basis of families, their well being, their standard of living, their values and brings up the question of justice and the purpose of life.