

LpB BW: PM - Online course "Our state, our data! The right to freedom of information and Transparency"

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Goodbye official secrets: A new online course for teaching shows how young people can exercise their right to can use information

Our state, our data! The right to freedom of information and transparency

Freedom of information strengthens our democracy and already applies to young people - for this reason

the State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information together with the

State Center for Political Education Baden-Württemberg (LpB) an online course for the

school teaching developed. Sascha Hamzeh's study project of the "E-

Learning and Media Education" of the Heidelberg University of Education

In an informative and playful way, using a specific example, why young people already have their right to

information should use. It is a fundamental right derived from Article 5 of the Basic Law: "Everyone has it

Right to freely express and spread his opinion in word, writing and image and to express himself

freely accessible sources to teach."

The relationship between citizens and the state is for the state center for political

Education is an elementary field of activity. LpB Director Lothar Frick: "Support with this project

we students on their educational path and show what they can do from their state

can expect and how they can exercise their right to free access to information."

The state representative Dr. Stefan Brink: "Official secrecy no longer exists. For the citizenship

It is good for young people when they know that the state is there for them and that they can give answers

owed to their questions. Public bodies must issue or justify information

why, exceptionally, a request cannot be answered. Pupils

can and should use valid knowledge from public authorities."

And that's what the online course is all about: The identification figures Simon and Annika guide you through the

history and want to find out why the field on the way to school is being cultivated and

what that means for environmental protection. They learn about their right to official information and use it successfully. The contents of the Freedom of Information Act are presented in four modules presented in a variety of methods and used as examples. There are tips how and where you can submit an application to a public authority, which will be tested in exercises be able. The transparency law currently being proposed in the coalition agreement is also considered a Further development of the Freedom of Information Act discussed. With videos, information and quizzes the course is varied and breaks into a legally complex topic understandable level. Teachers can use it immediately via a link and a Double lesson (recommended from 9th grade) both in the classroom and in homeschooling shape. A guide and an information sheet provide assistance when using the school lessons.

Click here for the course: [https://www.elearning-](https://www.elearning-politik.net/moodle39/blocks/demologin/logindemo.php?course=Freedom%20of%20information)

[politik.net/moodle39/blocks/demologin/logindemo.php?course=Freedom of information](https://www.elearning-politik.net/moodle39/blocks/demologin/logindemo.php?course=Freedom%20of%20information)

Further information is available at <https://www.elearning-politik.de/informationsfreiheit>

Disposal.

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