

DÜZEN TEKKAL



**Human Rights Activist, Political Scientist, Journalist
Social Entrepreneur, War Correspondent, Filmmaker, and Author**

Düzen Tekkal is a human rights activist, political scientist, journalist, social entrepreneur, war correspondent, filmmaker, and author. Together with her sisters, she founded the human rights organisation HÁWAR.help e.V, which is primarily involved in multi-religious and multi-ethnic projects in Iraq, Syria, and Germany and supports the freedom movement in Iran. She is also the founder of the cross-party, independent education movement GermanDream, which promotes a value-based Germany and social cohesion and opposes extremism and misanthropy.

Tekkal studied politics and German language and literature at Leibniz University in Hanover. In 2014, she travelled to Iraq in response to the genocide of her religious community, the Yazidis, and became a chronicler of the genocide. Her work is a plea for freedom, democracy and the universality of human rights, as well as a warning against taking these values for granted.

She develops solutions to today's challenges, whether at the diplomatic level or at a grassroots level, but always with the local people and guided by her moral compass. She sees migration as an opportunity for a new world of work and creates islands of opportunity to address challenges such as skills shortages and digitalisation. She campaigns against racism, Islamism, anti-Semitism and all forms of misanthropy and stands for solidarity, cohesion and humanity.

Düzen Tekkal has received numerous awards, including the Federal Cross of Merit on Ribbon, the Theodor Heuss Prize and the Pforzheim Peace Prize.

Topics (Selection):

- Human rights, minority rights and women's rights at national and international level
- Democracy, economy, migration, diversity, education, digitalisation
- Social entrepreneurship