

Mission statement of Ausländerrat Dresden e.V.

We - the Ausländerrat Dresden e.V. - are a civil society organization which was founded in 1990 as the first migrant self-organisation in Dresden. Today, we are comprised of full-time and voluntary workers, whose diversity characterises the association.

Human rights and social justice for all people are the basis of our actions. In particular, we stand up for the rights of people with migration and refugee experience and encourage them to exercise their rights themselves.

We are...

...professional.

...multilingual.

...participative.

...networked.

...political.

...democratic.

...cosmopolitan.

Our goal is a society free of discrimination, in which all people actively participate.

We encourage the political, social, professional and cultural participation of people with migration and refugee experience. We support them in realising their claim to an independent livelihood, personal development and a life full of meaning according to their own standards.

We take a clear position against racism and other forms of discrimination. We reflect critically on our own structures and our own actions with regard to possible exclusions.

We work with people of all generations regardless of origin, gender and residence status. In doing so, we take into account their diverse life realities. Based on the abilities and life strategies of these people, our offers focus on strengthening their autonomy.

We provide advice on everyday issues and topics such as securing livelihood, residence, health, upbringing and education, and intercede for as well as accompany people to appropriate institutions. We provide assistance, security and the translation of key information when establishing contact.

We organise open meetings and events in protected spaces for different target groups.

We sensitise people to the life situations of people with migration and refugee experience through exhibitions, the organisation of intercultural days, further education and specialist events in various institutions. We support Dresden institutions in opening up to migration society.

We express our political position publicly and defend it in local government bodies as well as in networks at local, state and national level. We promote political participation through educational trips and platforms for discussion. We encourage people to exercise their political rights.

We support a responsible culture of remembrance. We see it as our socio-political duty to keep alive the memory of victims of racially motivated violence in Dresden and to actively participate in shaping this memory. We are committed to a vigilant democratic society that actively lives civil courage.

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