

Selbstverständnis: BEGINN NEBENAN-Programm

Who we are:

The collaborators of the project START NEXT DOOR are mostly young people living in Magdeburg working on a voluntary basis. We are working together to reach our goals as a separate group under the umbrella organisation Integrationshilfe Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.. Anyone who wants to join our program is cordially invited. Equality for all members is very important to us.

Our goals:

We want to provide an access to society for refugees, especially for asylum seekers, 'Geduldete' and underage refugees. At the same time the citizens of Magdeburg should be sensitized. Prejudices must be overcome to reach a sophisticated understanding of each other and to give everybody the chance to live a decent life including social environment.

By putting people in contact, personal relationships between citizens of Magdeburg and refugees will grow. Through personal contact and intercultural exchange, fears can be reduced and confidence can be built. In the long term, both sides will reach a mutual understanding with one another and interact well socially.

This program is the START NEXT DOOR and slowly fades from the spotlight. An amicable relation shall come up which is not dependent on intervention.

The program START NEXT DOOR is not about accompanying somebody to public authorities, financial support or help with legal questions in the asylum process! Rather it shall give the members an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and to develop themselves. We want to work together without any racism and discrimination. It is critical to deal with these issues if they arise.

The program START NEXT DOOR features relationship building. All collaborators and all members work in a voluntary capacity. Collaborators as well as members are equal. Although our program addresses especially asylum seekers, 'Geduldete' and underage refugees, we are principally open to everybody and do not exclude anybody with another residence status.

The collaborators act as consultants and facilitators. We are aware of the different living conditions, financial resources and legal circumstances, which makes it difficult to meet at eye level. To make an equal cooperation possible we emphasise the fact that financial support is not intentionally part of our program. We take this view in every situation. Financial support is provided by donors to the Integrationshilfe Sachsen-Anhalt e.V..