

Refugees welcome- No lager in Barnim!

In Barnim we stand together with refugees and demand acceptance, accomodation and accompaniment best suited to their needs.

After actual predictions of the authority for migration and refugees the federal state of Brandenburg is supposed to receive approximately 9.200 refugees in 2015 (information from February 2015) – 800 people from various crisis regions are expected in the Barnim district.

The Barnim Welcome Initiatives appreciate the acceptance of people seeking protection here. Many people in Barnim are establishing a variety of welcome cultures. In many towns and municipalities interconnected networks of initiatives were founded providing practical support to refugees.

Since 2014 new accomodation possibilities are being looked at in the whole district since 2014. We criticize the search for short-term solutions and mass accomodation. We demand a concept from the district for the district to make lasting integration and future perspectives possible.

Within the next years the following basic requirements should be realized and define the tenor of refugee policy in Barnim:

- **DECENTRALIZED HABITATION IN SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENTS**
In places with regular bus and train connections, psychological and juridical consulting opportunities, school, kindergarten, medical supply, shopping opportunities, activity opportunities, meeting rooms and contact to local supporters.
- **NO MASS ACCOMODATION**
Transitional accomodation should be in separate units only on district-owned sites (not for private investors' profits), run by non-profit institutions or by the district, a capacity of 50 persons maximum, not more than 3 km distance to the next train station.
- **FINAL CLOSE-DOWN OF MASS ACCOMODATION IN ALTHÜTTENDORF in july 2015**
- **FINANCES FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ACCOMPANIMENT**

The integration of people seeking protection should still be continued in future participative processes. In those arguments we are going to support the needs of refugees and a human living and consulting situation on all levels.

We refuse proposals of mass accomodation (e.g. former barracks in Ladeburg and Blumberg) with inappropriate conditions. We are searching forward-looking concepts and models orientating on social criteria. Lots of questions are connected with the one regarding accomodation, such as consulting and accompaniment. Voluntary commitment can support this, but it cannot replace qualified, competent consulting. Translation service and social work have to be done professionally and supported financially. The possibilities and perspectives coming from the challenges are a chance for the entire region and should therefore be professionally led and financially underlayed.

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We are asking initiatives, groups, representatives, committees, church communities and single persons: If you would like to support this declaration, please tell us via e-mail: refugees-welcome@so36.net

If you cannot support this declaration, we are interested in your feedback as well.

The next district council meeting is going to take place on wednesday, may 20 2015 at Eberwalde district building (Paul-Wunderlich-Haus) at 5 p.m.

Starting at 4 p.m. the Barnim Welcome Initiatives organize the rally „Refugees welcome – no lager in Barnim!“ in front of the dictrict building's main entrance (market square). Come there, bring more people and let's make a statement for a living welcome culture!