

## **Learn German in the Düren District – We can help!**

### **Make your life easier by learning German**

Speaking German helps you find a job faster, support your children better and find your way around Germany better. With German, you will also be able to better exercise your rights. There are lots of ways to learn German in the Düren District. This fact sheet contains the addresses of counselling centres and institutions in the Düren District that support immigrants with advice and support.

You can find the addresses of the active language course providers on the Municipal Integration Centre (Kommunales Integrationszentrum) homepage.

### **Who can take part in an integration course?**

Since the Immigration Act came into force on 1 January 2005, foreigners who legally immigrate to Germany and do not have at least basic knowledge of German are required to attend an integration course (participation is voluntary for EU citizens and ethnic German emigrants). In addition, you can also choose to participate if you live in Germany legally and speak little or no German.

### **What is an integration course?**

It consists of 600 – 900 hours of German lessons and 100 hours of information about politics and the social system in Germany.

At the end of the integration course there is a language examination according to The European standard (certificate German – level B1).

### **How much does an integration course cost?**

An integration course costs €1.95 per hour.

If you are unemployed or on a low income, you may also be able to attend the course for free. Please contact one of the counselling centres listed below.

### **What benefits can you take advantage of?**

If you successfully complete the language exam, you can obtain German citizenship after 7 years of lawful residence and will not need a re-examination.

### **Who can be obliged to take a course?**

The immigration office or the job-com can oblige you to take a German course if you receive Unemployment Benefit II (Arbeitslosengeld II), and German will improve your job chances, or if you speak too little German and therefore have difficulty supporting your children.

## What are the disadvantages of not attending an integration course?

If you do not attend an integration course, your residence permit can be issued for shorter periods. You will not receive an indefinite residence permit (a permanent right of residence in Germany) if you do not have sufficient command of the German language. If you want to become a naturalized citizen, you must be able to speak and read enough German.

For more information, please visit [www.bamf.de](http://www.bamf.de).

### Advice and information can be found here:

Advisory services	Institution / Address	Contact Details
Advice for jobseekers	Agency for Employment Düren Moltkestr. 49 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 241 897 1111 Aachen- dueren.integrationpoint@arbeitsagentur.de
Refugee and Migration Advice	Caritas Association for the Düren-Jülich Region e.V. Kurfürstenstr. 10-12 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 48145, 0241 48147 bkorn@gst.caritas-dn.de ageerken@gst.caritas-dn.de
Refugee advice for the Nordkreis	Diakonisches Werk of the Church District Jülich Schirmerstr. 1a 52428 Jülich	+49 (0) 2461 975614 luedeke@diakonie-juelich.de
Café International Centre for Social and Migration Counselling	Ev. Commune of Düren Wilhelm-Wester-Weg 1 52349 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 188187 hava.zaimi@evangelischegemeinde- dueren.de
SGB-II - Advice (Unemployment Benefit II)	Düren District Administration job-com Bismarckstr. 10 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 22 17042 c.muschenich@kreis-dueren.de
Foreigners' Office for Düren District	Düren District Administration Bismarckstr. 16 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 22 2135 abh@kreis-dueren.de
School counselling Municipal Integration Centre	District Administration Düren Bismarckstr. 16 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 22 1046110 ki-sekretariat@kreis-dueren.de
Youth Migration Service	SKF Düren Friedrichstr. 16 52351 Düren	+49 (0) 2421 28430 spitz-venrath@skf-dueren.de

### The complete range of courses in the Düren District can be found at:

<https://www.kreis-dueren.de/kreishaus/amt/amt46/ki/Deutsch-lernen.php>

### or on the website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF):

<https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/de/Themen/Integrationskurse/>