

Integration & Foreign Citizens Advisory Committee Dresden

Powers and duties

All the city's projects, which particularly affect people with a migration background*, are submitted to the Integration & Foreign Citizens Advisory Committee. It provides an advisory opinion to the Lord Mayor and the City Council. The Integration & Foreign Citizens Advisory Committee may appoint a representative who has a right to be heard and to speak on the topics in the City Council.

Tasks

We represent the interests of people with a migrant background.

We want to make a contribution towards improving the living conditions of people with a migrant background.

We promote the peaceful co-existence of people of all nationalities in Dresden.

We promote the development of all people in Dresden, irrespective of their nationality, culture, religion or ethnic affiliation.

We perform public relations work in the interests of people with a migrant background.

We promote the extension of the right to vote in local elections to all people with a migrant background.

We promote the cooperation of clubs, initiatives and state institutions that deal with the issues of people with a migrant background.

We promote a bilateral integration of people who have recently migrated to Dresden and the people who have been living here for much longer.

We view ourselves as a contact for all people who have questions or concerns that relate to people with a migrant background.

Working priorities

We work to ensure the reduction of discrimination and unequal treatment of people with a migrant background in Dresden.

We address the accommodation of refugees as well as social integration, among other things through the learning of the German language, participation in the labour market and urban society as well as integration in day-care centres, schools and colleges.

We stand for more participation in the promotion of democracy and a more cosmopolitan approach in Dresden.

We are committed towards native-language education for children of people with a migrant background.

We provide support in improving medical care for people with a migrant background.

You also help to shape things!

Effective political participation in Dresden

The Integration & Foreign Citizens Advisory Committee of Dresden, the state capital of Saxony, is the only political body in Saxony that foreigners (including refugees with a preliminary residence permit or a permission to remain until deported) can elect and for which they can stand as candidates. As a legitimately elected political interest group, eleven members with a migrant background are democratically elected directly by the migrants every five years, while nine city councillors come from the city council factions.

The advisory committee works independently, free from any directives and in an honorary capacity.

Our meetings are fundamentally open to the public.

Support us, get to know the work we perform and elect the new advisory committee in September 2019! Here you are allowed to vote - no matter what your status is, your origin, your religion or the colour of your skin!

* In the 2011 Census, all immigrant and non-immigrant foreigners as well as all Germans immigrating to the current territory of the Federal Republic of Germany after 1955 and all Germans with at least one parent who has immigrated to the current territory of the Federal Republic of Germany after 1955, are defined as persons with a migrant background. (Source: The German Federal Statistical Office: 2011 Census: Selected results, Wiesbaden 2013, page 26.)