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# Powers and Responsibilities

All city projects that especially concern migrants are presented to the Integration and Foreigners’ Advisory Council. This council gives an advisory opinion to the Mayor and the City Council. The Integration and Foreigners’ Advisory Council can choose a representative who has the right to speak and be heard in City Council meetings, in order to address topics relevant to migrants.

- We support cooperation between associations, initiatives and government institutions that deal with integration-related topics affecting migrants.
- We promote mutual understanding and connection between newly arrived migrants and long-term residents of Dresden.
- We see ourselves as a point of contact for anyone who has questions or concerns about integration or migration.

- promote cooperation and support of migrant associations, initiatives and organisation that deal with integration-related issues
- promote learning of mother tongues, native-language instruction and multilingualism
- support the cultural and social life of migrant communities
- help with mediation between public offices and all citizens, with or without a migration background

# Tasks

- We represent the interests of all migrants in the city of Dresden.
- We aim to help improve the living conditions of migrants in Dresden.
- We promote peaceful and united coexistence among people of all nationalities in Dresden.
- We support the personal development of everyone in Dresden, regardless of nationality, origin, religion or ethnicity.
- We carry out public relations work in the interest of migrants.
- We advocate for the extension of local voting rights to all migrants, especially to those from non-EU countries.

# Areas of Focus

The Integration and Foreigners’ Advisory Council works on many topics that affect migrants living in Dresden. These include:

- political representation to reduce discrimination and unequal treatment of people with a migration background
- ensuring humane accommodation and participation in society for asylum seekers
- strengthening the visibility and powers of the Integration and Foreigners’ Advisory Council and building networks at state and national levels
- supporting the needs of international school pupils, students and researchers

# Get Involved!

## Taking Part in Politics in Dresden

- The Integration and Foreigners’ Advisory Council of the City of Dresden is a political body in Saxony where migrants can vote and stand as candidates. Eleven members with a migration background are directly elected by migrants in Dresden every five years. Additionally, nine members come from the City Council’s political groups.
- The council works independently, without instructions from others, and all members serve on a voluntary basis.
- Council meetings are usually open to the public. Meeting dates can be found at [www.dresden.de/auslaenderbeirat](http://www.dresden.de/auslaenderbeirat).