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## Powers and Responsibilities

All projects of the city that concern immigrants are presented to the Integration and Foreigners' Advisory Council. This council provides an advisory opinion to the Mayor and City Council. The Integration and Foreigners' Advisory Council can select a representative who has the right to be speak and to participate at the City Council sessions, in order to address issues relevant to Immigrants in Dresden.

## Tasks

- We represent the interests of all migrants in the city of Dresden.
- We contribute to improving the living conditions of migrants in Dresden.
- We encourage people of all nationalities for peacefully coexist in Dresden.
- We support the development of all individuals in Dresden, regardless of nationality, origin, religion, or ethnicity.
- We engage in public relations activities for the benefit of migrants. We advocate for expanding voting rights for all migrants, especially for holders of third-country nationalities
- We foster cooperation among associations, initiatives, and government institutions addressing integration-related matters concerning migrants.
- We promote mutual understanding between newly arrived migrants and long-standing residents of Dresden.
- We see ourselves as a mediator for anyone with questions or concerns related to integration or migration.

## Areas of Focus

The Integration and Foreigners' Council is involved in various subjects that affect migrants living in Dresden. These include:

1. Speaking up against discrimination and unequal treatment of people with a migration background.
2. Making sure asylum seekers have better accommodation, can take part, and can integrate in society.
3. Making the Integration and Foreigners' Council more visible and powerful, and connecting with on both regional and national level.
4. Helping foreign students, scholars, and researchers.
5. Working together with and supporting migrant association, groups, and organizations.
6. Supporting learning the mother tongue and promoting language classes in different languages.
7. Helping communities with their cultural and social activities.
8. Helping people deal with government offices and agencies, no matter their background.

## Be Involved!

Taking Part in Politics in Dresden

- The Integration and Foreigners' Council in Dresden lets migrants vote and even run for positions. Every five years, migrants in Dresden can democratically elect eleven representatives with migration backgrounds. In addition, nine city council members join from various parties.
- This council works on its own, without being told what to do, and everyone is a volunteer.
- Usually, anyone can come to our meetings.

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