Migrant Integration
The Reception of Refugees in Leipzig

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Leipzig – 27 Years after the Peaceful Revolution
Migration and the City of Leipzig

Number of migrants

Foreigners
Germans with a migration background
Germans with a migration background (estimate)

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Geographic Distribution of Migrants in Leipzig

Percentage of Population with migration background:
- < 5%
- 5-10%
- 10-15%
- 15-20%
- > 20%

Leipzig: 13.4%
Minimum: 2.1% (Baalsdorf)
Maximum: 41.8% (Volkmarsdorf)
Refugees

- 2015 and 2016 has been characterized by quickly accommodating a large number of asylum seekers.
Refugees received in Leipzig

![Graph showing the number of refugees and asylum seekers over years]

- Asylum Seekers
- Unaccompanied minors

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<th>Asylum Seekers</th>
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Immediate Action
Political Leadership: Continuous and Transparent Communication

- Proactive communication against xenophobic attitudes
- Open discussions in many neighborhood meetings
- Overwhelming civil engagement
Collaboration within and outside the Administration

- Refugees were a top priority of local administration for two years
- Weekly meetings of heads of departments with the mayor
- Unity in action: task force on refugee housing
- Accelerating decision making processes
- Intensive cooperation with regional and national organizations
Our Strategy for Integration
Political Guidelines and a Concept for Integration
Geographic Distribution of Refugee Homes

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Social Work

- Support refugees in daily life
- Serve as contact persons for immediate neighbors
- Build networks into the wider community
Education: Start Early

- German language as a key factor for integration
Integration into Work

Measures by Employment Agency and Job Center:

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<td>Integration into the labor market</td>
<td>481</td>
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<td>Integration into training</td>
<td>34</td>
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Integration programmes with various focuses:

Die JOBLINGE gAG Leipzig
Culture
Sports & Leisure
Cooperate with all stakeholders and address all policies

- Local authority
  - civil society
  - national government
  - regional government
  - private companies
  - welfare agencies

- Housing
- Security
- Health
- Education
- Employment
- Culture
- Sports
Our Task: Helping Refugees to Settle In

- Refugees shall arrive well in our cities
- It is our duty to accompany them on their way into our urban societies
- This will be achieved in joint efforts of administration, politics and civil society
Thank you!
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