

Prospects through voluntary work

A project to support tolerated refugees in Konstanz



Project description

Finding your way in a new country is not always easy - especially as a refugee. Many refugees who only have a „Duldung“ (tolerated stay permit) find it particularly difficult to cope with everyday life. Without a work permit, with only limited knowledge of German, and sometimes under psychological strain, the people concerned often lack prospects for the future. Through meaningful voluntary work in local associations or organizations, refugees create opportunities for social participation for itself.

Aim of the project

The project "Prospects through voluntary work" specifically promotes the integration of refugees with a Duldung as well as civic engagement in Konstanz. Refugees can improve language skills they have already acquired, establish social contacts, and restore structure to their everyday lives. These are important conditions for the start of an apprenticeship or the successful entry into work life and thus create the chances for a possible perspective of staying.

Associations and organizations receive active support for their activities and offerings from committed refugees. At the same time, they make a valuable contribution to integration, social participation and social cohesion in Konstanz.

Procedure

Refugees with a Duldung perform voluntary work for 3 to 6 months in non-profit associations or institutions in Konstanz. For this, the refugees receive a small expense allowance (up to 840€ per year) from the city of Konstanz (Stabsstelle Konstanz International). The association or institution does not incur any costs.

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