

3. Culture of welcome in schools

*Siri Pahnke, Verband binationaler Partnerschaften e. V.
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School attendance is compulsory for children of refugees. Courses in „German as a Second Language“ are designed to help them to learn the language. In parallel to that, children are integrated into existing classes step by step. This process involves new requirements and uncertainties for all involved people at the schools. Multilingual classrooms, consideration of different perspectives, creation of a discrimination-sensitive environment, and a good cooperation with parents are only a few aspects addressed by teachers, parents, and pupils. Together we will search for answers to the question of how the „Arriving“ of the children and youth at German schools can be made easier and how cooperating partners can help efficiently. Thereby we will discuss experiences made during empowerment work with youth with migration background as well as guidelines for a respectful, discrimination-aware.

4. Institutional an volunteer work hand in hand?

*Dr. Thomas Voigt, deputy of the administrative district Leipzig
Dr. Dietrich Herrmann, political scientist, member of the networking council „Dresden für Alle“
Representatives of the initiative EfGiL – Engagiert für Geflüchtete in Leipzig*

Moderation: Michael Nattke, Kulturbüro Sachsen e. V.
A good cooperation between authorities and initiatives often is the key to success in the effort to improve the living conditions of refugees. Unfortunately this well-functioning cooperation between authorities and volunteers does not always take place. In this workshop, we will therefore collect positive experiences from different perspectives. What is important for a successful cooperation? What pitfalls are to be avoided?

5. Housing and integration concepts – a universal remedy?

*Petra Schickert, Kulturbüro Sachsen e. V.
Marko Schmidt, Representatives of the initiative Initiativkreis: Menschen.Würdig.*

Petra Köpping (Saxon State Minister for Equality and Integration) wants the administrative districts to develop concepts in the field of asylum. But are all the concepts the same? How do districts develop their concepts? What should the concept include? Who should be involved in the development of the concept? Which roles can initiatives from the civil society play in this process? Based on a critical analysis, the workshop will address your questions on this topic.

6. Refuge and refugees on-the-spot. Concepts and perspectives of decentralized housing in Saxony

*Philipp Schäfer, University of Konstanz
Moderation: Johanna Stoll, Sächsischer Flüchtlingsrat e. V.*

Empty construction markets, gym halls, fairgrounds. The comeback of mass housing seems to contradict the ambition of most of the municipalities to organise decentralised housing for refugees. But which forms of decentralised housing actually exist in Saxony? The aim of the workshop is to make an inventory of existing concepts and to discuss and develop future models for decentralised housing.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Entry is free on both days.

ORGANISERS

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NOTE

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The organisers reserve the right to execute their domiciliary rights and deny such individuals access to, or expel them from the event.



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CONFERENCE ASYLUM IN SAXONY 2015

In 2015, the network conference „Asylum in Saxony“ will be held for the fourth time. It provides an opportunity for people working for initiatives and institutions or volunteering in the field of „refuge and asylum“ to get to know each other, exchange experiences and to network. The objective is to develop together perspectives for asylum seekers in Saxony.

The situation of asylum seekers in Saxony is still characterised by marginalisation, discrimination, institutional racism and in many places also by problematical living conditions, especially with regard to housing. Over the last months the reaction of the population to the rising numbers of asylum seekers and the search for new housing sites has brought the widespread racist prejudices against refugees to the public attention. This is reflected in a significant increase in racially motivated violence and threats. On the other hand, Saxony has seen an increase of initiatives committed to the creation of a Culture of Welcome: from direct support of asylum seekers in everyday life to their empowerment and to political participation in public discourse on asylum and refuge in the municipalities. The conference will provide a platform for exchange and networking.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Hochschule für Technik, Wirtschaft und Kultur (HTWK) Leipzig,
Geutebrück-Bau
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 132
Tram stop: HTWK
Tram lines: 9,10,11 or bus line 70

REGISTRATION

The number of participants for the conference on Saturday is limited, therefore it is necessary to register. Please register by 30 October 2015.

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You will receive a confirmation after the closing date for registration. For the event on Friday no registration is necessary.

TRANSLATION

Keynote speeches will be translated simultaneously into German and English, respectively. We also try to provide informal (whispered) interpretation during the workshops. Please let us know with your registration if and in which language you require translation.

PROGRAMME

Friday, 6 November 2015 | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: PUBLIC LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

Working together towards Germany as country of refuge

Andreas Lipsch, Head of the Section „Refuge, Intercultural Work and Migration“; Responsible for intercultural affairs, Evangelical Church and Diakonisches Werk in Hessen and Nassau, Chairperson PRO ASYL

Due to many, long term conflicts at Europe's Gates more refugees are coming to Europe and in particular to Germany. This poses a great challenge for both for people already living here and for the new arrivals. In this lecture, Andreas Lipsch will address the questions of what has to be done now and what has to be organised in order to create the right conditions for living together in respect and solidarity in Germany as a country of refuge.

Anna Nikolenko, lecturer, LAG pokuBi Sachsen e.V.

This additional lecture deals with the creation of educational contexts, which are related to topics such as migration, refuge, and global need.

Saturday, 7 November | 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.: REGISTRATION

10:00 a.m.: OPENING

10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: INPUTS

Asylum Policies in Saxony

Berenice Böhlo, lawyer, specialised in Migration Law and the Dublin Regulation, member of Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Asyl from PRO ASYL and Republikanischer Anwaltsverein (RAV)

Empowerment of refugees

Asylum Seekers Movement

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. : NETWORKING with initiatives from Saxony

Workshop „ASYLUM ABC“

Katrin Holinski, Weiterdenken Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Sachsen
The aim of the workshop „Asylum ABC“ is to give basic knowledge of the asylum system. We will address the asylum procedure as well as the living conditions of refugees in Germany and cover such topics as jobs, health care, German courses, and housing.

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.: BREAK AND LUNCH

2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS

1. Dublin III – The European Regulation regulating responsibilities – sensible or senseless

Berenice Böhlo, lawyer, specialised in Migration Law and the Dublin Regulation, member of Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Asyl from PRO ASYL and RAV

Frank Martin, pastor of the Evangelical Student Community
Moderation: *Steven Hummel, RAA Sachsen e. V.*

The Dublin Regulation plays an important role in the asylum procedures. In this workshop, we will explain the aim and the procedures of the Dublin Regulation and describe practical problems with the implementation of this regulation. Jurisdiction as well as the actual political debate will be addressed.

2. The necessity of empowerment – How refugees can help themselves

Asylum Seekers Movement

The right to apply for asylum is one of the basic human rights, also emphasised by the Geneva Conventions. In this workshop we will address questions like:

- What constitutes a refugee?
- Who can apply for asylum?
- Who will be accepted as refugee and why?
- What is the difference between different types of asylum applications?

Every asylum applicant should get this information because it can help to better understand the right of asylum. We will provide answers to the questions named above in order to empower refugees and to retain this right.

This workshop will take place in parallel to the conference within the framework of the project „Empowerment for the Refugees“. It is funded by the Stiftung:

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