

„On January 20th the Oldenburg ULG held the first public workshop of „Oldenburg.Gemeinsam.Gestalten“ (“Shaping Oldenburg together”), with more than 60 participants .



“Shaping Oldenburg together” is a public participation project: interested Oldenburgers of any background, volunteers and professionals alike, work together on the draft of the Local Action Plan for integration of migrants and refugees. Focus topics are “Labour Market and Work”, “Accommodation and Social Cooperation”, “Language and Intercultural Communication” and “Intercultural Learning and Education”.

The aim of the opening workshop on January 20th was outlining what kind of integration projects there are in Oldenburg right now. What are Oldenburg’s strengths when it comes to integration of immigrants and refugees, where is urgent need for more action?

Over 60 persons attended the 4-hour workshop: interested citizens, voluntary refugee helpers, social workers, teachers, NGOs, representatives of local business and industry, local employment agencies, city council and public administration.



Some examples of what the work groups pointed out:

Strengths:

- + There is a lot of civic/voluntary commitment in Oldenburg
- + Many good projects and offers for refugees

Problems:

- No overview/coordination of the whole range of projects/offers
- lack of affordable/acceptable housing space



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