INVITATION TO A
„WORKSHOP ON THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS“
APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE RURAL AREAS IN SOUTH-WESTPHALIA
26th TO 27th APRIL 2016 IN ALTENA AND ARNSBERG

THE MAIN TOPIC

Immigration of people can be a chance for rural areas. The residents who are living in the villages have to deal with empty states more and more. Most of the people are very committed and working hard on the development of their home. How can they improve their situation and take the chance to use the sustainable aspects to reap the benefits from immigration?
During the workshop we are going to work on the topic from different perspectives. It is the aim to develop specific and realistic solutions for our region.

If you know people who just came to Germany – please invite them! The workshop will be held in german. It is required to be able to communicate in english or german and also to register online.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT WHEN JOINING US?

Giving you an insight: Field trip to Altena

The workshop in Altena will start at the 26th April at 11 o’clock with the registration and a short snack. After the official welcome there is going to be both, an explanation of the method used during the event and something to get everyone thinking about the actual topic.

Dr. Andreas Hollstein, the mayor of the city of Altena, is going to explain how the city suffered from a considerably high population loss in the past 30 years and which measures they are adopting now to improve the situation. During a walk through the city he is going to report on how they efficiently used immigration.

Later there is going to be an organised transfer to the second stop, the Dorint-Hotel in Arnsberg.

WHICH TOPICS ARE ON THE AGENDA?

We intentionally choose a wide range of topics:
• Developing a regional strategy of integration and to ensure that new arrivals always feel welcome. Questions on how communication between immigrants and the public institutions should be and also how to improve the interaction of various institutions (for example politics, administration, volunteers and associations)

OUR METHOD AT THE WORKSHOP – DESIGN THINKING

... means the development of practically oriented innovations. The steps of Design Thinking are: understanding, observing, focusing, generate ideas/solutions, testing the results.

Focused are the people: For which group of people do I want to develop a project or a solution? Consequently the actual user needs are emphasized to find a way to deal with the current problems.

The outcomes of all the teams are going to be presented to everyone at the end of the workshop. During a final discussion we are going to talk about more extensive possibilities to put the ideas into practice.

Target group:
The workshop adresses:
• voluntarily and full-time working people in the rural areas who are concerning themselves with the topic “immigration”
• Regional managers and people who are working on a federal or regional state level
• especially immigrants.

There are no conference fees. Please note that you have to pay for the travel expenses.
On request we will pay the hotel accomodation costs for immigrants with no personal income.
You can register online via the following link ...  
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AGENDA

TUESDAY, 26TH APRIL 2016

11.00  WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND SNACK  
Evangelisches Gemeindezentrum, An der Kirche 2 u. 4 in Altena

12.00  INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC  
Integration of immigrants in rural areas as a part of the program on regional development – Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop  
Deutsche Vernetzungsstelle Ländliche Räume und Südwestfalen Agentur  
Design Thinking, creative and systematic – Overview and explanation  
Zukunftsinstitut Workshop

12.45  OFFICIAL WELCOME IN ALTENA  
Dr. Andreas Hollstein, Mayor of the city of Altena

13.00  INTEGRATION AND IMMIGRATION: CHALLENGE AND CHANCE FOR RURAL AREAS  
Prof. Dr. Hildegard Schröter von Brandt, University of Siegen

„ELER, LEADER & CO.“  
What assistance is available for integration projects in regional development?  
Andreas Pletziger, District Authority Arnsberg

PRACTICAL WORK ON SITE – SUPPORT OF THE ACTIVE INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE DISTRICT SIEGEN-WITTGENSTEIN  
Golnaz Talimi, Kommunales Integrationszentrum District Siegen-Wittgenstein

14.00  NEW RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME! – HOW ALTENA INTEGRATES IMMIGRANTS  
Dr. Andreas Hollstein, Mayor of the city of Altena

16.30  TRANSFER TO THE DORINT-HOTEL, ARNSBERG  
incl. Snack

17.45  WORKING IN SMALL GROUPS,  
1ST PHASE: UNDERSTANDING AND OBSERVING  
Take a look at challenges of immigration from different perspectives and face the problems and needs of all the persons who are involved

20.30  DINNER

21.15  TIME FOR CONVERSATIONS

WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL 2016

08.30  WELCOME, LOOK BACK AND THE PROSPECT FOR THE DAY  
Example: “New neighbours Arnsberg” – Short presentation (requested)

My country Germany – Security Guard for illiterate, adult refugees and volunteers working with refugees  
Amelie Kim Weinert, Pforzheim

09.00  2ND PHASE: FOCUSING, DEVELOPMENT OF IDEAS AND TESTING  
Define relevant problems, develop and test specific solutions.

13.00  PRESENTATION OF THE SOLUTIONS

14.00  FINAL DISCUSSION, RÉSUMÉ AND FUTURE PROSPECTS  
SNACK

15.00  END OF THE EVENT