



# Youth Migration Service Luebeck

## Special Service for immigrated young people

# Jugendmigrationsdienst Luebeck

## Fachdienst fuer zugewanderte junge Menschen

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Since 1989 the YOUTH MIGRATION SERVICE / JUGENDMIGRATIONS-DIENST LUEBECK (short: JMD) as a part of the Gemeindediakonie Luebeck gGmbH (a social institution of the Protestant Church in Luebeck) is helping between 12 and 27 years old immigrated young people from all over the world and gives advice, assistance and attendance in all questions of daily life during their way of integration<sup>1</sup>. The JMD mediates and intervenes in special problems between them and further offices, institutions and special services and tries to improve competences and to complete deficits to give them same chances with native people and to further understanding and tolerance of each other.<sup>2</sup>)

In the JMD Luebeck are working two professional social workers (Dipl.-Sozialpaed./-Sozialarb.), male and female, and several honorary helping people offering complementary educational help.

The professional social workers nearly continuously take care for an **average No. of 200 juvenile migrants per year**, coming from all over the world as well as those young people of the **second and third generation of migrant families in Germany** still having aggravating problems of integration.

<sup>1</sup>) The special service of the JMD exists since the early years after World War II., firstly called „Jugendgemeinschaftswerke“ (JGW). In that time it was their job to help young German people who had to leave their homes in the states of eastern Europe (Romania, Russia, Ukraine as well as Poland, which was a part of Germany until the end of World War II) and of the Asiatic part of the USSR (especially Kazakhstan) because of World War II and its mostly negative consequences for their daily life. All the years until today those young people and in the meantime other young migrants from all over the world find **faithful advice, assistance and information by the JGW / JMD**, who offer this special service by order and mainly financial assistance of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG).

<sup>2</sup>) The service of the JMD Luebeck conceptually bases on the principles and conceptions for the work of Youth Migration Services (JMD) in Germany given by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG):

- Website of the Ministry of Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth:

[http://www.bmfsfj.de/RedaktionBMFSFJ/Abteilung5/Pdf-Anlagen/grunds\\_C3\\_A4tze-programm-18-stand05.property=pdf.bereich=rwb=true.pdf](http://www.bmfsfj.de/RedaktionBMFSFJ/Abteilung5/Pdf-Anlagen/grunds_C3_A4tze-programm-18-stand05.property=pdf.bereich=rwb=true.pdf)

- Website of the Ministry of Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth:

<http://www.bmfsfj.de/RedaktionBMFSFJ/Abteilung5/Pdf-Anlagen/rahmenkonzept-programm18-stand05.property=pdf.bereich=rwb=true.pdf>

Most of the young people the JMD takes care for have been coming to Germany **without any or with complete unrealistic ideas and information** about their new life in Germany.

Here they are confronted with a complete different social system, education system in school and profession they have to cope with. But they and their parents mostly are afraid of this situation and **completely helpless**. Besides this they mostly have **aggravating language problems**.



In this situation the JMD is something like a **pilot for the young migrants**. In our **case management** we don't sign contracts with the young people but in the beginning we systematically build them up. During our regular office hours we give **first information about their possibilities here in Germany** and make a **plan of their future** containing every step, from language course to school and vocational training. This plan is divided into **imaginable and verifiable steps**. This system works best if we are able to **build up a basis of confidence** and „**the success of small steps**“ motivates them. The JMD continuously works close to its clients.

For this we prepare the **admission of their foreign term's reports and certificates of vocational training** by the federal ministry of education in Schleswig-Holstein or other responsible institutions, **we attend them** to their schools, language courses, institutions of vocational training or to the vocational guidance of the Labour Exchange Office.

To have an optimal integration the JMD organizes by the **assistance of honorary helpers** several additional offers of educational help for school and language courses in English and German as well as for example so called “**language partnerships**” and “**senior-pilots for young migrants**”<sup>3)</sup>, where native people meet migrants to help them learning German by talking to them, making an excursion etc. Further more we have a special „**Integrative group for mothers and children**“ as a point of contact and information for young mothers who mostly have to stay alone at home and to care for house and children without having contact to us, to other natives or migrants, to information and language courses, while their husbands take part in those courses and daily life.

Because of its **intensive individual case management and attendance** for every individual

summits. In addition the JMD has **intensive contacts to and cooperation with** several language courses, courses of the Labour Exchange Office, and other institutions. And the **long lasting personal constancy** of the professional social worker of the JMD takes **positive effect on a continuously cooperation** with those partners.



To cope with this important and difficult task Cornelia Bauke (on the right) and Wolfgang Cramer (on the left) always get great help from their team – colleagues (from the left to the right: Gabriela Schmalen, Karyna Rogachevska and Hiwa Rashid) from the **Migrationsfachdienst** (Special Service for migrant people) of the Gemeindediakonie Luebeck gGmbH, who's task is to help migrant families and their children (under 12) as well as grown up (over 27) and senior migrants living in Germany.

In addition the JMD **advises further offices, institutions and special services in questions of intercultural problems and in the way how to deal with migrants.**

**Integration is a long lasting process.** The JMD is asked to go on attending this difficult and important process with patience and to react upon new developments and questions very flexible and to arrange them actively for to help as well immigrating young people as native juveniles to live together harmoniously.

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client in every part of their daily life during a long lasting time from the very beginning of their life in Germany the JMD helps to encourage social and professional skills and **prevent from negative influences.**

Another very important part of the business of the JMD is the **active cooperation in several social and political groups and networks** to prepare a good atmosphere for immigrants and natives on higher

<sup>3)</sup> see also <http://www.gemeindediakonie-luebeck.de/einrichtungen/migrationsfachdienst/sprachpartnerschaften> and <http://www.senioren-lotsen.de>