

Volunteering in Mülheim

There are many different ways to volunteer in Mülheim. Here are some examples of what you could do to make a difference.



Left: Mehrnaz Khatami volunteers as a Grüne Dame at the Evangelischen Krankenhaus in Mülheim. By volunteering she is able to give back to others and learn more about the German culture. She enjoys the contact with all the people, and the patients are very grateful for her support. She also feels good about being part of a team. Mehrnaz Khatami moved to Mülheim in 1996 from Iran.

Right: Marina Gudikova volunteers as an art teacher for children. She studied art and fashion and enjoys passing on her love of art to the children. Up until now, the language barrier has prevented her from working in Germany and volunteering is a way of keeping her skills up. She also considers working with the children a new and exciting challenge which is lots of fun. Marina Gudikova came to Mülheim from Russia in 2002.

What is the CBE?

CBE – Centrum für bürgerschaftliches Engagement (The Centre for Voluntary Service) is committed to connecting volunteers, non-profit organisations and corporate sponsors to enable and encourage volunteering in Mülheim.

We aim to advise and place citizens who are interested in volunteering. Together we help you choose a volunteering position from over 200 opportunities. CBE is a non-profit organisation that is not affiliated with any political parties or religions.

The CBE is funded by the Stadt Mülheim, memberships and donations. Members include charity organisations, businesses and private individuals. If you have any questions or suggestions, seek a volunteer position or would like more information, please contact us (you will need to speak a little German in order for us to help place you).

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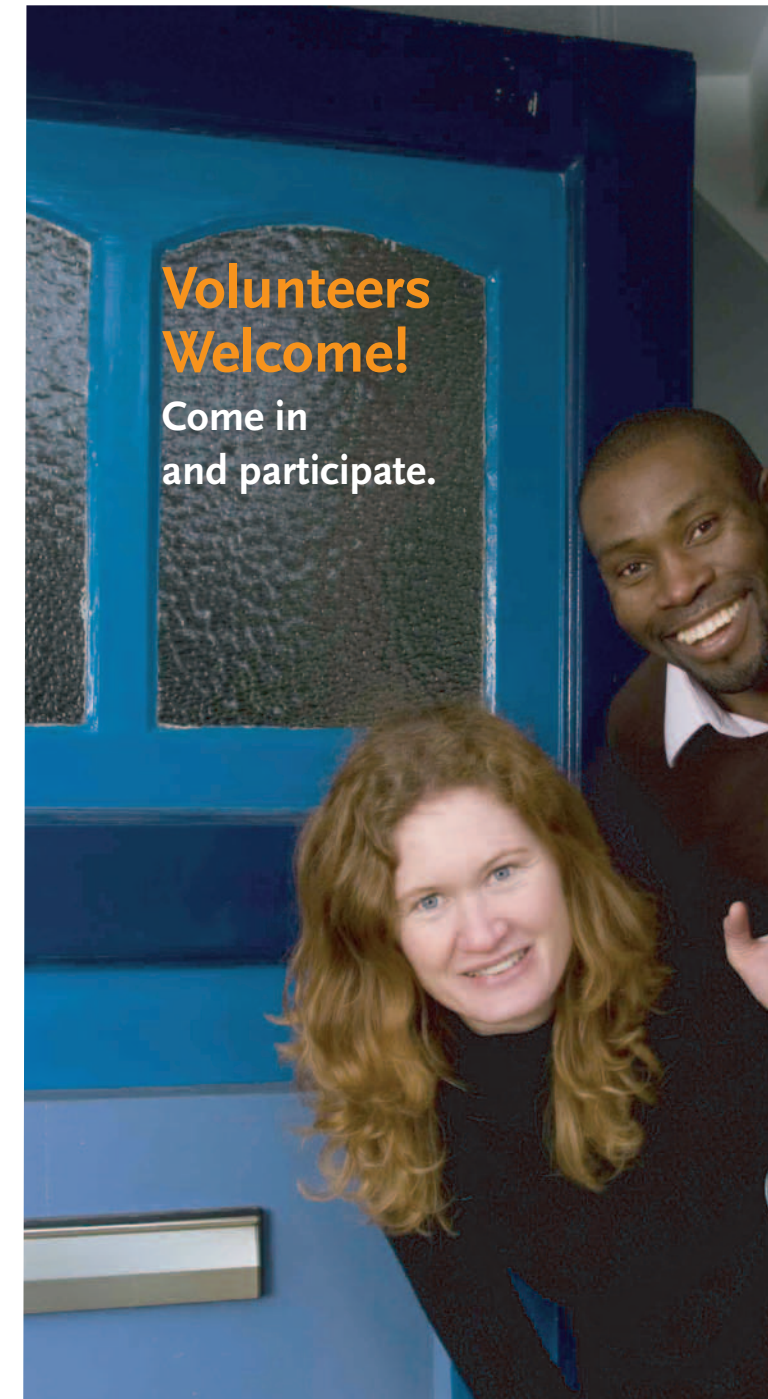
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Make a difference!

So, you've come to Germany and now you are ready to take the next step in building your new life. We can help!

Share and broaden your knowledge, learn new skills, meet other migrants and Germans, have fun and give something back to society.

You can:

- contribute to the kind of society you want to live in
- use and improve the skills you have
- learn new skills and try new activities
- build a social network for your professional and private life
- make a difference!



Jihan Hassib-Ernst volunteers for CBE's Sprachkondigenpool. She translates for immigrants during visits to city officials or at parent-teacher meetings. She is able to build bridges by encouraging mutual understanding and dialogue between cultures. She lived in Egypt for 30 years.



Ivica Olujić helps at Mülheim's pro humanum e.V. Organisation. This is a private initiative, which has been sending aid packages to the war zones of former Yugoslavia since 1991. Volunteering gives him a good feeling, and he is glad to be able to help. He is originally from Croatia.



Benedicta Stolpe volunteers for the Katholische Ladenkirche. After her retirement she found her new purpose in life. She enjoys talking to all the people that come in to browse, or in search of advice and a chat. She came to Mülheim from the Philippines in 1970.



Celal Erdol is a youth leader for the Galatasaray Mülheim sport club. He organises the training timetable and games for the teams. He also supports the teens in their private lives. His parents come from Turkey.



Hayrie Özcan volunteers for the Elternpflegschaft (parents association) at the Gesamtschule in Saarn. Through her work she hopes to get parents more involved in their children's education. Hayrie Özcan was born in Köln. Her parents come from Turkey.



Mevlüt Öztürk trains a youth dance group. He teaches them traditional Black Sea dances. They meet once a week and perform at local events. The dances are complicated and he is very proud of the dancers. He is from Turkey but has lived in Mülheim for 30 years.

How to get started

The best place to start is Mülheim's Centre for Voluntary Service, CBE. We can help you find the perfect volunteer opportunity, by discussing what it is you enjoy doing, your skills and the opportunities that are available.

The CBE offers you:

- a private, no-obligation consultation to help determine your needs and wishes
- volunteer placement help
- easier access to charity organisations
- a large network of people, organisations and businesses as a resource
- qualification courses as a placed volunteer

Volunteers may also be eligible for a Freiwilligenkarte, a discount card for many local shops and services. The card is issued by the CBE, to long-term volunteers.

SAT volunteers as a Grüne Dame in the Evangelischen Krankenhaus's library. Her parents' dedication to volunteering inspired her. To her, volunteering means helping people regardless of their religion or background. She grew up in Turkey and has been living in Mülheim for six years.

Louise Huber-Fennell volunteers as an English teacher for teenagers. The graphic designer also designed the Mülheimer Freiwilligenkarte and several flyers for CBE. According to her, every little bit of volunteer work helps. She lived in England, the Netherlands and the USA before moving to Mülheim.

