

INTE- GRA- TION STRA- TEGY LINZ

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City Councillor Regina Fechter (on the left) and Mayor Klaus Luger (on the right).

Good coexistence in Linz is based on promotion, mutual understanding and the compliance with general rules.

Responsibility for each other and mutual respect are the fundamental pillars of social coexistence. That is why we define rules and together ensure their compliance. On top of that, our society is facing constant change. That is why the City of Linz in 2019 revised its integration programme and developed a future-oriented integration strategy. The defined fields of action and measures necessary for successful integration and harmonious coexistence are outlined briefly here.

Mutual understanding and compliance with rules of coexistence are the most important prerequisites for a good common life in Linz. That is why we believe that learning German is especially important and focus on language programmes right from the start.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Luger'.

Klaus Luger
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Regina Fechter'.

Regina Fechter
City Councillor

Integration in Linz

Integration contributes strongly to a good coexistence and is based on mutual respect and appreciation. The core areas of the integration policy in Linz are grounded on the municipal integration strategy with its four principles:

Linz – a "City of Respect"

Linz – a "City of Peace"

Integration – a task for society

Integration – an interdisciplinary issue



Language and education – essential steps for successful integration

German, as a common language, is the basis for coexistence as well as for participating in the education system and the job market. Therefore, learning German and education are crucial for the integration process.

The City of Linz

- focuses on enhancing the language skills of immigrating families, young people and adults.
- lowers the barriers for access to education and thus supports transfer opportunities in the education system for everyone living in Linz.
- promotes the inclusion of parents to improve the efficiency of education and learning the language among children and young people but also the entire family.
- educates and raises the awareness among citizens to make them understand that integration is the responsibility of society as a whole.



Employment as an essential part of successful integration

In addition to language and education, professional skills and integration in the job market are the basis to successfully participate in society.

The City of Linz

- improves the opportunities of immigrants to gather professional skills and enter the job market.

Strengthening social participation

One of the central prerequisites for integration is the participation of people with a migration background in society. Ensuring participation means to consider the diverse initial situations of immigrants and to create fair opportunities.

The City of Linz

- promotes voluntary work.
- represents the interests of immigrants on a municipal level.
- guarantees access to all offers and benefits of the health care system.

Coexistence inside and outside of your home

Linz is characterized by a peaceful coexistence between all of the people living there. Every person should be able to participate in all spheres of life in Linz within valid rules.

The City of Linz

- makes culture visible and promotes encounters.
- encourages, coordinates and creates a network.
- helps to discuss conflicts among citizens through dialogue.
- is characterized by general rules that promote an environment, where people live together peacefully.
- focuses on non-profit housing and access to affordable accommodation.



Find the entire integration strategy here!

The Municipal Administration - service centre and authority

The Municipal Administration guarantees public services for the citizens of Linz and - in cooperation with other authorities - the compliance with valid legal and other rules of coexistence. Based on its actions, it is a role model concerning respect, equal treatment and diversity.

The Municipal Administration

- and its staff make sure they show respect for all of their clients irrespective of their origin and treat them equally.
- rejects the discrimination of citizens and works in a transparent and plausible way.





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