

## **Explanations of the participation in the Migration and Integration Advisory Board Spandau**

In September 2021, not only the Bundestag will be elected, but also the Berlin parliaments. At the state level the House of Representatives and at the district level the District council assemblies (BVV). For all important issues that affect people with a migration history, there is an advisory board that advises the district councilors and the district office and can make their own suggestions. When the new BVV meets, a new advisory board will also be appointed. In Spandau, this is the Migration and Integration Advisory Board (MIB).

### **Who can become a member of the advisory board?**

Clubs (including sports clubs), sponsors or initiatives that support people with a migration history in Spandau can participate in the advisory board. In their work in Spandau, they should deal intensively with at least one of the cross-cutting issues:

- Integration and Migration
- Integration Politics
- Diversity and interculturality
- Promotion of Democracy and Anti-Discrimination

The different countries of origin of the people who immigrated to Spandau should be represented in the MIB. Half of the representatives of the member organizations are said to have a history of migration themselves.

It is important that the members have enough time and willingness to participate in the usually 10 sessions. Each organization provides a representative and a deputy who take part in the meetings. As with BVV, the term of office usually lasts five years. Membership in the advisory board is an honorary position for which there is a small allowance.

### **How can we apply?**

You can send your application as a letter or email to the current advisory board. For your application you can fill out our questionnaire or write your own text. You can also add your own text or e.g. a video to the questionnaire. In any case, the following questions should be answered in your application:

Why would you like to work on the advisory board, what is your motivation?

What do you want to achieve with your work, who do you represent?

How does your work with and for people with a migration history in Spandau look like?

Who do you work with, what are your main areas of work that are relevant for the advisory board?

What are you advocating, where do you see particular challenges in the coming years?

Please submit your application until 17.08. at:

Migrations- und Integrationsbeirat Spandau

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## **What does the advisory board do and what are its tasks?**

The advisory board represents the interests of people living in Spandau with a history of migration and / or refugee status. He is committed to the realization of their demands. The advisory board advises the district administration and BVV on issues relevant to migration policy. He can also make his own suggestions to improve the living situation of people with an immigrant background in Spandau. To this end, he deals with the topics of integration and migration, integration policy, diversity and interculturality, promotion of democracy and anti-discrimination.

The advisory board has various rights vis-à-vis the BVV and the district office:

- A spokes person for the advisory board takes part in the integration committee of BVV Spandau and has the right to speak there.
- The adviser can obtain information on local political issues from the Commissioner for Migration and Integration.
- The advisory board has the right to publish its own press releases.
- The advisory board can work together with the advisory boards in other districts.

The MIB also gives people who are not allowed to vote the opportunity to bring their topics into the political debate in Spandau.

The Advisory Board opposes all forms of xenophobia, racism and discrimination.

## **How is the advisory board composed and how is it appointed:**

The advisory board usually consists of 18 voting members. For this purpose, the parties from the BVV can send advisory members to the advisory board. The representative for migration and integration is also an advisory member.

For the new term of office, the current advisory board will draw up a list of suggestions for new members of the advisory board based on your applications. This list of proposals is submitted to the district office. The newly elected BVV will then vote on the proposals and the new advisory board will be appointed.

Further information on the Advisory Board (previous members, self-image and rules of procedure) can be found on the following website:

[Migrations- und Integrationsbeirat Spandau](#)