

BERLIN



# THE 60-PLUS GENERATION IS GETTING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN POLITICS!

Participation in policymaking for  
senior citizens in Berlin



# Participation for senior citizens in Berlin

## Legal bases

The Senate of Berlin wants to encourage older people to get more involved in shaping society. This aim is put into practice in the Berlin Act for the Participation of Senior Citizens (BerlSenG).

The goal of the act is to encourage the active participation of senior citizens in Berlin in the social, cultural and political life of the city. The aim is to provide better ways for people over 60 years of age to bring their experience and their skills to the table. To this end, senior citizens are being encouraged to participate to a greater extent in district and state-level policymaking.

## Who can get involved?

Anyone who

- has reached the age of 60 and who
- is registered in Berlin as their primary place of residence

may become a candidate to join the committee of representatives for senior citizens in their district and may vote for these representatives.

It is not necessary for the candidate to have German citizenship.

Elections for the committee of representatives for senior citizens are held every five years.

# Committees for participation by senior citizens in Berlin

The various committees for participation by senior citizens are independent, neutral in terms of party politics and non-denominational.

The members carry out their work on a voluntary basis.

There are three committees in Berlin that provide for the participation of senior citizens.

## **District-Level Committee of Representatives for Senior Citizens (BSV)**

In each district, there is one committee of representatives for senior citizens. It may have up to 17 members. All senior citizens in the district can contact the BSV to get advice and support with regard to any questions or concerns they may have. The BSV can also act as a mediator between senior citizens and the district administration authorities or other official bodies.

## **State-Level Committee of Representatives for Senior Citizens (LSV)**

The LSV is made up of the chairpersons of the various district-level committees of representatives for senior citizens. It represents the senior citizens of Berlin at state level. The LSV discusses topics raised by the district-level committees of representatives for senior citizens and also engages in public relations activities, providing a voice for senior citizens from across the whole of Berlin.

## **State-Level Senior Citizens' Council for Berlin (LSBB)**

The LSBB is made up of the chairpersons of the district-level committees of representatives for senior citizens plus a total of 13 representatives from senior citizens' organisations. Organisations who campaign for the interests of senior citizens who came to Germany as migrants are always given a seat on the LSBB.

The LSBB ensures that topics that are of concern to senior citizens in Berlin are brought to the table in state-level policymaking. They advise the House of Representatives and the Senate of Berlin on policy issues relating to the interests of senior citizens.

# Contact details for the District-Level Committees of Representatives for Senior Citizens

If you have any questions or issues to raise, please contact the Committee of Representatives for Senior Citizens for your district:

## **Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf**

Tel.: 030 90291 3593

[www.seniorenvertretung.charlottenburg-wilmersdorf.de](http://www.seniorenvertretung.charlottenburg-wilmersdorf.de)

## **Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg**

Tel.: 030 21237 076

[www.friedrichshain-kreuzberg.net/senioren-vertretung](http://www.friedrichshain-kreuzberg.net/senioren-vertretung)

## **Lichtenberg**

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## **Neukölln**

Tel.: 030 90239 4198

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## **Tempelhof-Schöneberg**

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## **Steglitz-Zehlendorf**

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## **Treptow-Köpenick**

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## **Marzahn-Hellersdorf**

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## **Mitte**

Tel.: 030 9018 32733

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## **Spandau**

Tel.: 030 90279 2717

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