

## „Welcome to Europe“

### 12th of May in „EuropaPunkt“ – European Week in Bremen

#### Ideas and results of the fishbowl-discussion

##### What we talked about:

###### Learning the language

German classes are important, but also...

- Meeting/getting to know local people
- Learning through free time activities (sport, theatre, singing)
- tandem projects – mutual language exchange
- language helps you to understand society and culture!

###### First encounters

- everyone has to be active and approach other people
- <http://bremerjugendring.de/moin-moin-jugendgruppen-steckbrief-fuer-gefluechtete/>  
„Moin Moin“- information on local youth clubs for refugees
- clubs, groups, associations (sport, music...)
- friends, local people around you – help to meet others, explain, show new things

###### Problems

- local administrations (jobcenter etc.) have complicated procedures
- contradictory information from different sources
- no concrete contact persons for help and information

##### Our ideas:

###### Organise an open forum!

- Topics: experiences, wishes, problems

###### Peer-to-peer-projects

- Refugees who have been here for some time help the „newcomers“ in Bremen
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„Moin Moin“-Steckbrief für Jugendgruppen

### **Volunteer work for refugees**

- Useful activity, „something to do“
- New experiences
- Social integration
- Can help you to find a job later

### **Information hub/center is needed**

- There are a lot of opportunities and offers, but people don't know about them!

### **Here are some important addresses or events in Bremen for refugees and people new here:**

- <https://welcometobremen.de/> > this page is still in the making at the moment. They are looking for helpers who can contribute their ideas for the website! Contact: [in-fo@welcometobremen.de](mailto:info@welcometobremen.de) or call Lars Kaempf 0421 69509468
- <http://www.gemeinsam-in-bremen.de/> > Offer and requests for material and non-material help
- <https://moininbremen.wordpress.com/> (Blog for people who are new to Bremen)
- <https://www.facebook.com/bremer.willkommenskultur/> (events with and for refugees)
- <https://www.facebook.com/RefugeesWelcomeUniBremen/?fref=ts> (university students organise german courses, events, sport events etc. with and for refugees in Bremen)
- <https://www.facebook.com/RefugeesWelcomeUniBremen/?fref=ts> (football for university students and refugees on the campus of Uni Bremen)
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/InCa-Internationales-Caf%C3%A9-214991195347779/> (international cafe)
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