

HERE TO PARTICIPATE!



DAS REFUGEE-BUDDYPROGRAMM
DER GEW-HAMBURG



Are you a teacher, social worker, child care worker, any other kind of pedagogue or want to work as one in the future (aiming for a training/qualification)? Are you interested in an exchange with others in the field of education and/or in a trade union?

The program *Here to participate!* wants to establish communication and exchange between educators with and without migration history and make it possible for colleagues who fled to Hamburg – regardless of their residence status – to participate in their fields of work as well as the education union GEW.

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Curiohaus Hamburg, Rothenbaumchaussee 15

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In February this year, refugees and active participants of the GEW Hamburg (the 'education union') initiated the program **Here to participate!** which tries to open the professional field of education, as well as the union itself, to refugees.

The GEW – Gewerkschaft für Erziehung und Wissenschaft (Trade union for education and academics) – is the workers' representation in the field of education. In the union, people working in all the different pedagogic fields are organized. That includes professors and university lecturers, teachers, social workers, youth and child care workers, people working in the education of adults, and also students.

The aim of the program **Here to participate!** is to make it possible for you to get into the world of your trade – regardless of your residence status. However, this doesn't mean that the program or the union can give you a working permit if you have none, because unfortunately, the GEW is not allowed to do so. There is rather supposed to be a mutual professional exchange on eye level - in 'Buddy-Teams' - as well as an access to the fields of work of school, kindergarten, or social work at a practical level.

This includes insights into the german education system, possibilities to arrange or sit in on lessons, to make contacts and bring forward your own ideas and experiences.

Moreover, it will be possible for you to organize as colleagues in the GEW. You should not just become members 'symbolically', but gain access to structures and bodies of the union – thus being able to actively participate in the union, if you like.

Additionally, we want to fight together and in solidarity for (institutional) equality: for a right to stay and a right to work! Never mind the papers!

If you have already worked in the field of education or want to do so, and are interested in the program, you are very welcome to come to the open meeting on the **23.05.16 at 17:30 (5:30pm) at the Curiohaus (Rothenbaumchaussee 15)**! In addition to information about the german education system, there will be an opportunity to form 'Buddy-Teams' and plan further steps.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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