

## **Project description**

Our association BEZIEHUNGSWEISE LERNEN supports people in learning and using the German language. Per year, we offer five rounds of our transcultural language training program "Deutsch als FreundInsprache" (German as a language of friends).

These non-traditional German courses and integration programmes try to create a learning environment which fosters relationships between different ethnicities while also shifting into the public sphere. Courses are not held in closed rooms but on the street and in meeting places, thus also enabling interaction with strangers. Building up relationships goes beyond getting to know each other and focuses on similarities that enable integration in many areas.

In this program, participants have the opportunity not only to learn the language theoretically, but also to put it into practice immediately. Real life situations create an informal learning environment, where our network partnerships play an important role. These are places and institutions that are

also open to the participants outside of the program.

(Kulturcafé Bäckerei, KochLokal, aut - Architektur and Tirol, Verein Freipflanzen, Nähcafé, etc.).

We cook, sew and organize various events, for example, readings of children's books. In addition, the participants are also accompanied by tutors. These are volunteers who learn with the participants in different and individual settings.

In addition to the practice-oriented area, we also offer grammar, spelling, listening, understanding, reading and writing skills and much more. Here, too, we focus on the diverse needs of the participants. The skill level of the groups is always mixed.

Participants are prepared for examinations and experience an everyday structure through regular participation.

Knowledge on education, school, politics, gender-specific topics, discrimination, anti-discrimination, racism, nutrition etc. are integrated into all courses and are also communicated to the participants.