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Generationen  
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*Wir leben Zukunft vor*



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multi-generational centre

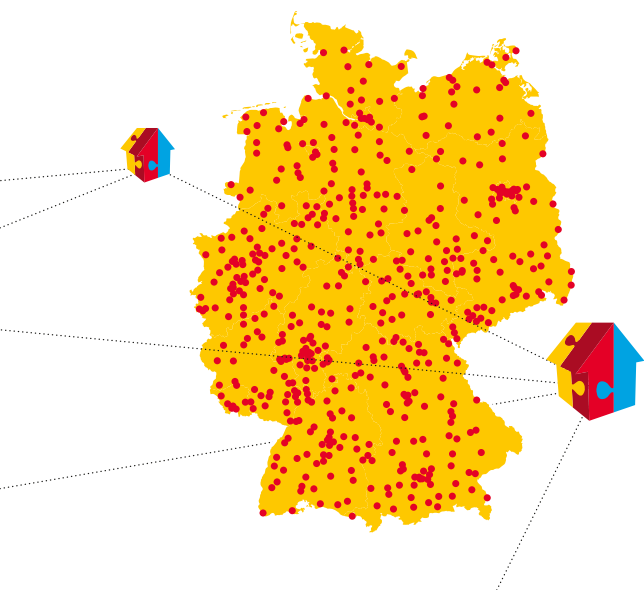
# What are multi-generational centres?

Multi-generational centres are meeting places for local residents.



Nearly every German municipality has a multi-generational centre. In total there are around 550 in the country. They facilitate contact and strengthen cooperation between neighbors. The name says it all: People of every age and from different cultural and religious backgrounds come together, engage in dialogue and become active. People

who would otherwise never meet in daily life experience and shape community here – in language exchanges, cooking courses or through afternoon care support. As part of AlphaDekade, around 170 multi-generational centres are involved in projects to promote the reading, writing and numeracy skills of adults.



# Who can get involved?

**Multi-generational centres are an open invitation to all.**

Thanks to uncomplicated opportunities to participate, which are open to all, even those who are new to the municipality, those who fear contact, or who feel like they don't belong still feel welcome here. New friendships are quickly forged over a coffee at an open get-together or in conversations after a language class.

Multi-generational centres offer opportunities to get settled, gain a foothold or to reorient yourself – whether in the neighborhood, in the transition from school to a career, from one's career to retirement or in an unexpected life situation.

Here people can profit from the activities on offer or realize their own projects. They can discover their own talents, get involved and grow. From the school kids' band to literature courses and creative afternoons all the way to a bicycle repair shop, countless activities take place in the houses. They are as different as the people who contribute to them.

## How to find a multi-generational centre in your area:

- 1** Go to the website [www.mehrgenerationenhaeuser.de](http://www.mehrgenerationenhaeuser.de).
- 2** Enter your ZIP code in the search field.
- 3** Choose a multi-generational centre in your area and read about the activities and opening times.



# How do the houses benefit the municipalities?

Demographic changes pose great challenges for the municipalities.

Our society is getting older and more diverse. All multi-generational centres tailor their work to best respond to the individual impact of demographic change locally. Specific, creative and together with people.

Multi-generational centres understand what motivates citizens: What do they need? What is lacking locally?

What improvements or changes do they desire?

Multi-generational centres consider people's needs and provide new impulses for a proactive social policy in the municipalities.

## Multi-generational centres: A success story.

In 2006, the Ministry for Family Affairs began to promote multi-generational centres with the idea of transferring the concept of extended family to modern society.

Much has changed since then, but the idea itself is still relevant. Today it is practiced in around 550 municipalities and districts.



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*“People get together in the multi-generational centres – regardless of where they come from or how old they are. Multi-generational centres are close to the everyday reality of the people in the municipalities and districts. They know about people’s concerns and they take care of them. When people take care of other people, we make Germany noticeably stronger. All of us together. Our thanks go to all those who are involved in the multi-generational centres, who get things done, learn new skills, and give advice and support.”*



**Dr Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Families,  
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth**

## We set the example for the future.

Multi-generational centres are central meeting places for all generations, where new forms of cooperation can be shaped in the municipality.

Multi-generational centres are open to all and they invite everyone to take part in social life.

Multi-generational centres support the municipalities in their efforts to tackle the challenges of demographic changes and to make use of its opportunities.

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