

METHOD DESCRIPTION – Germany**Name of the method**

Quali-Courses: Courses for migrants and refugees with a high practical approach which are based on the need of low level practical offers for refugees and migrants in Brandenburg.

Target group

The courses are aimed primarily at asylum seekers and immigrants with little formal schooling experience who are learning German as foreign language and/or are illiterate.

Limited knowledge of German is no obstacle to participate in the courses. The trainers and instructors speak several languages due to their migration backgrounds and thanks to a big network interpreters can be contacted.

Short description

The offered courses were developed for migrants and asylum seekers who not yet have access to training measures organized by the state. In order to foster their German skills, their orientation and integration within German society highly practical courses are offered to them.

Specific courses include:

- Wood course – basic knowledge in production of furniture
- Baking and cooking course – basic gastronomic knowledge and cooking skills
- Video course – basic knowledge of using the camera and cutting
- Bike workshop – repairing of bikes
- Computer course – basic IT skills
- Gardening course – knowledge about local climate conditions, growing and harvesting of local plants

These courses are based on the needs and skills of the participants, and their day-to-day life in Brandenburg/Germany. The migrants get the possibility to express themselves in a comfortable and non-formal setting whilst being involved in qualifying activities they are interested in. Thus daily expressions as well as specific terms in German are learned in a practical way.

The courses have a great practical benefit. In these courses the participants will access for re-entry in training and job market. In addition the participants have the opportunity to produce and repair everyday products. They can activate handwork talents learnt in their home countries, get prepared for vocational and professional trainings, have the chance to get valuable contacts, meet different people and chat a lot in German.

One course takes 2 hours and is offered twice a week for 3 months. This adds up to a total of 48 hours. In the end of the course the participants receive a certificate for personal use in order to demonstrate their learned qualifications in the continuing process of training.

In addition counseling covering asylum or integration questions, assistance in getting places for job practical purposes and job application trainings are offered.

Once a month a round table is organized to bring all participants together. The aim is to express opinions, discuss possible problems and find common solutions in order to qualify and improve the contents and procedures related to the courses.

Aims

The courses offer a perfect combination of qualification, useful daily application and integration.

The main objectives are:

- to develop basic communication skills in the German language through speaking, listening and practical tasks. Learning content of the German courses is in the range of A1-A2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).
- to bring across specific terms regarding particular work sectors
- to bring across specific practical knowledge and skills
- better orientation and integration in everyday life in Germany
- offer opportunities to prepare for training and job market back to work, to be active and to feel needed
- Motivate participants to lead courses and become multipliers

Resources needed

The courses can be realized thanks to third party funding.

- The courses offered depend on existing workshop facilities, qualification of the instructors and interests of the participants
- The courses are free of charge for all participants
- Public transport expenses of participants are covered by funding
- Material costs per course are low and covered by funding
- Teachers work voluntarily – Need of instructors with different language and work skills
- 2 employees - one full time social worker and one part time project coordinator are financed by funding

Helpful Information/Links

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