





# Staudenhof

## Key results and benefits:

- 30 flats and 77 residents with migration background
- support of countless volunteers, including ProPotsdam employees, and several cooperation partners
- numerous events in the community center
- creation and maintenance of a garden

## Project for housing and communication

The project is centered around the accommodation of refugees in Potsdam and their integration into the society. The overarching goal is that refugees who arrive Potsdam should not be accommodated in large community shelters but in a more personal environment in their own flat, next door to Germans, to support and enable a better integration process from the start. The Staudenhof-building has community spaces where refugees can come together, practice their religion or native traditions. The project also integrates the existing community and invites people across the city.

The creation of “housing associations” in mature neighborhoods is the first step towards a successful and seamless integration of refugees. Not only the concept itself but also the fact that all entities of the cooperation (artists, companies, associations, non-profit organizations, volunteers, neighbors, citizens, ect.) where part of the preparation-phase, the implementation and the transfer to additional locations, is unique to this project.

The rapid implementation of the project was only possible through dialogue-based, network-like cooperation and communication between all parties. It should serve as an example for projects that are equally based on administrative, political, business and civil-society processes complementing one another.