

Elections for the Integration Councils and Municipal Councils North Rhine-Westphalia

on 14 September 2025, elections for the Integration Councils and Municipal Councils will take place in North Rhine-Westphalia. These elections are about making key decisions for living together in diversity and for community cohesion at the local level.

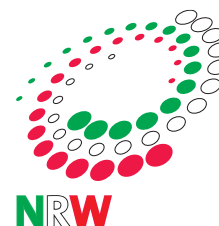
That is why we ask you to vote for the Integration Council in your city on September 14, 2025. Cities and municipalities:

Aachen	Gevelsberg	Mettmann
Ahlen	Gladbeck	Minden
Alsdorf	Goch	Moers
Arnsberg	Greven	Mönchengladbach
Bad Oeynhausen	Gronau	Monheim am Rhein
Bad Salzuflen	Gummersbach	Mülheim a.d.R.
Baesweiler	Gütersloh	Münster
Beckum	Hagen	Nettetal
Bergheim	Hamm	Neuss
Bergisch Gladbach	Harsewinkel	Niederkassel
Bergkamen	Hattingen	Oberhausen
Bielefeld	Heiligenhaus	Olpe
Bocholt	Herford	Paderborn
Bochum	Herne	Pulheim
Bönen	Herten	Ratingen
Bonn	Herzogenrath	Recklinghausen
Bornheim	Hiddenhausen	Remscheid
Bottrop	Hilden	Rheda-
Brühl	Hückelhoven	Wiedenbrück
Burscheid	Hürth	Rheine
Castrop-Rauxel	Ibbenbüren	Sankt Augustin
Detmold	Iserlohn	Schwelm
Dinslaken	Jülich	Schwerte
Dormagen	Kaarst	Siegburg
Dorsten	Kamen	Siegen
Dortmund	Kamp-Lintfort	Soest
Duisburg	Kerpen	Solingen
Düren	Kleve	Stolberg
Düsseldorf	Köln	Troisdorf
Eitorf	Krefeld	Unna
Emmerich	Langenfeld	Velbert
Ennepetal	Leichlingen	Viersen
Erfstadt	Leverkusen	Voerde
Erkrath	Lippstadt	Wesel
Eschweiler	Löhne	Wesseling
Essen	Lüdenscheid	Wetter/Ruhr
Euskirchen	Lünen	Witten
Frechen	Marl	Wuppertal
Geldern	Meerbusch	Würselen
Gelsenkirchen	Menden	

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* From November 1, 2025, the Integration Council will become the
Committee for Equal Opportunities and Integration.

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

on **September 14, 2025** new integration councils and city councils will be elected in North Rhine-Westphalia. For many people with international family backgrounds, this is the only opportunity to have a say in the political life of their city through their vote.



The integration councils represent the interests of all migrants in the municipality. People from different backgrounds work together in solidarity to promote equal coexistence for everyone in our society. At the same time, they are the expert committee for integration issues at the local level.

Together with council members, members of integration councils can promote active, respectful participation policies in cities and municipalities that are characterized by the principle of acceptance.

The higher the voter turnout, the better integration councils can achieve this. Remember: democracy thrives on participation by everyone!

This principle also applies to the integration councils in the cities of North Rhine-Westphalia.

That is why I am asking you to take part in the Integration Council and local elections in your city on September 14, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martin Reuteke".

Your Chairman

What is the Integration Council?

The Integration Council is the municipal representative body for all people with an international family background. It has the status and influence of a political interest group.

The composition of directly elected members and voting members appointed by the city council creates the conditions for close cooperation between the Integration Council and local politics.

Who is eligible to vote?

- Foreigners according to the Foreigners Act
- Non-German EU citizens
- Germans who also have another foreign nationality
- Germans who have obtained German nationality through naturalization
- Germans who, as children of foreign parents, obtained German nationality by birth in Germany
- Ethnic German repatriates
- Ukrainian citizens

In addition, on election day, the person must

- Be 16 years old
- Have been legally resident in Germany for at least one year
- Have had your main residence in the municipality since at least August 29, 2025

Integration councils are committed to the following issues, for example:

- Greater political participation of people with an international family background
- Local voting rights for all
- Intercultural openness in public administration, social services, and schools
- Intercultural schools and daycare facilities
- Programs that support young people in entering the workforce
- Services to improve the health and housing situation of immigrants
- Promotion of the work of immigrant organizations
- Integration-friendly implementation of federal and state laws in local communities
- Equal treatment and protection against discrimination for all people in the community
- Multilingualism
- Specific measures against racism
- Concrete measures against racism
- Focus on potential and equal opportunities