

**„On March 6th the Oldenburg ULG held the second public workshop of „Oldenburg.Gemeinsam.Gestalten“ (“Shaping Oldenburg together”), with more than 70 participants.**

“Shaping Oldenburg together” is a public participation project: interested Oldenburgers of any background, volunteers and professionals alike, work together on the draft of the Local Action Plan for integration of migrants and refugees. Focus topics are “Labour Market and Work”, “Accommodation and Social Cooperation”, “Language and Intercultural Communication” and “Intercultural Learning and Education”.



The aim of the workshop of March 6th was outlining specific goals and indicators for the focus topics, based on an inventory of Oldenburg’s strengths and weaknesses regarding integration projects that was worked out in the first workshop in January. More than 70 persons attended the 4-hour workshop: interested

citizens, voluntary refugee helpers, social workers, teachers, NGOs, representatives of local business and industry, local employment agencies, city council and public administration.

A short excerpt from the list of goal that have been worked out for the Oldenburg LAP in this workshop:

- Public administration employs much more persons with a non-German cultural and language background
- Every larger company has a person officially dedicated to help and information regarding integration issues, for both employees and employers.
- Language courses are arranged flexibly so migrants who work



full-time or have children can participate

- There is an effective infrastructure for voluntary helpers to get support and information by professionals



A short video clip has been shown on March 6th (with recordings from our January workshop): <https://youtu.be/8wT-YyBMvAQ>

The next and final workshop will take place on April 24th to think about realistic steps and activities to achieve these goals.”

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