



NEIGHBOURHOOD MOTHERS IN NEUKÖLLN

Launched in 2004, the project ‘Stadteilmütter in Neukölln’ (Neighbourhood mothers in Neukölln) involves the entire inner city of north Neukölln and Gropiusstadt. Its first aim is to inform migrant families, mainly of Turkish and Arab origins, about the essentials of life in Berlin so as to facilitate integration.

MAIN RESULTS

change in behaviour
↓
families more informed
&
more actively involved in education

UNEXPECTED RESULTS

mothers’ interest in a career
↓
help to enter the job market
↓
some started a career
or
decided to get a degree



The women are a living example of hands-on integration work. What’s more, the idea is easily transferable to other districts and cities all across Europe, and beyond.

*district mayor Heinz Buschkowsky,
initiator of the Neighbourhood Mothers project*



INNOVATION & SUCCESS

neighbourhood mothers and families
↓
shared cultural background
↓
more inclined to listen and learn



NUMBERS AND FIGURES

52.5%
didn't speak
German

10%
started a career

53
schools involved

6,200
families

332
mothers