

At the centre of life

AWO in the Braunschweig region

*A strong partner
at the service of humanity*



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*AWO – for advice,
support and a new home*



A welfare institution with a long tradition
Professional services
For social justice in society
One of the region's largest employers
More than 3,000 employees
More than 100 facilities

At the centre of life



From a self-help organisation to a provider of humanitarian services: in the roughly 100 years since its foundation, the AWO Workers Welfare Association has evolved into a social enterprise with skills in many areas and a strong membership organisation. It is a major pillar in the interaction between the generations.

AWO is a charitable organisation providing nursery and elderly care, family counselling and youth welfare, housing for people with mental health problems, as well as supporting the integration of new immigrants.

It is also one of the region's largest employers: in the Braunschweig region, 3,000 people work for AWO in more than 100 facilities. As a social service partner for the local authorities, health insurance companies and the many people requiring help, AWO has set itself clear goals: quality assurance and economic viability should benefit everybody.

AWO Braunschweig – at the centre of life

AWO in the Braunschweig region: a strong partner at the service of humanity



We strive to empower children by helping them develop self-responsibility and self-esteem through their own actions.

Creative suggestions and inspirations are aimed at helping them enjoy learning. Even very young children can build relationship skills by learning to find their place within a group and feel part of it.

In addition to suggestions, support and childcare, we offer even more: professional advice and counselling for parenting, relationship or family issues.

Our family and parenting advisory centres provide information on all topics relating to pregnancy, sexuality and birth. They can also help you regain a satisfactory balance in your personal life.

"It's a wonderful feeling to know that my child is in good hands even when I'm not there. Laura's laugh quite clearly shows how happy she is!"

Family & parenting

- Childcare
- Counselling for migrants
- Jugendwerk youth organisation
- Family & parenting counselling





*"Now I know that I can manage it.
Even better together with others!"*



Youth welfare and parental assistance

Developing the ability for cooperation and communication, and strengthening confidence in yourself and in the group: those are our aims.

Our educational schemes also contribute to the prevention of addictions and violence.

Our schools and group homes give children and young people a sense of security, enabling social learning. We help them deal with everyday situations and develop their personal strengths.

In a nutshell: we understand and support young people.

Outdoor education schemes

Special needs schools

Advisory service for schools and parents

Group homes

Day-care groups



Health & counselling assistance

All people with mental health problems have a right to self-determination, participation in society, and support in dealing with everyday tasks. As a charity service provider, we see it as our responsibility to help people with mental health problems in this.

The long-established AWO approach of “capacity building” also applies to health and counselling assistance.

“We want to help those who come to us for assistance shape their lives independently and responsibly.”

Care in the community

Care homes for people with mental health issues

Self-help

Drug abuse and addiction counselling

Group homes

Psychiatry centre





We ensure residents in all our AWO residential and nursing homes receive preventive and sustaining care to support their independence as much as possible.

"I like my peace and quiet, but I also enjoy company. I love the feeling of being well looked after. Even though Lily sometimes cheats, I really feel at home here."

With a wide range of additional services such as short-term and day care, care at home, as well as emergency nursing home placements and sheltered housing, we develop and maintain people's personal freedom.

Our aim is to make space for living.

- Emergency nursing home placements**
- Telephone counselling for nursing care**
- Dementia counselling**
- Home care**
- Sheltered housing**
- Day care**
- Short-term care**
- Residential and nursing homes**

Senior citizens & elderly care



We provide guidance and advice to different groups of immigrants, supporting their integration. Advice is available on issues relating to language development, life planning, professional integration, residence rights, and leisure activities.

In their work, AWO professionals receive valuable support from volunteers.

We recognise and develop the potential of immigrants.

We enable societal participation through local projects, networking, integrative activities and information events.

“Through the AWO counselling for migrants, my husband has received contacts for professional integration and we have both met many kind people. We think the “Heimat im Koffer” (home in a suitcase) project is a good opportunity for local people to find out about migrants’ backgrounds and their countries of origin.”

Migration & integration

- Counselling and contacts
- Professional integration
- Local integration
- Language development
- Identifying and developing potential
- Facilitating societal participation
- Intercultural projects





"We love our work for AWO, working for the community. And we enjoy the team spirit!"

AWO's strength lies in its members. Their actions are guided by AWO's core values: solidarity, tolerance, freedom, equality and justice. The AWO membership organisation offers its members opportunities for social policy work, as well as neighbourhood help, local activities, social events, and leisure activities and excursions.

In addition to AWO members, many volunteers also help provide AWO offerings and services.

AWO's strength increases with every person who chooses to become a member or volunteer, or opts for a different type of support.

The organisation is committed to capacity building and enabling people to participate in society.

Liberal and democratic principles

Capacity building

Societal participation

Neighbourhood help

Social policy work

Leisure activities and excursions

Membership & voluntary work

Contact & location

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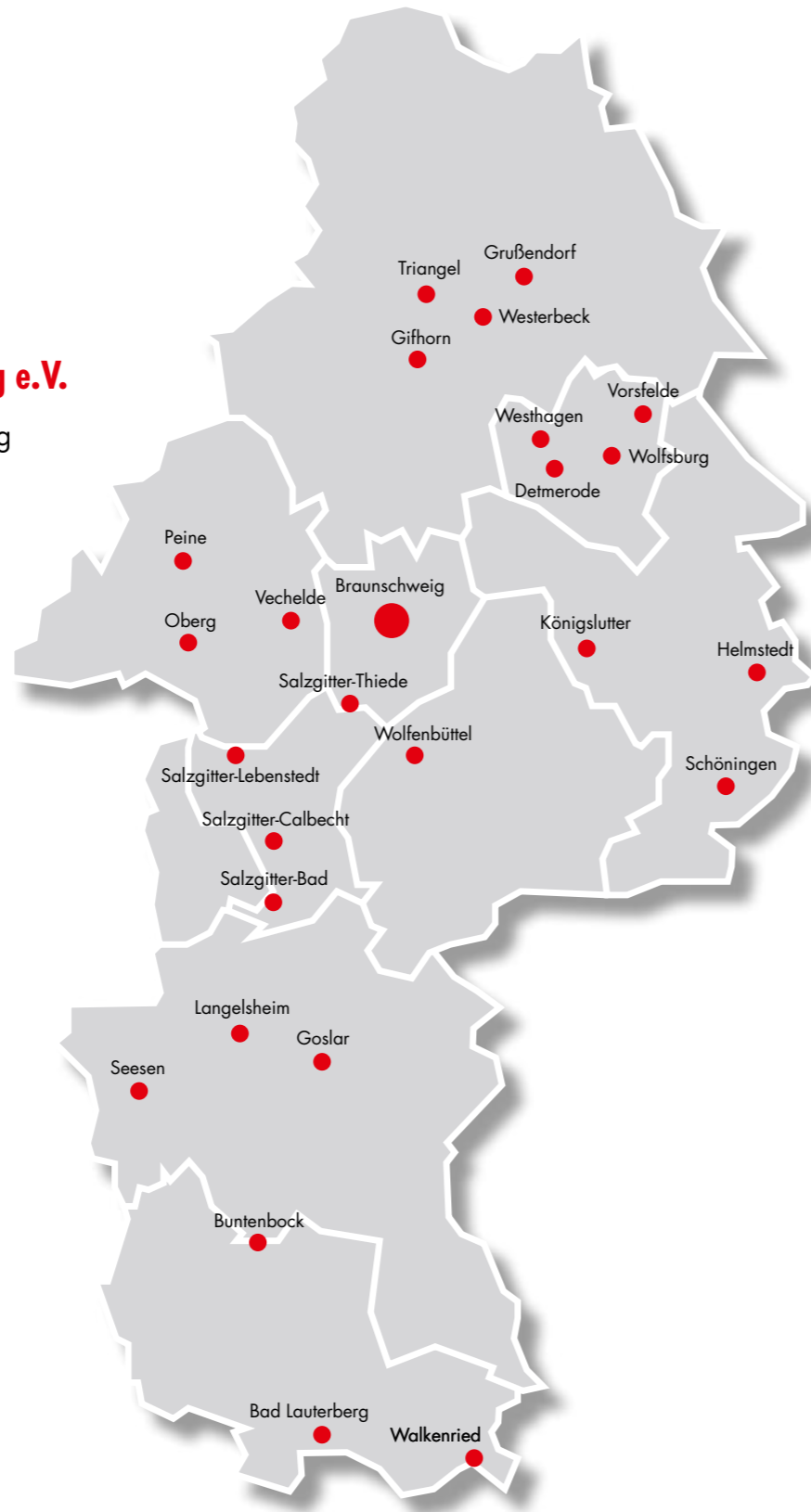


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