

Intercultural Bibliothek Bibliothek der Kulturen in Frauenfeld

Deutsch-Café / German-Café

Since autumn 2013 the *German Café* for adults has been taking place at the *Quartiertreffpunkt Talbach* in Frauenfeld on Mondays between approximately 1.45 pm and 3.15 pm. The participants are, on the one hand immigrants who have little opportunity to speak German and on the other hand Swiss who speak good German and are interested in cultural exchange. The foreign-language participants appreciate the opportunity to speak German in a relaxed, lively atmosphere, to expand their vocabulary and to get information about everyday life in Switzerland. The *German Café* is thus an aid to integration.

A rota for the *German Café* determines which moderator is responsible for the management each Monday. The pool of moderators comprises local Swiss and women with immigrant backgrounds who have good German language skills – all are volunteers. The lead presenter prepares a conversation, such as a theme or a game, etc., and leads the conversation. With the help of other people, she prepares the room, offers coffee or tea, provides water, greets the participants and sets up nameplates – first names only! Usually, after the initial plenary session, smaller discussion groups are formed in which all participants have a chance to speak. The number of participants varies between 8 and 25 people.

The *German Café* is, in our opinion, the most important event offered by the *Verein Bibliothek der Kulturen*.

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Data in the event calendar on the website:

<http://www.bibliothekderkulturen.ch> > Veranstaltung

