Federal programme
Multi-generational centre.
Together – For one another
What are multi-generational centres?

Experiencing a community in some 530 houses across Germany

There are multi-generational centres almost everywhere in Germany – they are places of encounter, some 530 of them, where neighbourly relations and cohesion are promoted. Everyone is welcome to join – people of all ages and all cultural and religious backgrounds. They spend time together, learn from and with each other, are there for one another and organise and shape their multi-generational centre on a voluntary basis. People who would otherwise never have met, do meet here – such as in language courses, in the Repair-Café or at homework supervision.
This is what you can do in the multi-generational centre

Sort things out together – smile at each other

Multi-generational centres are firmly anchored in their communities and always close to the action. This creates many unique services for the people who live there. Here are a few examples of what you can do in a multi-generational centre:

- Pop in for a coffee, have a chat and get to know people of all ages – everyone is welcome at “Offener Treff”.
- Do you want to get involved and make use of your talents and skills? Make yourself and others smile by volunteering.
- Learn from and with each other – such as when it comes to starting a professional career or learning to use a smartphone or tablet as an elderly person.
- Breathe new life into old things and do your bit for sustainability – for example in exchange clubs or in the bicycle workshop.
- Get advice and support in the multi-generational centre – such as parenting tips or advice on how to reconcile family, care and work.
- Express your opinion when it comes to shaping your neighbourhood – in the multi-generational centres your voice is heard.
Find your multi-generational centre

In just three steps

This is how you find a multi-generational centre near you:

1. Go to the website www.mehrgenerationenhaeuser.de.

2. Enter your postcode in the search field.

3. Select a multi-generational centre near you and find out about services and opening times.
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“Multi-generational centres create a community and help improve people’s lives. Whether you need help with balancing family and career, seek advice, want to get involved or are simply looking for company – this is where you’ll find all that. Pop by – more than 530 doors across Germany are open to you, including digitally!”

Lisa Paus, Federal Minister for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youths

Being there for one another, living well everywhere

Multi-generational centres are a great way to strengthen cohesion between young and old. They provide people with good opportunities for development and a real chance to be a part of something. They stand for a better quality of life and are important location factors for municipalities; for example, they can be an important factor when it comes to an employee’s decision to stay, and a company’s decision for or against a location.

The Federal government has set itself the goal of maintaining and promoting equal living conditions in all regions of our country. One of the ways Germany is planning to achieve this goal is a nation-wide support system. It comprises more than 20 programmes for the promotion of structurally weak regions by strengthening economic power, research and innovation, digitisation, rural development as well as infrastructure and social public services. The Multi-Generational Centre is such a federal support programme. Together – For one another is a part of this and takes care of this important task.