

Different. Yet equal.



Integration and migration Extract of our Policy Statement

The goal of integration is the peaceful coexistence of people of different cultures and the creation of a community in which the democratic, cultural and economic participation of each and every member does not depend on his or her origin, sex, sexual identity, age, religion, wealth or physical and intellectual abilities. The whole society—and with that everyone of us—is responsible for the success or failure of this process.

Solidarity and communication between all people despite their origin or their legal status are very important to us. We object to racism of any kind or other forms of exclusion and social isolation. The special atmosphere of Berlin nourishes from the diversity of its citizens and with that acts as a role model for the rest of Germany. Civil rights have to apply to all people whose main residence is located in Berlin. Discrimination against people who do not possess the German citizenship has to be abolished.

Democratic Participation

Citizens should be able to take part in the decision-making process when the outcome of it does affect them directly. Therefore all people whose main residence is located in Berlin should have the right to participate in all layers of the local democratic process. The right to vote in district elections should not be limited to citizens of the European Union.

In addition to that, obtaining the German citizenship

should be made easier; this includes citizenship through birth in Germany. Through this the right to vote in federal elections would be obtainable as well.

Freedom of Movement

The freedom of movement should apply to all people in our society. Everyone should be allowed to freely choose their place of residence. Due to that we object to all measures that restrict migration within and across the borders of the state of Berlin.

Free Access to Education

Free access to information, knowledge and education is the key component of everyone's social participation and attachment. This free access has to be provided to all people whose main residence is located in Berlin. In order to do so, obstacles that restrict the freedom of asylum seekers and tolerated refugees (like the transmission of pupils' data and educational restrictions) have to be overcome.

Mastering the German language is a key qualification for communicating with others and participating in the democratic process. However, multilingualism is an additional benefit for society. Therefore the educational system should promote learning the language of origin as well as additional languages. Moreover, multilingual classes should be organized.

Free access to traditional and new media needs to be provided in publicly financed institutions. This also has to apply to communal accommodation and the like.

Free Access to the Labour Market

Social and cultural participation strongly depends on the possibility to be a productive participant in the labour market. Therefore we promote a free access to the labour market. This includes the granting of non-restrictive work permits for asylum seekers and tolerated refugees as well as an extended acceptance of foreign proofs of qualification.

Berliner Piraten meinen

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„Ich bin Pirat, weil Orwells ‚1984‘ nichts als Handbuch gedacht ist!“

Steffen

Queer Politics Respect for different genders, identities and ways of life

The Pirates advocate the right to freely choose your sexual identity or orientation. A **self-determined** society that is really free allows its members to choose one, more or no gender roles and to change this decision at any time. We object to the assignment of predefined genders or gender roles if they conflict with the decision of the person concerned. This includes surgeries of infants that are carried out to define the sex of the children.

In many countries homosexuality is still considered a crime. We advocate the **worldwide decriminalisation** of homosexuality and are against its classification as an illness or perversion. Homosexuality needs to be accepted as a valid reason to seek asylum if homosexuality is officially or unofficially prosecuted in the asylum seeker's country.

We promote the **legal equality of treatment** of civil partnerships and marriages. Civil partnerships have to be opened to all forms of relationships including polyamory—just like the French PACS (Civil Pact of Solidarity).

Civil Pact of Solidarity Pacte Civil de Solidarité – PACS

Family policy still concentrates on heterosexual monogamous marriage („father, mother, child“). This does not meet the complexity and diversity of interpersonal relationships. The structural and financial privilege of heterosexual monogamous marriage is a historical relict. Instead, family policy has to accept and equally support all forms of long-term relationships. It's important to support cohabitations that take care of children, old, ill or weak people. Everyone should be able to be a part of such a community despite their gender, the number of people and their marital status. Partnerships without children have to be accepted and supported as well, since it is not the duty of the state to decide who is allowed to take care of whom.