



Frequently Asked Questions About the Project “WITH each other – FOR each other” in Magdeburg

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Who can apply for a room through “WITH each other – FOR each other”?

If you are enrolled at a university affiliated with the Studentenwerk Magdeburg or if you are a trainee living or planning to live in Magdeburg, you can participate in our project.

What matters to us is not only that you meet the formal requirements, but also your willingness to engage in a housing partnership. Openness, reliability, and respectful interaction form the foundation of successful co-living.

What does the support look like?

Everyday support is arranged individually and is based on the needs of the person offering the accommodation as well as on your own possibilities.

Typical examples include help with household tasks, shopping, gardening, childcare or simply companionship in daily life. It is important that the support is provided regularly and reliably and agreed upon in advance together. Nursing care or medical services are not part of the agreement. The support is exclusively focused on practical everyday assistance and always takes place within the framework of respectful and clearly defined coexistence.

Does the support fully replace the rent?

In many cases, the support fully or partially replaces the rent. At the same time, there are flexible models:

Sometimes the accommodation is provided entirely in exchange for support, while in other cases a small rent is agreed upon. This is always based on the financial possibilities of students and trainees.

In this way, individual and fair solutions can be found for both sides.

Who offers rooms?

The project thrives on the diversity of the people participating in it.

Accommodation is offered by a wide range of people: senior citizens, families, single parents, working professionals, or people who simply wish for more social interaction in everyday life.

A specific need for support is not always the main focus. Often, it is also about making meaningful use of living space, supporting young people and experiencing a sense of community.



How is the housing arrangement regulated? Will I receive a contract?

Yes. The housing partnership is based on a clear and transparent agreement between both parties.

For the use of the accommodation, you and your housing partner will jointly conclude an appropriate contract. Generally, this is a sublease agreement or a housing transfer agreement (e. g. in the case of owner-occupied property).

Any agreed support activities are documented separately. As a general rule, such support consists of voluntary assistance in everyday life, based on mutual support, trust, and consideration. No legal entitlement to the performance of such assistance exists.

If specific support activities are agreed as mandatory or are to be performed under instruction, this may have legal implications, including possible employment, social security, or tax consequences. Therefore, the exact nature and scope of any support activities should be carefully agreed upon and documented in writing.

All important aspects are discussed thoroughly before the housing partnership begins and documented transparently for both parties. This creates a reliable basis and helps avoid misunderstandings from the very beginning.

What are the chances of finding a room near the university?

Ideally, the accommodation offered is located near your university.

However, since the rooms are provided by private accommodation providers throughout Magdeburg, the location is always individual and cannot be guaranteed.

When arranging housing partnerships, we aim to find a good and suitable solution for both sides. In addition to location, many other factors also play a role.

Am I allowed to receive visitors?

In principle, visitors are allowed. However, since this is a shared living arrangement, you should discuss this with your housing partner in advance.

Open communication is the best way to find a good solution for both sides.

Can another person move in as well?

The housing partnership is concluded between two parties.

Therefore, additional persons moving in is generally not intended. If there are special requests, these can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.



What happens if I have less time available at some point — for example during exam periods?

The agreed support is an important part of the housing partnership and should generally be provided reliably.

But individual arrangements can be made for special situations such as exam periods or absences. It is important to address such matters openly and at an early stage.

What happens if things do not go well?

Where people live together, misunderstandings can sometimes occur. In many cases, an open conversation already helps to find solutions.

Nevertheless, if difficulties arise, the project coordinator will support you and assist if needed.

What if the scope of support changes over time?

In everyday life, needs or routines may change somewhat over time. What is important is that the agreed support is always based on mutual agreement.

You only provide the support that has been jointly agreed upon. If something is to change, this is discussed together and adjusted by mutual consent.

For orientation, it may be helpful to document the tasks that have been carried out.

If questions or uncertainties arise, you can contact the project coordinator at any time. We are happy to support you in finding a suitable solution together.

Can I end the housing partnership again?

Yes. The housing partnership can be terminated at any time while observing the agreed notice periods.

Here as well, early and transparent communication helps ensure a fair transition for both sides.

Is there an opportunity to get to know each other before moving in?

Absolutely. Before a housing partnership is established, both sides get to know each other in a relaxed setting.



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Only when both parties feel that the arrangement is a good fit, an agreement will be made. In this way, we ensure that the foundation for a trustful living arrangement is given.

How does the application process work?

Getting started with the project is simple:

First, you contact the project coordination and fill out a profile form. Based on this information, we look for suitable housing partners for you.

If a good match is found, we establish contact and support you throughout the process up to a possible move-in and beyond.

Does the placement service cost anything?

The placement service is free of charge for both sides.

What should I keep in mind regarding insurance?

We recommend that all participants take out private liability insurance.

This is not only advisable within the framework of our project, but also an important form of protection in everyday life in general. This way, you are covered in case accidental damage occurs.

Who supports me during the housing partnership?

The Studentenwerk Magdeburg supports the project from the very beginning.

Throughout the entire period, you will have a dedicated contact person whom you can approach with questions or uncertainties. This creates a reliable framework in which both sides can feel well supported.



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