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An abstract painting of a sailboat on a sea. The sky is filled with large, overlapping circles in shades of blue, white, and grey. The sea is composed of various shades of blue and green, with a white sailboat and an orange sail. The overall style is modern and colorful.

LIVING

THE WAY I WANT

Hamburg's pilot project on social space-oriented
integration assistance for people with disabilities

HAMBURG'S PILOT PROJECT

In the pilot project „Sozialraumorientierte Eingliederungshilfe“ (social service providers of integration assistance are working together for assistance in Hamburg - in close cooperation with the Ministry of Soc

Social space-oriented integration assistance

The goal: People with disabilities live in the district according to their ideas and find the support making this possible. Five providers of integration assistance in Hamburg have worked together with the social services authority and the specialized integration assistance in order to develop professional guidelines for their social space-oriented work: They help to combine personal, social space-oriented, professional and non-professional resources in order to create a customized support setting in the familiar living environment – based on the will of the people with disabilities.

The professional guidelines on social space-oriented integration assistance set the framework for the further development of integration assistance in Hamburg.

The project (September 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2025) tests and evaluates under which structural and personnel conditions these guidelines can be implemented in the best possible way.

Professional guidelines

The will of the person is the starting point: How do I want to live?

The support is based on personal and social space-oriented resources.

At all times: The persons with disabilities are the acting persons.

Counselling and support are independent of a special provider (cross-over teamwork)

Support arrangement: Exploring self-help potentials as well as professional and non-professional resources of the social environment and systematically combining them to a support arrangement.

space-oriented integration assistance for people with disabilities), the first time driving the implementation of social space-oriented Social Affairs and the specialized office for integration assistance.

How do we work?

Directly in the neighbourhood consultants of the project LIVING THE WAY I WANT support and accompany people with disabilities regarding the issues that are important to them. The support aims at helping people with disabilities to live according to their own ideas and to find the assistance they need.

The following questions are focussed:

- How do I want to live?
- What is important to me?
- What can I do myself - using assistive technical devices, if necessary?
- How can friends, acquaintances and neighbours support me?
- What opportunities can I find in my district - e.g. associations, initiatives and stores?
- What kind of additional professional help do I need?
- How can I support others?



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Cooperation agreement – Who is involved:

Five providers of integration assistance

- BHH Sozialkontor gGmbH
- Evangelische Stiftung Alsterdorf
- F&W Fördern & Wohnen AöR
- Leben mit Behinderung Hamburg Sozialeinrichtungen gGmbH
- Stiftung Das Rauhe Haus

as well as the Ministry of Social Affairs and the specialized office for integration assistance.

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