

***„Living togetherness in the Werra Meißner District – a declaration“***

*We are aware of our joint responsibility to offer sanctuary to people seeking shelter and refuge in the Werra Meißner District. They have always been welcome here and they will remain to be so, regardless of their religion, their gender or the colour of their skin. We want to play our part in ensuring that our district is a safe haven for those who have been denied the right to life, health, food or cultural identity in their home countries. It remains our humanitarian obligation to provide them with accommodation, food and medical aid.*

*The last year showed that the Werra Meißner District is an open-minded and colourful region, where cultural diversity has considerably enriched daily life in towns and municipalities as well as our sense of togetherness. We would like to thank all citizens, every association and every institution that are in contact with refugees, that actively accompany them in their daily lives and thus contribute to their successful integration. We cordially invite you to discover our projects and the people behind them.*

*But we would also like to thank all refugees and migrants who have committed themselves in a variety of ways in our towns and municipalities, who have been working and learning here and who have helped make our region even more lively and attractive.*

*We stand united condemning the dissemination of right-wing extremist, anti-Semitic and Islamist ideas, and we fiercely oppose any kind of racism, inhumanity and radicalism.*