

Welcome to Elchingen

The Freundeskreis Asyl warmly welcomes you to Elchingen. We are a group of around 30 volunteers who would like to help you get adjusted to your new surroundings as smoothly and quickly as possible. We would like to accompany you during your stay with us and provide assistance where we can.

Various people will help you in the following ways:

1. Initial orientation
2. German language support
3. Consultation hours regarding health issues and assistance in administrative matters
4. Second hand shop "Kleidertruhe"
5. Family services (education, sport activities)

1. This is an **information folder** with important addresses, documents, and other useful information.

Remember to have a regular look at the Freundeskreis Asyl information board in the Adler entry area and in Garni. Aside from general information, we will post current information regarding upcoming events and important appointments.

2. German language skills are extremely important for successful integration in Germany. Unfortunately, you must be an officially recognized refugee before you are entitled to – and should – attend free language classes. The **Arbeitsgruppe Sprachförderung** organizes language classes taught by volunteer school teachers and raises donations for further language classes at the Volkshochschule (adult education center). Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn German! For more information about when new classes will begin, please see the information board or contact Birgit Möller per e-mail at dr.bmoeller@gmx.d

3. The **Freundeskreis Asyl consultation hours** are held in the Kleidertruhe. You may also attend the consultation hours provided by the Diakonie (Ms. Leubner).

4. The second-hand store **Kleidertruhe** provides used clothes in good condition and is located at Fackelberg 1. There you may use your Gutschein (voucher) to make your first purchases. Afterwards, clothes are available for a very low and reasonable fee. The shop also serves as a **meeting place** where you have the opportunity to talk to Freundeskreis Asyl volunteers and ask for advice or ask questions.

At the shop you will also find a **Fahrradstation** (bike station) run by Giorgio and his team. You can rent a donated bike for a small fee which will be refunded upon return of the bike.

Once a week Giorgio's team can help you with bike repairs.

You can reach all the important local points of interest on a bike, so that there is no need spend money on a bus or train ticket.

5. Families with children are welcome to ask questions about kindergarten, school, sports clubs, and other leisure time activities. Please contact Ms. Kühl during the Freundeskreis's Wednesday consultation hours in the Kleidertruhe.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We regularly visit the Adler or the Kleidertruhe, or you are welcome to come to our consultation hours in Kleidertruhe.

We wish you the best of luck in your new neighborhood.

The volunteers of the Freundeskreis Asyl Elchingen

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Refugee Friends Association Elchingen:

1.Consulting hours in Kleidertruhe, Am Fackelberg 1 (Freundeskreis Asyl)

**You need assistance in legal questions?
You have questions concerning your health or an illness?
You need support?**

Please come to our consulting times:

Wednesday 5.00 – 7.00 p.m. in Kleidertruhe” in Unterehlingen, Am Fackelberg 1

Our offer includes:

- assistance for filling in forms
- arranging appointments with a lawyer and accompanying you
- helping you when visiting local authorities or town council offices
- preparing the hearing of your asylum proceedings
- arranging appointments with a local doctor or specialists in Ulm/Neu-Ulm (as agreed with your GP)
- accompanying you when you need to visit a doctor for the first time
- giving advice when you need a health insurance

Please note: we aren't professional lawyers!! So we can just give you legal advice BUT not professional aid.

2.Consulting hours by Ms Leubner (Diakonie)

Mondays 10 – 12 a.m. directly here in the “Adler”

3. Local Second-Hand-Shop:

Unterehlingen, Am Fackelberg 1

Opening hours: Wednesdays and Friday: 3 – 6 p.m.

4. Local Bike Hire and Bike Repair:

Unterehlingen, am Fackelberg 1

Opening hours: Fridays 3 – 5 p.m