

Solidarity in Schwerte: Town and Volunteer Exchange help in the Corona crisis

Schwerte. In these times of the Corona crisis the town of Schwerte and ‚Die Börse‘ Volunteer Centre are demonstrating solidarity with people who are especially afraid of the pandemic because of their age or health situation.

On Monday the town mayor Dimitrios Axourgos, together with Sigrid Reihs and Andreas Heising from the Volunteer Centre (FreiwilligenZentrum) explained the joint project and how they want to get the help and support organised quickly. ‘Together we want to provide a good platform where help is available, and which can continue after the Corona pandemic has finished’, explained mayor Dimitrios Axourgos. ‘I am very pleased that help is also being provided in other places and I really approve of this sign of solidarity.’

‘Watching out for each other, and helping, should be Schwerte’s answer to the rapid spread of the virus,’ added Sigrid Reihs, the centre’s chairwoman. ‘Maybe all the different support offers could even be put together in one network.’

How can I get help?

People who do not want to leave their home because they are in a risk group, and who are afraid of infection, or people who cannot leave their home because they are under quarantine, can phone either 02304-104333 or 02304-104212 in the time between 8 and 12, and let the town employees know what help they need. You can also get help by writing an email to hilfe@stadt-schwerte.de. Help can include shopping, walking the dog, or transport for medical reasons. The support does **not** include looking after children in any way.

How can I offer my help?

The town of Schwerte passes on the support requests to the volunteer centre, where solutions can be worked on. Anyone who would like to help the centre in this support work can register using the hilfsangebote@schwerte.de mail address.