

## GLOCAL ROOTS

Is a grassroots movement and association based in Zurich but acting internationally. Their goals are to help refugees help themselves, to break the dependency cycle by building resilience and autonomy, and to focus on fostering social and economic inclusion for people with refugee backgrounds.

## WANDERZNACHT PROJECT

approx. 5 persons with and without a refugee or migration background form a supper club. Every month a group member invites the others to dinner. The rotating dinner takes place between January and June 2020. In case of financial shortages, Glocal Roots pays for the food and travel expenses.

## PROJECT AIMS

Promoting social inclusion  
Creating social networks between locals and 'newcomers' living in and around Basel.

## GROUP WORK

Our task was to bring the Wanderznacht project to Basel and set up the project to be continued.  
Our tasks included:

- meeting with GLOCALROOTS
- design & distribution of flyer
- sharing on Social Media & platforms
- contacting organizations
- participant management
- logistics for kick off



## THE KICK OFF, 09.12.2019!

- people meet & get to know each other in a fun & interactive way
- group formation
- defining roles
- Apéro
- = 2 groups with each 1 coordinator & 1 financier



## HOW DOES IT CONTINUE?

We will have a reunion in June 2020 to exchange experiences. The next cycle will start in autumn 2020 if we find volunteers (2 persons are already interested). The room is already organized. A list of contacts is provided.

## THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

### Who is a migrant?

During the process of the project we asked ourselves this question to find „New-Basler“. We got in touch with different organisations/groups who have their focus on newly settled people in Basel and can confirm the thesis: **there are many definitions of a migrant.**

### Integration

Integration is not restricted to ‚host‘ society and ‚foreigners‘. First of all, integration works in both ways. Secondly, who feels **the need to be integrated is not necessarily connected with being a migrant but rather to life circumstances** (e.g. loneliness).

### Transnationalism

Migrants who build social fields that **link together their country of origin and their country of settlement** are designated as „transmigrants“. They develop identities within social networks that connect to two or more societies at the same time.<sup>1</sup>

### Self-empowerment

Being able to create own networks outside the limited spaces of organisations and institutions is what Wanderznacht aims at. This goes hand in hand with ideas about urban-citizenships and the **possibility to act outside boundaries set by policy** etc.

## CHALLENGES

- reaching target group
- enough participants of both groups
- communication (eg. language, sign up)
- expectations between different actors

## LEARNINGS

Personal contact & building partnerships is key to find participants. Envisioning different scenarios (e.g. number of sign ups, balance „new“ & „old“ Basler) helps. Who is „new“ and „old“ is hard to be defined from the outside and very subjective.

## CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

