

WHAT TO KNOW DURING YOUR STAY IN GERMANY

We, as refugees who have managed to have a stay in this country know how illusioned one gets immediately they declare their intentions of seeking for refugee status. Here are a few tips which will help your mind settle and remove some of the fears that might have been put into you.

1. You have a right to legal representation, though this is not necessary during the interview as the expenses of the lawyer are met by individuals and in any case you are the one who knows your story.
2. Ausländerbehörde is responsible for your stay while you wait for your judicial process that means; while you wait for state to decide on your asylum case. In other words they are responsible to issue you with a temporally permission to stay and communicate the decision of the BAMF but not to threaten you with deportation before the results of your interview.
3. Sozialamt is responsible for your social welfare; that means providing a place for you in the Landkreis you have been transferred to, providing means for your health care (Krankenschein).
4. The Heim workers is responsible for the daily running of the home (Heim), they can assist you by directing you the first days on where you can go shopping, where to find the doctors, a free language course and other daily chores. If you are permanently staying in the Heim, insist on having a social job in the Heim. That is to help with the cleaning of the Heim facilities if you are interested in earning something extra to make your life bearable.
5. When you differentiate these institutions from one another, it makes the fear (institutionalised fear) bearable. Eg. Finger printing, interviews, rumours about communication and Heim workers. Trying to please Heim workers to get favours will not make any difference to your asylum case. “All what you need to know is your rights”, stand for them and this will be of help to your stay in Germany as long as you keep law and order.

You can always get in touch with one of us if you have any questions on the above matters on the telephone numbers given below or write to the email address given below. You can also check about our work in the following website/weblogs.

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