

# Integration Programmes

Integration takes place first and foremost at school and at work. For persons who do not (yet) have access to school or work, there are various integration programmes.

## Specific Programmes

Numerous programmes for foreigners aid them in making contacts and becoming a part of Swiss society. These programmes include discussion groups, leisure time activities, talks, or classes. The Centre for Integration in Aargau (Anlaufstelle Integration Aargau, AIA) or the community of residence will provide information regarding the various offers. Many communities hold an event that welcomes new residents - a good way of gaining a first overview.

## Clubs

Many residents in Canton Aargau are members of a club (Verein). There are clubs for a wide range of interests. Even small communities have athletic, cultural, and other clubs which are an excellent way of meeting people. Most clubs are open for everyone. Information regarding clubs can be found on the community websites.

## Immigrant Organisations

Various clubs have been established by immigrants based on a common language group, country of origin, or religion. Many of these clubs have integrational or advisory offers aimed at supporting their members upon their arrival in Switzerland and in Canton Aargau.

## Offers for Young People

For young people in Canton Aargau there are many recreational offers that give them a chance to meet their peers. Many communities have meeting points and various recreational activities. The young people are supervised, can contribute ideas, and realize projects (Jugendarbeit). Most offers are free. Youth clubs are an opportunity to take part in outdoor activities with peers. The offers are provided by clubs, communities, or regional churches and are open for all young people. The community of residence will provide further information.

## Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

[www.hola-aargau.ch/en/language-and-integration/integration-programmes](http://www.hola-aargau.ch/en/language-and-integration/integration-programmes)