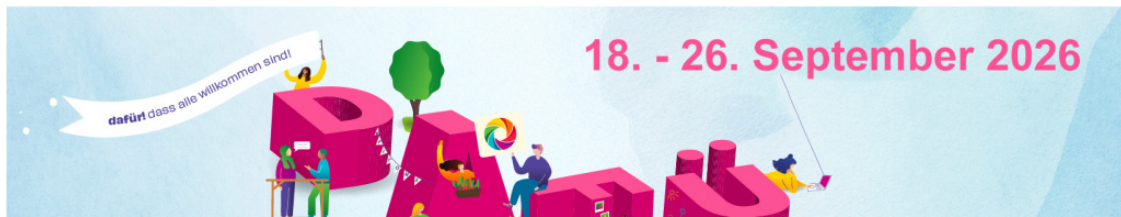


Intercultural Week



Intercultural Week 2026 - colourful and diverse

Intercultural Week will take place in Bocholt **from 18 to 26 September 2026**. The 2026 programme also includes events that have been put together by many different organisations. "It is particularly important to us that there are always several cultural associations and organisations working together to put on something for the people of Bocholt", says Bruno Wansing from the organisation team, which also includes Caroline Blenker, Fatma Boland and Ulrik Störzer.

Intercultural Weeks have been held in Germany at the end of September since 1975. Over 600 cities and municipalities now take part in this initiative. Bocholt has been a regular participant since 2014. This year, there is a compact programme in the week from 18 to 26 September.

Programme for 18-26 September 2026

Theme: DAFÜR - Further information and details about the events will be available after the summer holidays at the latest!

- 18 September 2026: Opening of the IKW with the World Children's Day celebrations at Kapu [↗](#) - 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- 18 September 2026: Intercultural football tournament, TuB Bocholt open-air hall, 10 pm - 2 am [↗](#)
- 19 September 2026:
- 20 September 2026: Barbecue of Nations - event requiring registration via the VHS - from 5.00 pm [↗](#)
- 21 September 2026: "Culture in Pictures" - Exhibition opening at 5 pm - Stadtparkasse main branch - DRK Integration Agency [↗](#)
- 21 September 2026: "Europe in Song" - reading with music - Carpe Diem, 7 pm [↗](#)
- 22 September 2026: Lunchtime Café of Cultures - St George's Parish Hall, St George's Square [↗](#)
- 22 September 2026: Lernwerk - Opening of the exhibition "Germany.Israel.Insights" [↗](#)
- 22 September 2026: "Primeval Forest - In the Footsteps of Money" - Kinodrom [↗](#)
- 23 September 2026: Tea and Coffee Festival at the Benölkenplatz canteen - 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm [↗](#)
- 24 September 2026: International breakfast - Caritas meeting point, Münsterstraße 23a - 9.30 am - 12 noon [↗](#)
- 24 September 2026 - Local residents and neighbourhood associations, launch of the series, 5 pm, DRK [↗](#).
- 25 September 2026: "Blind meza tasting" - [↗](#) DRK Neighbourhood Centre, Barendorfstraße, from 5 pm
- 26 September 2026: Rosenbergpark, Family Festival - 2 pm - 10 pm [↗](#)
- 27 September 2026: Guided tour of the Humberghaus [↗](#)

Many participants

"It is a colourful and varied offer that we have put together in several meetings with cultural associations and organisations in Bocholt", reports Caroline Blenker from the Caritas Association Bocholt. Together with the integration office of the city of Bocholt, the Bocholt Family Education Centre (FABI), the Bocholt-Rhede-Isselburg Adult Education Centre and other associations, schools and initiatives, the Caritas Association is the organiser and host of this intercultural week, which this year once again has the motto "FOR".

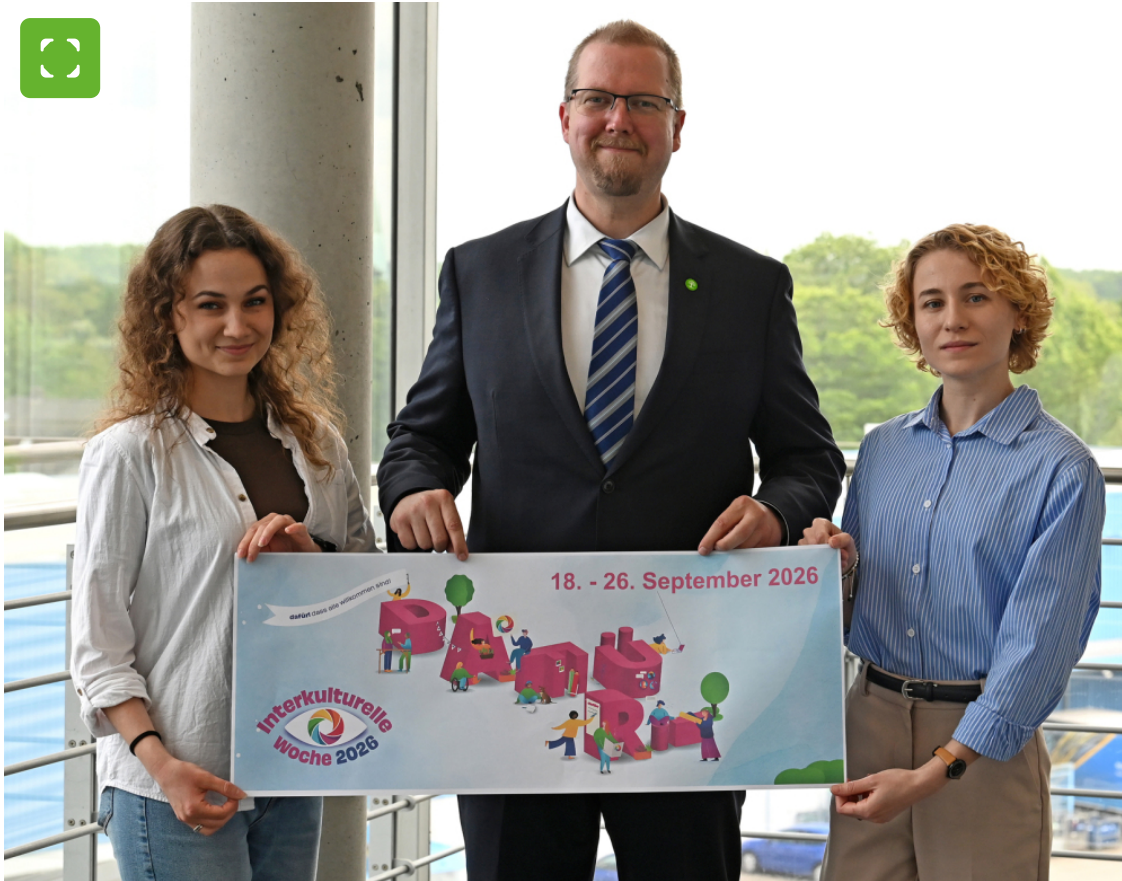


The motto can be understood in many different ways.

"FOR", for diversity and a strong democracy, for an open society, for solidarity and cohesion.

Karyna Borodii, Anastasia Mironava (patrons), Björn Volmering, patron

Motto: FOR



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Björn Volmering, Karyna Borodii (left) and Anastasia Mironava are the trio of patrons of IKW 2026

Trio of patrons

"This motto can be understood in many different ways", says the new trio of patrons of Intercultural Week 2025, consisting of Karyna Borodii, Anastasia Mironava and Björn Volmering.

In favour of an open society



Anastasia Mironava, Patron

"Bocholt stands for this, **for an open society**", adds Anastasia Mironava. People should participate on an equal footing - regardless of origin and faith. With the Intercultural Week in Bocholt, we are sending out a strong signal against discrimination and all forms of group-based misanthropy. We stand up for human rights and the humane treatment of all those who come to us and live peacefully with us.

FOR, for diversity and a strong democracy



Karyna Borodii - Patroness

"Bocholt stands for diversity and a strong democracy", emphasises Karyna Borodii. Diversity is the driving force behind our democracy. It is not something to be merely tolerated, but something to be actively shaped and promoted. To this end, with Intercultural Week in Bocholt, we are creating spaces - for dialogue, for people to come together, for breaking down prejudices, for mutual understanding and for the fun we have together.

FOR, for solidarity and cohesion



Björn Volmering, First City Councillor of the City of Bocholt and patron of IKW 2026

"Bocholt stands for this, for **solidarity and cohesion**", says Björn Volmering, number three in the trio. "With the Intercultural Week in Bocholt, we are calling for courageous commitment in order to understand and tackle the upcoming challenges together. Rarely has solidarity been more important than right now. And nothing strengthens our society like our solidarity and mutual support!"



On the same evening, as a kind of midnight tournament, an intercultural football tournament will take place for the third time. The venue will remain the same, the game will once again be played in the new open-air hall on the TuB Bocholt grounds. There will be some changes to the format, "we want to

achieve an even more colourful picture than last year", says Björn Volmering, who as patron is also responsible for the organisation, especially as far as the players are concerned.

We are looking for young people aged between 16 and 25, boys and girls. The format alone ensures that there will be a colourful picture. The young people aged 16 - 25, who register in advance with Bruno Wansing([bruno.wansing\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:bruno.wansing(at)bocholt(dot)de)) or Gül Balci([g_balci\(at\)gmx\(dot\)de](mailto:g_balci(at)gmx(dot)de)), will be drawn by lot in different teams in the evening, which will then compete against each other.

"This will bring young people together in a team who may not even have seen each other before, it will be just as colourful as Bocholt is", hopes Bruno Wansing. The draw will take place at 10 pm, kick-off for the first game is at 10.30 pm. Jusina e.V., Afghan Hazara Deutsche Gemeinschaft Bocholt e.V., the Turkish Parents' Association, TuB Bocholt, EWIBO and the Integration Office have organised the tournament. "It's less about sporting success and more about playing sport together, having fun and engaging in dialogue", continued Wansing.

Any questions?



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