

Call to Vote by the Integration Commissioner

Dear Citizens of our City of Neuss who have an immigration background,

The repeat election of the Integration Committee is being held May 30, 2021. This consists of twelve directly elected representatives of the migrants in Neuss, as well as six councillors. The legislative period is five years. In this democratically elected body, all members exchange views regularly and on equal terms on questions of equal opportunities, equal participation, migration and integration and many current social and political developments. It directly affects and represents you as citizens of the City of Neuss and offers you the opportunity to actively shape your own future.

Your vote counts: Make use of your right to vote and go to the polls, because with your vote you ensure a political voice and help to shape the politics of our city. Our democracy lives from each and every one of your votes – make sure you use them!

Where do I vote and how can I vote?

For the repeat election, the City of Neuss will be divided up into five voting districts, each of which will have a polling station for casting your votes at the ballot box on election Sunday. All established polling stations have barrier-free access. You can find your local polling station in your election documents.

Individuals who are eligible to vote for the election to the Integration Committee are those who

- are not German within the meaning of Article 116, paragraph 1 of the Basic Law or have a foreign nationality,
- have obtained German nationality through naturalisation or
- acquired German nationality as a child of foreign parents by birth in Germany, whereby one parent must have been habitually resident in Germany for at least 8 years and have an unlimited residence permit.

In addition, on election day – May 30, 2021 – the individual must

- be at least 16 years old, i.e. born on or before May 30, 2005,
- have been legally resident in the Federal territory for at least one year and
- have had their main or sole residence in Neuss since at least the 16th day before the election.

Individuals who are not eligible to vote are foreigners

- who are asylum seekers or
- to whom the Residence Act does not apply according to its Section 1, paragraph 2, sub-paragraphs 2 and 3.

Individuals who are entitled to vote are automatically entered on the electoral roll of the City of Neuss as a matter of principle and between April 26, 2021 and May 5, 2021 will receive notification of the election with important information about when, how and where they can vote. Anyone who has not received notification of the election by **May 9, 2021** at the latest, but who believes that they are entitled to vote, should contact the electoral office of the City of Neuss as soon as possible. Further information (e.g. on postal voting) is available on the election portal of the City of Neuss: <https://www.neuss.de/rathaus/wahlportal>

Your
Deniz Elbir
Commissioner for Diversity, Integration and Anti-Racism of the City of Neuss

STADT NEUSS

Im Auftrag
Beauftragter für Diversität,
Integration und Antirassismus
Deniz Elbir M.A.
Markt 2
41460 Neuss
Tel.: 02131 90-5750
deniz.elbir@stadt.neuss.de