

Best Practices

Intercultural “afterwork” drinks

Intercultural “afterwork” drinks is an event organised by the municipality and/or the municipal committee on intercultural living together (CCVEI), where residents can meet their neighbours in a friendly atmosphere.

This event can take place in the afternoon or evening and brings together citizens who are curious to meet and make new connections within their local community.

Friendly activities are offered, such as quizzes and small ice-breaking games (for example, a simple bingo), to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Objectives

- Create a moment of exchange between residents and workers in all their diversity
- Offer participants the possibility to be co-organisers of the event (by bringing small snacks/drinks)
- Offer residents the opportunity to learn about the mission and activities of the CCVEI

Methods

- Set the date of the event and communicate it through all available communication channels (flyers, municipal website, social media, Biergerpool, etc.).
- The CCVEI may be responsible for organising the event.

Budget

- The costs of drinks and activities are covered by the municipality.



Materials

- Municipal room for the drinks
- A separate space for children’s activities
- Projector
- High tables
- Tables for food
- Tables and chairs for children’s activities

Periodicity

- 2–4 times per year

Evaluation indicators

- Number of participants at the event
- Number of new acquaintances made by newcomers

Practical advice - DO's

- Ensure CCVEI members are available during the event to welcome participants and foster connections.
- Set the event date and promote it using all available communication channels (flyers, municipal website with links to social networks).
- Once a group of regular participants emerges, diversify the audience again by sending targeted invitations to groups less present in previous editions.

Practical advice - DONT's

- Avoid targeting only groups that already know each other.

Contact person/Possible partners

Youth Centre, Maison Relais or other local associations to take care of children’s activities.

