

**Station\_RA: Town Hall at the Linden Market Square.**

**Right to belong and equality. What rights do people have who have left their legal system?**

*I: Human rights, life in freedom, life in security, freedom of expression, right to education, right to work, right to leisure, right to recreation, right to respect and regard for the person.*

*Freedom of expression and right of assembly: I am allowed to say anything within the limits of the law. I may not defame anyone.*

*Right of assembly. Right to assemble with or without permits, but only within the framework of the law. It must not be used for riots and violence.*

*In the citizens' office and in the town hall. As a customer, I expect the authorities to serve me with respect and consideration for my origin, the colour of my skin, my religion, and my human dignity, despite my many questions.*

*Unfortunately, it is not always like that. Being right does not mean getting rights.*

You are in front of the town hall on Linden's market square. This is also where the citizens' office for municipal services is located. Residents from the surrounding area have the right to apply there for their identity card or passport, for example, or to register a new place of residence. But what if you don't have a German identity card and/or a permanent residence (yet)?

*I: In 2009 I was 30 years old and applied for a flat in Braunschweig. I submitted all the required documents to the landlord in time.*

*A flat viewing appointment was not to take place for 3 weeks.*

*After several flat rejections, I had my doubts and asked my German friend to also apply for the same flat. She was immediately given a viewing appointment at 2 pm. Representing my friend, I was the first one there on time at 2 p.m. for the flat viewing and handed in my documents again. I liked the flat. I immediately signed an acceptance confirmation with the manager. Within a week, a decision was to be made between the applicants. As I did not receive a decision, I called the management but received a refusal. I asked, "For what reason?". The administration told me that the flat should not be given to black people because after a short time it would be full of more than twenty people and it would be made uninhabitable.*

*Is this the same treatment? Thank you very much.*