Literature Council of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania invites you to participate in their literature project "Gefundene Briefe – letters found"!

With this project we want to promote and encourage an intercultural exchange within society. We would like to enable literary encounters between strangers.

It's important for us to encourage people to articulate their emotions, share their experiences and memories. Everyone should be given public visibility as well as the opportunity to have their voices heard.

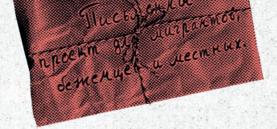
## The idea behind this project

The exchange of letters and intimate words is supposed to create a dialogue between refugees and non-refugees. Refugees and migrants can make their stories more visible by writing them down. They can express their emotions, experiences and memories and therefore speak for themselves.

All participants can develop a better understanding for people in different circumstances and living conditions. The goal is that they can change the angle of how they look at the world and maybe even change their point of view.

Both sides can connect and eventually learn from each other through the written exchange.

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## Workshops

The first writing workshops will be for people with a migration or refugee background.

There you will form a group and write texts in which you talk about your experiences and hopes. You will be instructed and work in a safe space.

The texts that are developed in these workshops will be given out as letters. People that don't have any exeperiences with migration that live in the same regional area as the writers will read and decode these letters. This too will take place in one of the writing workshops. The participants will get to know their former "foreign" neighbours by reading. Eventually they will answer the "found letters."

## Public readings and publishing

The letters that are created in the writing workshops can (but do not have to) be presented in public readings. You will also be able to see some of the letters online as well as in a digital exhibition. In addition all texts will be published in a book.

The letters will be published anonymously. Only if they wanted to, participants would have the opportunity to put their names as well as a short personal introduction next to their letters.

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## Are you interested in participating?

Give us a call or write an email.

More information about the project can be found on www.lettersfound.de or at Kreisvolkshochschule Vorpommern-Rügen.

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