

Integration Programmes

Integration takes place first and foremost at school and at work. For persons who do not (yet) have access to school or work, there are various integration programmes.

Initial information and brief information

In the initial conversation, the information office INFI informs newcomers about their rights, duties, and life in Switzerland and Appenzell Ausserrhoden. Topics such as education, health, work, rights, and social insurance are covered. For specific integration needs, suitable offers and contact points are provided.

Haven't scheduled an appointment for the first information meeting yet? Contact us by email at chancengleichheit@ar.ch or by phone at +41 71 353 64 26

Additionally, INFI is available to provide quick information for migrants on everyday issues.

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Specific Programmes

There are numerous specific offers for foreigners to help them integrate into Swiss society and establish contacts. These offers include discussion groups, leisure activities, lectures, or courses. The contact point Informationsstelle Integration INFI or the local municipality provides information about these offers. Many municipalities host an event to welcome new residents - a great opportunity to get an initial overview.

Clubs

Many residents in Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden are members of a club (Verein). There are clubs for a wide range of interests. Even small communities have athletic, cultural, and other clubs which are an excellent way of meeting people. Most clubs are open for everyone. Information regarding clubs can be found on the community websites.

Offers for Young People

For young people in Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden there are many recreational offers that give them a chance to meet their peers. Many communities have meeting points and various recreational activities. The young people are supervised, can contribute ideas, and realize projects (Jugendarbeit). Most offers are free. Youth clubs are an opportunity to take part in outdoor activities with peers. The offers are provided by clubs, communities, or regional churches and are open for all young people. The community of residence will provide further information.

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

www.hallo-ar.ch/en/language-and-integration/integration-programmes