

CHARTER OF PEACEFUL COMMUNITY LIVING



Quality of life and living in a peaceful community

Quality of life and peaceful community living are among the core values of the Commune of Dudelange. People from all generations and walks of life are welcome here. The present “Charter of peaceful community living” was drafted to provide a framework for the implementation of these values, with the aim of harmonious community living and mutual understanding among the inhabitants of the town.

The College of the Mayor and Aldermen launched the initiative, and the document was drafted by the local association “Service Ensemble Quartiers Dudelange d’Inter-Actions a.s.b.l.” and the “Service à l’égalité des chances”, the office responsible for equal opportunities in Dudelange.

Various consultative commissions, heads of communal services and a panel of local citizens contributed to a participative consultation on community living. The Charter was then written on the basis of their views concerning how to promote and ensure the harmonious cohabitation of all in our town. It is the right of every inhabitant to feel at home in Dudelange, which is why everyone must contribute to creating a respectful community. The only way to build the society we want to live in is by joining hands to reach this goal together.

All the inhabitants of Dudelange are invited to sign the present Charter. The signatures symbolise the citizens’ commitment to contributing to peaceful cohabitation in the town. The Charter will be made available to the Commune’s residents on future occasions too, namely at community events that bring us together. All opportunities to officially sign the Charter will be announced on our website: [Charte locale du vivre-ensemble – Ville de Dudelange](#)

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As an inhabitant of Dudelange, I will actively contribute to peaceful cohabitation in my town.

RESPECT AND TOLERANCE

- 1) I consider all my fellow inhabitants to have the same rights and dignity as myself, independently of nationality, origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation and physical or mental condition, and I honour what makes us different. I see opportunity in diversity.
- 2) I commit to treating my fellow inhabitants kindly, respectfully and politely, because this is how I wish to be treated too.

- 3) I commit to seeking dialogue in cases of conflict, to giving my honest opinion and resolving problems in a spirit of mutual respect. If necessary, I will ask for help and support.
- 4) I shall respect the privacy of others.
- 5) I am aware that I must use social media responsibly, and I will only publish content that will not harm others and for which I have the required consent.

COMMUNITY

- 6) I am aware of the importance of good neighbourly relations and I commit to offering help to my neighbours in case of need.
- 7) I commit to contributing to life in my neighbourhood and to maintaining or improving the quality of life there.
- 8) I will remain informed about public or association's events in Dudelange and recognise their importance as bridges in the community to both create and maintain contact with my fellow citizens.
- 9) I shall respect my peers.
- 10) If I witness violence, I will not turn away but will seek help.
- 11) If I think someone is in danger, I will call for help.

SUSTAINABILITY

- 12) I will try to walk, cycle or take public transport as much as possible.
- 13) I will support local businesses and shops for my purchases and services.
- 14) I will remain informed about the range of local services and institutions and will use them whenever necessary.
- 15) I commit to respecting and actively protecting nature and the environment. I will aim to reduce the waste I produce and save energy as much as possible.
- 16) I will try to promote biodiversity in my garden and on my balcony.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES

- 17) I am aware of my personal responsibility when it comes to safeguarding communal infrastructures. I will look after my land, home and possessions so that they are clean and safe for all.
- 18) I will use public infrastructures as intended, will leave them in good condition and show appreciation for all maintenance workers. I will address any questions or comments to the competent authorities.
- 19) I will remain informed about the local laws and regulations in force and comply with them (e.g. concerning noise, waste, animals, traffic and construction).