



Information for refugees

Who are the Friends of Refugees Degerloch (FDF)?

The Friends of Refugees Degerloch (FDF) group is a voluntary initiative of citizens in the Degerloch district in Stuttgart.

We want to help refugees who have found shelter to settle in to their new neighbourhood, find their way around, and learn the German language. Moreover, with a variety of different programs, we want to encourage and support people to become active members of our society.

Our volunteers aim to support the full-time social workers at the two refugee shelters in Degerloch. We also want to inform the people of Degerloch about the lives and needs of refugees.

You will be able to recognize members of the FDF, as they will be wearing a badge with a red-white logo (as you can see at the top of this sheet).

What the FDF offers

The FDF comprises 13 different working groups – each offering a variety of programs or services. Enclosed you will find a list of these groups and their offers. You will also find up-to-date information from the working groups on the bulletin boards of each refugee shelter.

In principle, we want to help refugees help themselves. You will receive further information concerning your application for asylum and other legal questions from the social workers at the shelter.

What should you know about Degerloch

Degerloch is a suburb of Stuttgart, where about 17,000 people live. With its many shops and supermarkets, you can get almost everything you need for your day-to-day life on Epplestraße, Degerloch's main street. You will also find the following in the neighbourhood: several banks, a police station, a youth club, a public library, several churches, nurseries, schools, a post office, and the town hall. The district mayor is Ms. Brigitte Kunath-Scheffold.

The Waldau area (where one of the refugee shelters is located) is one of the main sporting complexes in Stuttgart (including a football stadium and playing fields). Playgrounds, a vast forest, vineyards and the Stuttgart radio tower are also located here. While many small businesses are located in Degerloch, there is not much industry here.

What you should know about the people of Degerloch

People from all over Germany, Europe, and the world have settled in Degerloch. We live in a spirit of harmony, and are pleased to welcome new citizens.

Enclosed you will also find a relocation guide, which contains useful information about life in Germany:
<http://www.refugeeguide.de/>



How to get around

VVS (Stuttgart Public Transport Network) information

Stuttgart has a good public transport network that includes subway and commuter trains, buses, taxis, car-sharing, and rental bicycles/lendable bikes. The closest subway station is the "Waldau" stop (100 m walking distance). With the U8, you can get to Degerloch, Möhringen and Vaihingen (Monday – Friday). The U7 takes you to Stuttgart city center (all week). Both lines will also take you to Sillenbuch and Nellingen. For further information, also in Arabic, please consult: <http://www.vvs.de/rundum-mobil/fluechtling/>
On foot, you will need 25 minutes to the Epplerstraße in Degerloch.

Shops in Degerloch and where to find them

Degerloch has 5 supermarkets, several bakeries and butchers – all located on the Epplerstraße. Twice a week, every Wednesday and Saturday (always from 7 am to 1 pm), a farmer's market is held on the main square. Clothes can be purchased in several boutiques, at Ernstings Family, and at shoe shops. Furthermore, you will find opticians, pharmacies, a bookstore, and other shops in Degerloch.

Generally, you will find cheaper products at discount supermarkets such as Aldi, Netto, and Lidl.

These supermarkets are all reachable with the U8 in less than 20 minutes. Turkish and Arabic shops are located all over Stuttgart. Several shops are found in the Mauserstraße in Stuttgart-Feuerbach. Affordable clothes can be bought in different shops in Stuttgart. For more information, please consult the administration at your shelter.

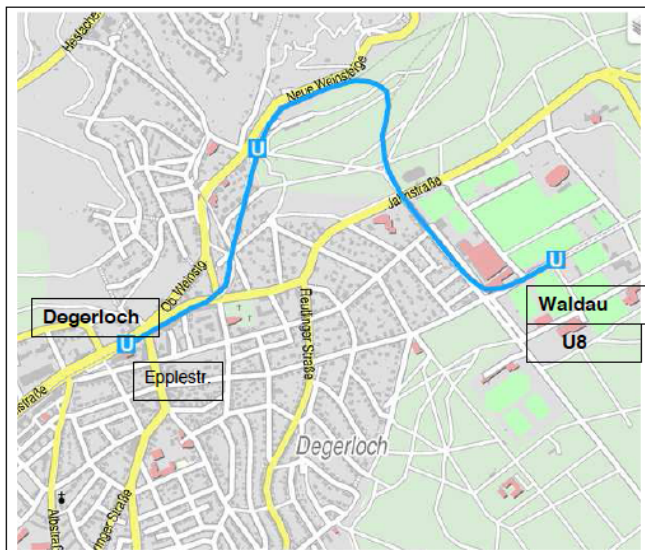
Healthcare

From Monday to Friday, you will be able to consult a doctor in Degerloch – the set times are specifically reserved for refugees. Should you fall ill, you can apply for a consultation with the administrators at your shelter, who will then organize the health insurance certificate (Sozialkrankenschein), transport, and an interpreter if necessary.

Necessary further treatment and medicine will be prescribed and communicated by the respective doctor.

How do I get to Degerloch center?

- Take the U8 subway line to Degerloch
- The ticket price for a one-way ride is 1.30 €
- The U8 line runs from Monday to Friday

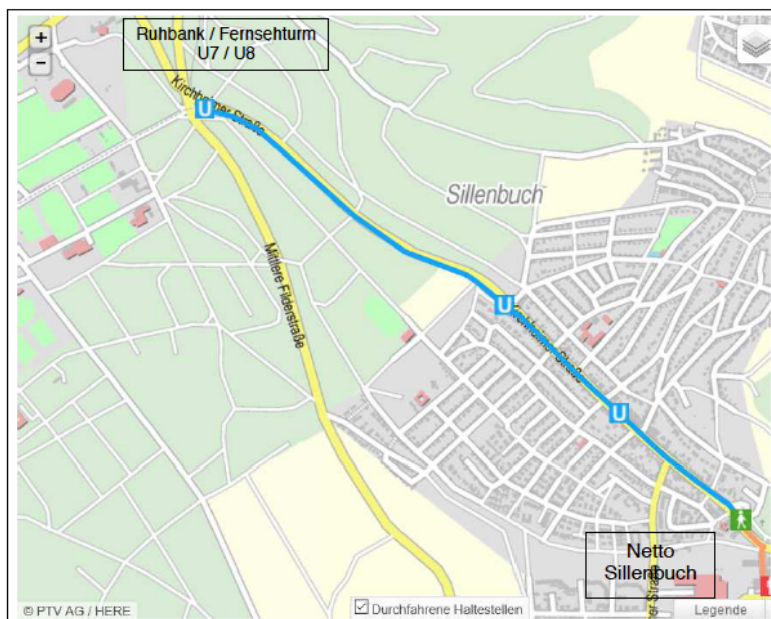




How do I get to a discount supermarket?

Possibility No. 1: Netto supermarket in Sillenbuch (Schemppstraße)

- Lines U7 and U8 from Waldau or Ruhbank/Fernsehturm
- Cost of travelling from Ruhbank/Fernsehturm to Netto market: 1.30 Euro €
- Cost of travelling from Waldau to Netto market: 2.40 €



Possibility No. 2: Lidl supermarket in Möhringen (Vaihinger Straße)

- Line U8 from Waldau
- Cost of travelling from Waldau to Lidl (Vaihinger Straße): 2.40 €

