



DOCK 2019
Ein Tag ohne Sorgen

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A day free of worries – DOCK2019

For the second time, the Karin und Walter Blüchert Gedächtnisstiftung foundation organised 'DOCK – a day free of worries' for the homeless and those in need. Over 2800 guests attended the event under the patronage of the deputy mayor of Hamburg, Katharina Fegebank, in order to take advantage of the various services at their disposal. The event was supported by almost 200 volunteers as well as numerous associations, institutions and companies.

On offer throughout the day were clothes handouts, hygiene and sanitary facilities, medical care, various specialist areas, a wash centre, organic quality food, advisory services, an entertainment programme and veterinary care.

The services provided by hairdressers, beauty therapists, opticians and masseurs were particularly popular; after all, DOCK 2019 is not just about providing basic care to people, but also appreciating them and offering services that have become an unattainable luxury to many people simply because of their situation.

DOCK 2019 also strongly supported by politicians.

The event's patron, Ms Fegebank, engaged in many discussions at the event and also helped out with clothes handouts and advice in the clothes tent, while Cansu Özdemir, group leader of the Left, helped with the handout of sanitary items, and Anjes Tjarks, group leader of the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen party, Dr Melanie Leonard, Senator for Labour and Social Affairs, and SPD group leader Kienscherf chatted to people while making waffles and handing out food in the kitchen, as did CDS state chair Roland Heintze.

Magdalena Blüchert, chair of the Karin und Walter Blüchert Gedächtnisstiftung foundation, signalled her great satisfaction with the second DOCK event: 'The huge crowds and enthusiasm of those taking part show how important this kind of help is for the homeless and those in need. With DOCK 2019, we were able to give people a day where they didn't have to worry about anything and show them the appreciation that they often don't get'. In addition to giving them a day free of worries, the aim of DOCK is to get people in contact with advisory and assistance services that can provide them with long-term and sustainable support.



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About the Karin und Walter Blüchert Gedächtnisstiftung foundation

The Karin und Walter Blüchert Gedächtnisstiftung (KWB) foundation was founded in Hamburg in 2016 and is managed by the granddaughter of the couple who gave it its name, Magdalena Blüchert. The aim of the KWB is to continue the numerous society-related activities that the married couple Karin und Walter Blüchert carried out. To help and support other people who are worse off was a cause that Walter Blüchert always promoted and a value he instilled in his family and beyond, inspiring others to do the same. This understanding is at the very heart of the work that the KWB does.

In addition to its central focus on homelessness, the foundation is also active in other areas, including projects to counter loneliness in old age, actively combating domestic violence and individual care and support for those suffering from physical and psychological illnesses.

Following the Second World War, Walter Blüchert had a considerable influence on the publishing industry in Germany. As well as the Blüchert Verlag publishing house, he also founded the "Buch und Bild" society.