

## **JACK Berlin**

<https://www.jack-berlin.org/>

Organization focus: Support for vulnerable women with **regardless** of their legal status of immigration to Germany. JACK does not receive funding for undocumented immigrants, but offers them their services. They need funding from private sources, like the AWC, to provide service to all their clients.

This organization is unique in Berlin because it provides vulnerable women, regardless of immigration status, short German language classes (1.5 hours) and child care during the classes by a well trained staff. They also provide shelter on a temporary basis for women that do not have a home.

Project: Classroom for German lessons to expand access to clients.

They have outgrown their current space and have been given access to a new room on the church property they use that needs minimal work to turn into a classroom. They run eight classes a day Monday - Friday for 1.5 hours each in two rooms. Half of their German classes are focused on learning the alphabet as many of the women they serve are from countries that do not use the German alphabet or are illiterate. They service women from 26 different countries. They average 100 clients per year.

Funding Request: 5300 euros in 2019 to cover material expenses and rent on the space. 2400 euros in year one for electricity, heat and maintenance (they will put this in their budget for subsequent years), 400 euros for renovation and 2500 euros for furniture, white board and cupboards.

Volunteer opportunities for AWC members: Babysitting in their on-site care center while the women take their language lessons. Most children are 1-2 years old with the oldest being six.

The organization has received some funding through the Volkshochschule Neukölln for the past two years and has an informal relationship with Franziska Giffey, the minister of family services. She was the mayor of Neukölln before becoming the minister. The other half of their funding comes from private resources and a foundation that was established by a woman when the organization was founded. Their teachers work on a annual contract basis.