



No to poverty in old age in Ulm

*Users and supporters –
together we can make a difference*

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Vision

altersarmut Ulm nein (No to poverty in old age in Ulm) is the first association of citizens for citizen in Ulm which is entirely dedicated to the financially weak pensioners.

Dear users and supporters,

2021 was the founding year of **altersarmut Ulm nein**. We started in the middle of the Corona pandemic because poverty in old age is an important and urgent issue. It is expressed in the name of our association that we do not want to close our eyes to reality and do not want to conceal or gloss over it. It is important to us to make a positive offer to affected people in order to make a difficult life situation somewhat easier and add a little sunshine. Poverty in old age in our neighbourhood cannot simply be regarded as something natural. Even with limited resources, we can make a difference through giving a little time, understanding, without judgment, with practical approaches.

The preparations for **altersarmut Ulm nein** began in 2020 and continued beyond the founding meeting in July 2021. Creating and building up an NGO is in many ways like mounting a commercial business. It needs a vision, a plan, a team, investment, premises, work structures, commitment, perseverance and much more to create a solid foundation.

Our team is pleased that **altersarmut Ulm nein** not only exists at the end of 2021 but has also overcome first challenges and experienced first successes. This encourages us further and spurs us on. We would like to thank the users who have tried out and/or accepted our offer. We sincerely appreciate the valuable and generous support of authorities, institutions and individuals. We start 2022 with the confidence that our commitment and voluntary work can make a useful contribution to those affected by poverty in old age in our community in and around Ulm. We would be very happy to continue this path together with you.

Christiane Blessing-Win, Founder, CEO

Susanne Lubahn, Deputy Chair of the Executive Board

Markus Marquard, Treasurer

Gudrun Schmid, Executive Board Member

Anke Mayer, Executive Board Member

Sarah Waschler, Executive Board Member

Brigitte Deschler, Internal Auditor

Review

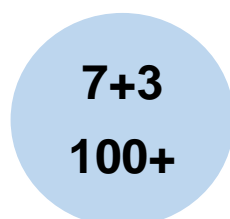
As per our concept, our goal for the founding year was:



Result of our joint efforts:

30/07/2021	Foundation
22/09/2021	Acknowledgment of non-profitability, charitable purpose Tax Office Ulm
24/09/2021	Opening of premises Schlossergasse 2 D-89077 Ulm
04/10/2021	Entry in the Register of Associations District Court Ulm

The activities before and after the foundation were strongly influenced by practical preparatory work to allow the start of operations as quickly as possible. This included but was not limited to preparing the premises and complement the existing furniture for the purpose of the association, mainly with the establishment of an office.



7 founding members

3 regular members

More than 100 visitors

Circular letter to existing facilities

Multiple contacts and active network

1

Dozens

1

4

Press release

4 press reports, interviews
(Südwest Presse, Radio Free FM,
SWR4, Schwäbische Zeitung)

Applications made on behalf of
or together with users

Successful mini-job placement

3

1

7

12

3 donors in-kind, 4 financial donors

Clothing, bed linen given away
(residual value €51)

Training by the municipality of Ulm
on basic income support

Individual training courses on
relevant topics

1

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Flyer

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for financially weak elderly people

Three preparatory meetings were held prior to the official foundation. Since the founding meeting at the end of July, five board meetings and one general meeting have taken place. All seven founding members have active functions in the association. The multi-layered infrastructure work is now almost complete. The statutes have been developed and a regulation on contributions as well as a code of conduct that guides all those who are actively involved in the NGO.

altersarmut Ulm nein wants to be a good partner for existing institutions with related goals, to work with them and to complement their work. **altersarmut Ulm nein** is a member of the following associations:

- Senior Citizens' Council Ulm
- Selbsthilfebüro (Self-help office) KORN.
- Alliance against poverty in old age in Baden-Württemberg.

Outlook 2022

2022 will be the first regular year of operation of **altersarmut Ulm nein**. Above all, we hope for an end to the pandemic or at least that the situation will allow to operate regularly with structured activities and planned events. The main tasks for this year include the mobilization of donations to reduce the financial dependence on the founding members. Also on the list of priorities is the cooperation with the “Sozialräume” in Ulm (Social Spaces, facility of the municipality which among others processes the applications for basic income support) and to develop a set of rules of procedure for the Executive Board as well as a set of financial regulations. We will continue to develop our website <https://altersarmut-ulm-nein.de>.



Our work



WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

Selflessly supporting needy seniors morally and practically.
Connecting young and old, the needy and those who are not.
Combine state aid with citizen assistance.



OUR FOCUS

Help, mutual help, self-help.
Accompanying measures for a dignified life.
Honor the lifetime achievement of all senior citizens.



WHO ARE WE?

altersarmut Ulm nein is the first association of citizens for citizens in Ulm and the surrounding area, which is entirely dedicated to the financially weak elderly.



WHAT WE DO

We listen.
We want to help in a pragmatic way.
We want to make people smile.



WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Poverty in old age is an alarming situation for those affected.
In old age, the possibilities to free oneself from it disappear.
The trend towards poverty in old age is steadily increasing.