

EVENT: **MIGRANTS DAY 2025 & END OF THE YEAR PARTY**
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY
AN EVENING OF DIVERSITY, ART AND CULTURE

WHEN **SATURDAY, 20.12.2025 / 4:00 PM**

VENUE: **OSTERMUNDIGEN/BE**
TELL KULTUR ZENTRUM, BERNSTRASSE 101, 3072
OSTERMUNDIGEN/ BUS NR. 10 BIS WEGMÜHLEGÄSSLI
Additional parking spaces available at Schiessplatzweg 1,
Ostermundigen

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OBJECTIVES

International Migrants Day, an annual holiday of great significance, is a global platform that underscores the invaluable contributions of migrants to societies worldwide and advocates for the protection of their rights. It serves as a beacon, illuminating the opportunities and challenges of international migration, and strives to enhance understanding of migrants' experiences and their profound impact on global communities.

International Migrants Day is observed worldwide on 18th December each year. This date was chosen to coincide with the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families by the United Nations General Assembly in 1990. The celebration of International Migrants Day includes activities that promote inclusivity, empathy, and understanding of migrants' experiences.

A coalition of migrant and Swiss associations in the municipality of Ostermundigen and the canton of Bern is celebrating this year's International Day of Migration with a cultural event and a round table to exchange best practices on coexistence and participation. The event will highlight the contributions of migrants, particularly in the world of work, and at the same time, the challenges they face and the need for protection. The municipality of Ostermundigen is invited to present its municipal integration program and practice. The event aims to strengthen further the networking of local, cantonal, and national actors who are active in coexistence and participation.

The event promotes encounters and social contacts, the participation of migrants in public life, joint action and volunteer work in the field of migration. In this way, participants get to know each other better, inform each other about their organisations and discuss projects for possible cooperation and support. This strengthens socio-economic and political inclusion. Integrated children and youth programs strengthen intergenerational dialogue. The evening is crowned with cultural events, music and dance.

The invited Swiss authorities, embassies, and other interest groups will experience firsthand the activities of migrants in the canton of Bern/Switzerland.

The event, which will be held in Ostermundigen/BE, celebrates diversity and is open to all, regardless of background. It is an inclusive platform that welcomes migrants and natives, fostering a sense of unity and understanding.

ADMISSION IS FREE

THE PROGRAMME

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TIME	ACTIVITIES	ACTORS
16:00 - 16h15	Arrival / Networking of the participants	All participants
16:15 - 16:45	Opening ceremony The welcome address Opening song Goodwill messages from participating embassies "	Thomas Iten Mayor Municipality of Ostermundigen, BE Katharina Baumann , 2nd Vice-President, Parliament of canton Berne Myriam Zürcher , Mitglied, Grosser Gemeinderat der Gemeinde Ostermundigen, BE Representatives of the embassies
16:45 - 17:30	Information on International Migrants Day and Migrants testimonies Music Interlude Presentation of Unity in Diversity through bottle caps Economic empowerment and socio-political participation	Migrant and Swiss associations - African Diaspora Council of Switzerland Satellites of Art
17:30 - 18:15	Children & Youth Program and Dance Group Quiz about Switzerland and general knowledge Children's Play	Children and young people Shoqëria Kulturore Albakult - ALBAKULT (Albanischer Kluturverein, Ajet Cerovadiku)

	Albakult Children and Youth Dance	(Albakult) Vallja Bariut - Vallja Femive - Vallja e Dasmav Yulia Shevchenko Ukrainian Nationalinstrument - the Bandura
18:15 - 19:30	Dinner buffet with soft music (free of charge)	All participants
19:30 - 21:30	MUSIC AND DANCE SHOW Presentation of migrant cultural talents, competition for young singers, dancers, artists	Tamil Kids Dance Alphorn Music Group Bern Ajere Nigeria Music group Ukrainian Choir Rozmay Bern
Ab 21:30 till End	music and dance evening with DJ	All participants

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ORGANIZING TEAM

- African Diaspora Council of Switzerland
- African Foundation for Migration and Development
- Fachkommission der Gemeinde Ostermundigen
- Frauen- und Familientreff Mosaik
- Intl Verein "Friedenstaube" CH
- Kulturverein Ostermundigen
- Semolli Tamilischer Verein

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