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Empowerment and Reemployment Route



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Background and starting point: In March 2022, T. had to leave her home country because of the war in Ukraine and came to Germany with her two daughters. The young mother thus faced the challenge of building a new life in a new country while also continuing her career.

Support measures provided: After completing her German course at level B1, T. joined the project. The first counselling session quickly showed that she already had valuable professional experience: in Ukraine she had worked as a seamstress for several years.



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To strengthen her German further, T. took part in the coaching. At the same time, the joint search for a suitable job began.

One particular challenge: in Schwerin it is not easy to find work as a seamstress, because much of textile production was moved abroad years ago. But T. and her coach were not discouraged by rejections and setbacks. Together they searched intensively for companies where her skills are still needed.

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Then the decisive opportunity came along: a company in Schwerin first offered T. a two-week work placement. Her technical skills and above all the quality and care of her work immediately convinced the managing director.

Progress and current employment status:

The placement turned into a permanent job. T. was given an employment contract and has now been working at the company for more than a year, where she is well integrated.



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T. has thus not only entered the German labour market, but has also been able to return to the occupation she trained for. Her qualification as a seamstress, which at first seemed to be in little demand on the Schwerin labour market, became the basis for permanent employment.

Conclusion:

T.'s example shows that perseverance, professional experience and a willingness to take new paths can pay off. What made the difference was the intensive joint search for companies where her qualification is still in demand.

The two-week placement gave the employer the chance to see her skills directly – and was therefore the key to the employment contract.