



City council honours helpful citizens for great commitment

What they give away weighs more than all gold and good. "They donate their fellow human beings time and devotion" wrote the mayor of Stolberg Tim Grüttemeier in his album. These people help others – to improve their reading skills, offer sports courses e.g. bicycling for women or guide refugees through their daily routine – on a voluntary basis. Moreover, an Arabic course for children was offered and introduced their clients to the adult education centre.

For their voluntary work, they were rewarded with an honorary card. Mr. Grüttemeier also says that the voluntary work is very important for us in this city. Most of the honoured people were long time ago foreigners themselves and now they pave the way for refugees in Stolberg.

When one was asked for the reason why she is doing voluntary work, she answered "I want to make the lives of the refugees here a little bit easier". Another one said, "The people we help are good people, they will integrate themselves well."