

The Local Initiative



The Local Initiative is a tool which enables residents to work together to solve local problems. Proposals are based on voluntary work and material contributions, which are then topped up by the municipal government. It can take the form of an event or form of renovating/creating a new vision for local infrastructure. The initiative must receive at least 60 out of 100 points for further development.

What is the application process?

1. Read the terms and regulations of the initiative in English - <https://bit.ly/3pX26Tx>
2. You can submit the application anytime throughout the year until funds are exhausted.
3. You can either send the application through the postal service; Submit it through the online platform - <https://bit.ly/3pP5XBZ> ; Or visit the Department of Social Policy and Health at - *Ul. Jana Dekerta 24, Sector B, 3rd Floor* - <https://goo.gl/maps/Co97jeLKjnRB95vz6>.

List of Needed Documents:

1. Name and description of the Initiative.
2. Date of the initiative implementation.
3. Address and description of the venue.
4. Importance of the activity for the community.
5. Timeframe of the initiative.
6. Estimation of costs.
7. Annex: contact details of the responsible person, 15 signatures of support from residents, written consent of the venue owner, list of people involved.

Community Gardens



Community gardens are small areas of land which are given to residents after a contract is signed between an informal group or formalised organisations and the Krakow Municipal Greenspace Authority or Municipality. The contract is not limited in time, so gardeners are free to plan longer lasting projects.

- Gardening is fun! It also helps you spend more time in nature.
 - You get to eat the fruits (and vegetables) of your labour.
 - You will contribute to make Krakow greener.
 - You will meet people from your community.
- You can either start your own community garden or get involved in an already existing one.



Useful Links to keep an eye on:

How to start a community garden in Krakow? - <https://bit.ly/3C7GI1E>

Guidelines how to become an urban gardener - <https://bit.ly/3BYAP77>

Map of the existing community gardens in Krakow - <https://bit.ly/3lXrZSb>

Active Citizenship in Krakow: A Guide for Residents



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Introduction

Do you think that your neighbourhood is missing a playground? Would you like to organise workshops for members of your local community? Have you always wanted to do some gardening and get to know your neighbours better, but never knew how?

There are many ways in which you as a resident of Krakow - whether you are Polish or a foreign national - can become active in the city and make your voice and vision heard.

This brochure highlights four important activities which can help you to become an active local citizen in Krakow:

- 1. District Councils;
- 2. Participatory Budget (Budżet Obywatelski Miasta Krakowa);
- 3. Local Initiative (Inicjatywa Lokalna);
- 4. Community Gardens (Ogrody Społeczne).

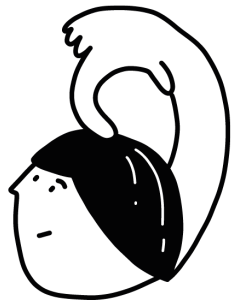


District Councils

Krakow consists of 18 districts, which are divided into 21 single-member constituencies. Each district has a council that is responsible for local activities.

How do District Councils Work? - They create committees dedicated to certain topics. These topics can be sports, education, art and graffiti, theatre, infrastructure etc. Committees meet once a month and discuss draft resolutions. Later these resolutions are voted during council sessions.

How can a foreign resident have a say in the District Council? - It is easy. All residents can reach out to their respective District Councils, where the person-in-charge may point them to a committee of their interest.



For more information:



List of Krakow Local Districts - <http://www.krakow-info.com/district.htm>



To know more what Local District Councils do, watch this Facebook Live with a few District Councillors - <https://bit.ly/3IWWi73>

Participatory Budget



What is the Participatory Budget? - It is a part of the city budget. It allows residents of Krakow to apply for funding for projects to improve their community lives.

What type of projects can be submitted? - There are two types of projects: Those implemented in local districts (dzielnica); and larger city-wide projects.



What is the application process?

1. Read the regulations concerning the participatory budget of Krakow - <https://bit.ly/3IQEQz0>.
2. Register on the website - <https://budzet.krakow.pl>.
3. Submit your application on the Citizen's Budget Dashboard/User Panel. Applications can only be submitted in Polish.
4. Gather 15 signatures of city/district residents to endorse your project. The website generates the form for signatures.
5. You have about a month to submit the application and the deadline is usually in April or May.
6. After successful submission the city office checks the project eligibility in terms of formal and legal requirements. After approval, the initiative is ready to be voted on.