



# How do we become a Blue Community?

## 1. YOU WANT TO BECOME A BLUE COMMUNITY?

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(... as CITY, MUNICIPALITY, UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL, CHURCH, NGO, ENTERPRISE, etc...)

- Who supports you with your request? Do you have fellow campaigners? Who could they be?
- Do you have questions about Blue Community? Are there any uncertainties? Then contact the coordination of Blue Community Switzerland ([info@bluecommunity.ch](mailto:info@bluecommunity.ch)). We will be happy to give you information and are also prepared to meet you and/or to give you a presentation of the Blue Community initiative.
- Who decides in your parish, city, union, etc. if they can become a Blue Community?
- Do you need the agreement of a parish council or other body before submitting your commitment?
- What arguments can you use to convince the key people to join? Do you need a presentation from the coordination? What is your motivation for joining Blue Community?
- What specific measures can you commit to as a Blue Community? Examples of possible actions are needed to respect all four principles in the future.

## 2. THE DECISION TO JOIN HAS BEEN TAKEN.

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**NOW A SELF-COMMITMENT NEEDS TO BE WRITTEN.**

- Who will write the document?
- A contact person must also be named with the submission of the voluntary commitment. Who is willing to act as a contact person in the future? As a contact person one participates, among other things, in the annual meeting, writes an annual report, responds to messages from the coordination, is interested in networking with other Blue Communities, etc.
- Does the formulated self-commitment have to be presented to a committee again?
- Once the self-commitment has been written, it must be submitted to the coordination of Blue Community Switzerland. ([info@bluecommunity.ch](mailto:info@bluecommunity.ch))



### 3. THE SELF-COMMITMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATION.

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#### NOW YOU CAN WAIT FOR FEEDBACK.

- It has been agreed with the founding organization of Blue Community, the Council of Canadians, that the coordination will discuss the submitted commitment in the team – at present with the team of the Department for ecumenical affairs, mission, international cooperation and migration of the Ref. churches Bern-Jura-Solothurn. The coordination then gives feedback to the contact person.
- If it is unclear whether the self-commitment meets the requirements, the coordination can contact the Council of Canadians. It may happen that something needs to be added or deepened in the commitment.
- Once the commitment is finalized, the coordination orders the certificate in Canada. To do this, it first contacts the contact person and clarifies a few formal questions about the document, such as the preferred language (English or German).

### 4. NOW THE BALL IS BACK IN THE COURT OF THE NEW BLUE COMMUNITY.

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- In order to be perceived as a Blue Community, members would need to be informed about the voluntary commitment. What is needed for this? Should a handover event take place at which the commitment is presented? Is there another existing event where Blue Community could be presented? Will all members be informed in writing or will there possibly be an article in a NL, newspaper or other publication?
- Would you like to join the regional Blue Community group ([chapter](#)) or other similar Blue Communities ([cluster](#))? Get information about contacts and dates from the coordination.
- Do you already have ideas for first projects? The coordination will be happy to give you support.
- Subscribe to Blue News, the newsletter of the Swiss Blue Communities. Here you will find reports on activities of other Blue Communities as well as on current water topics.

**ALL DONE? NOW YOU'RE REALLY IN - CONGRATULATIONS ON NOW BEING PART OF THE BLUE COMMUNITIES FAMILY!**