

# ISD

INTERNATIONAL  
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# Community Life

## A vibrant international experience for the entire family

When students enrol in the International School of Düsseldorf, their families are also welcomed into our diverse global community. Just as learning to be a world citizen does not end in the classroom for our students, the ISD experience does not end at the school gate for their parents.

From cultural events and volunteer opportunities, to fitness classes, sports, and conversation groups, ISD truly is a hub of community life. Many activities are supported through our Parent Volunteer Centre, Community Fitness Programme, and the ISD Music Department, while others are planned and coordinated by members of our

community. The list of available activities is ever-changing, but the spirit of an engaged community has been a constant throughout ISD's long history.

For expatriate and local German families alike, the ISD community is a home-away-from-home, where members may share and celebrate their own heritage, while exploring other cultures and making lifelong friends. We invite you to learn more about the opportunities our international community offers for your entire family.



**What's the ISD difference?**

## Parent Volunteer Centre

“When you visit ISD, you may be forgiven for thinking that there is a large number of ‘mature students’ on the ISD campus,” says Louise Mather, ISD’s Parent Volunteer Coordinator. “Such is the outreach of our parent volunteers – volunteers are quite simply part of the fabric of life at ISD.”

ISD parents share their time and talent in a diverse array of activities that support the school and the wider community. Volunteers welcome new families and share cultural traditions with the community, support the arts, sports, and academics, mentor students, and contribute immensely to our many community events. Volunteers enjoy many rewards from being an active part of the ISD community: new skills, a more international perspective, a sense of community, and a host of friendships that continue long after their time at ISD is over.

## Community Fitness Programme

ISD offers its students the most robust sports and activities programme of any international school in the region. Based on the strength of this programme, we are also able to invite ISD parents and staff to pursue passions and try new things.

Our adult offerings include ballet, touch rugby, fitness training, soccer, yoga, beach volleyball, and more. These popular programmes continue to evolve, to grow rapidly, with new activities added regularly.

## Community Music Programme

ISD welcomes enthusiastic musicians to join in the fun of the music programme through its community groups, which are open to ISD parents, staff, and advanced students. Each of the groups – ISD Singers, ISD Jazz, and Community Band – gives its members the opportunity to make music in a welcoming environment and to perform at school concerts and events.

## Community Events

Throughout the school year, the ISD community enjoys a variety of events, most of which have been part of the ISD heritage for many years. They are planned and produced by students, staff, and many parent volunteers, and they all reflect the rich diversity and multiculturalism of the ISD community.

### Welcome Back Picnic

This annual event takes place a few weeks into each new school year, bringing the community together after the long summer break. This is a great opportunity for new families to make friends and become connected within our community.

### World Citizenship Night

This event benefits the many service projects supported by ISD students, and is widely referred to as our “variety show of the year”. Students and staff sing, play instruments, dance, and share their diverse talents, while guests enjoy foods from around the world and gain awareness of the important projects ISD students are supporting.

### Festivals

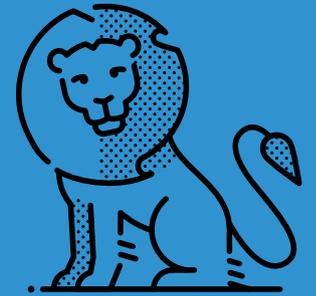
Festivals are a firm favourite with students, faculty, staff, and parents alike. These seasonal events are created by sharing national cultural traditions with the students through fun activities and crafts.

### International Fest

Our largest community gathering takes place annually, and has been an important ISD tradition since 1980. The Fest is eagerly anticipated by students, staff, parents, alumni, and neighbors from the surrounding community. Nearly 2000 visitors come to ISD to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures from which we come, while enjoying a uniquely international melting pot of flavours, sights and sounds.



**Louise Mather,**  
Volunteer Coordinator



**Adult Badminton**  
**Adult Ballet**  
**Beach Volleyball**  
**Community Band**  
**Community Service Projects**  
**English & German Classes**  
**English Conversation**  
**Festivals**  
**Fitness Training**  
**Friends of the Arts**

**German Conversation**  
**Grade Level Parents**  
**International Markets**  
**ISD Annual Fund**  
**ISD Jazz**  
**ISD Roar**  
**ISD Singers**  
**ES Library**  
**Lions Club**  
**Mentoring**

**Muay Thai**  
**Adult Soccer**  
**School Store**  
**Adult Touch Rugby**  
**Tuesday Morning Club**  
**Welcome Committee**  
**Wonderful Wednesdays**  
**Yoga**  
**Zumba**

## Our diverse international community





### Hilde, Parent

“Other schools feel like schools. ISD feels welcoming and warm, like a true community. People want to come here, be involved, share a coffee, talk on the playground. It is volunteering and working together that builds bonds.”

### Jean, Community Choir

“Singing together helps you connect with members of the community, supports your emotional and physical health, and is just plain enjoyable!”

### George, Parent

“I was really inspired by the talented grade 9 students who I had the pleasure of mentoring during the Entrepreneur Week in June. It was a rewarding experience watching how the kids developed over the course of the week – their ideas, understanding of how a business is set up and how it is run, and their self-confidence. A truly enjoyable event.”

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