

Berlin Region Culture*

as we see it

1. Words we use to describe our region:

isolated	sparse/spread out	depressing
beautiful	quiet	peaceful
nurturing	poverty	cheap housing
limited services	cold	close community

2. Words we use to describe the people of this region:

French,	Italian,	Scandinavian
proud	independent	religious
conservative/recycle	friendly	family oriented
hard working	accommodating	thrifty
resourceful		

3. Values we associate with people of this region:

family oriented	generous	honest
hard working	responsible	"care of our own"
privacy	value religion	value independence

4. We are unique in:

ignorance to city life (less educated about)
take care of themselves
separate from the rest of the state - "southern Quebec"
strong desire to succeed
resilient
small town atmosphere (mentality) - good & bad
NO snow days
slang language

5. Regarding where we live (our environment) we feel:

valued	relatively safe
outdoor recreation	odor
outsiders see it as a barrier	taken for granted
spacious - freedom	

6. We are unique in the way we communicate and socialize:

alcohol	Forum/Berlin Reporter
with families	town meetings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> informal collaborative school/churches/athletics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community crises (work together) Bingo union |
| <p>7. Our assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> come together when crises occur strong service communication generous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> family self reliance culture as foundation to strengths |
| <p>8. Our Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> growth family structure change employment (lack) transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> housing limited childcare helpful to our own but not others moving in elderly challenges to support structure |
| <p>9. Service Implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> family oriented must stress multi-generational approach education and flexibility to differences (esp. of newcomers) expand services use of environment for resources vs. recreation <u>deal</u> with our problems "don't give up" balance growth with environmental needs | |

*The information in this document represents the compilation of an informal self-assessment conducted with members of the Belin Area Collaborative. While the collaborative members generally represent the broader community, the data is subjective and may not necessarily provide all viewpoints.