

# Social Center

Frankfurter Allee 187 → Lichtenberg

Version 2



- meet up place for neighbours
- Drug Free Space
- self-organized free spaces
- Kiez-Café
- tenancy law consulting
- senior meeting
- Critical (self-)learning space
- Sportraum
- Kitchen for all (Küfa)
- Umsonstladen
- silk screen workshops
- Event venue
- educational programme
- open repair cafés
- language courses
- library
- spaces for initiatives
- room for the neighbourhood
- networking spaces
- emergency overnight stay
- joint co-cooking dinners
- Spieletreff
- open PC pools
- living projects
- Kinderladen

↑ all this could be realised in the squatted house ↑

## We want to create those spaces

### Uncommercial spaces

- to interact
- for exchange

### Living space

- for people without a shelter
- for alternative living

### Safer spaces

- as a place of retreat
- as a more sheltered space for people living in our society who are affected by discrimination and exclusion

### Spaces of networking

- with the neighborhood
- with local groups

### Spaces of resistance

- for political organization
- for a city from below

## Most important principles for us

**No profit interest** - the projects should not be about money

**No hierarchies** - all projects have the same right of co-determination

**Solidarity with each other** - supportive and (self-)organised environment

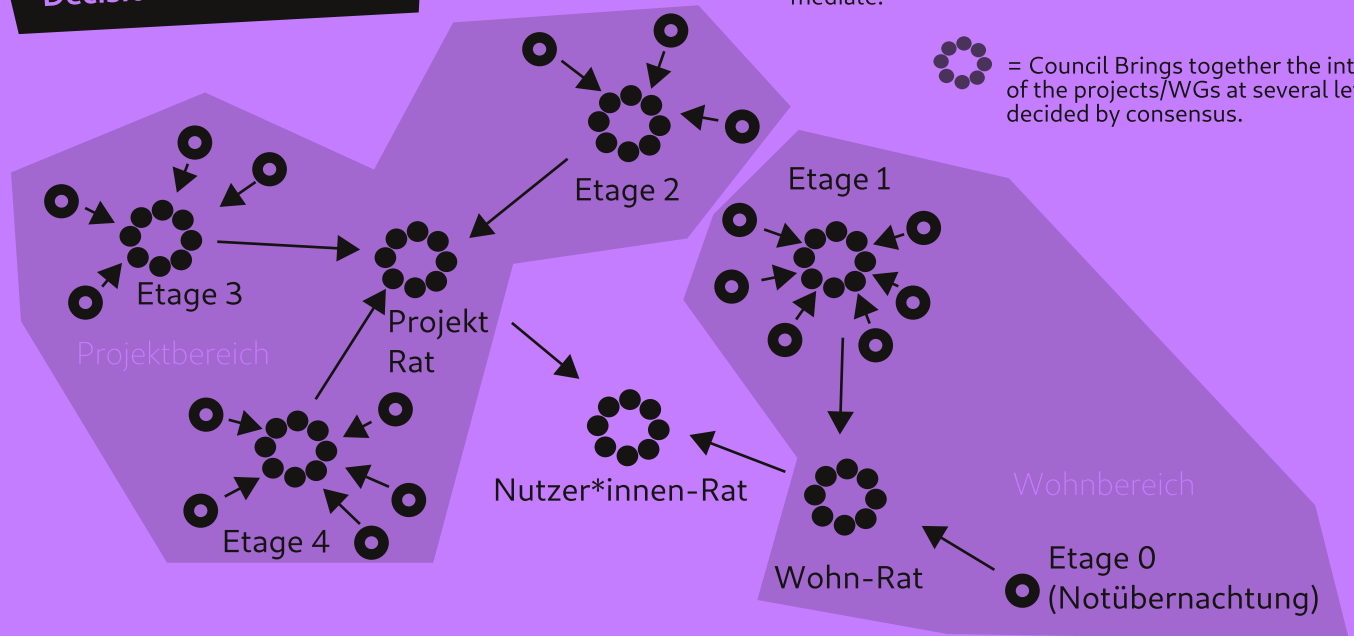
**Autonomy of the projects** - the projects are free in the design of their activities

● = Project/WG All decisions will be made here. For that process especially those affected will be mainly involved.

→ = Sends delegated person. These are based on the decisions from the lower level, therefore they are only there to mediate.

⊙ = Council Brings together the interests of the projects/WGs at several levels. It is decided by consensus.

## Decision structure



## Neighbours

Neighbours will be involved in the decision-making process for the building. The design of the rooms will be **open to all** those who can find a place there in a spirit of solidarity in order to implement their ideas.

The place will be formed by the people who live in the neighbourhood. Therefore, all neighbours are invited to come to the social centre and be part of it, today at the day of its occupation as well as in the realisation of the long-term project.

## about the house

Why is the building empty, anyway?

The building is part of the former ministry for state security of the DDR. Some of the buildings of that complex are empty for about 30 years and there is no concrete plan for future use. Attempts to revive them with the project 'Campus für Demokratie' have not been successful until now. We see the building as a part of a history, whose critical appraisal will have space in our concept.

## financing

But who's gonna pay for all this?

Since there will be no owner with profit interest, the costs incurred will be significantly lower than in a regular tenancy. Only the costs of maintaining the building will have to be borne. On the long run, the project should be self-sustaining, with the individual projects/residents sharing these costs in solidarity.

In the beginning we will need donations as a starting aid to carry out the renovations.

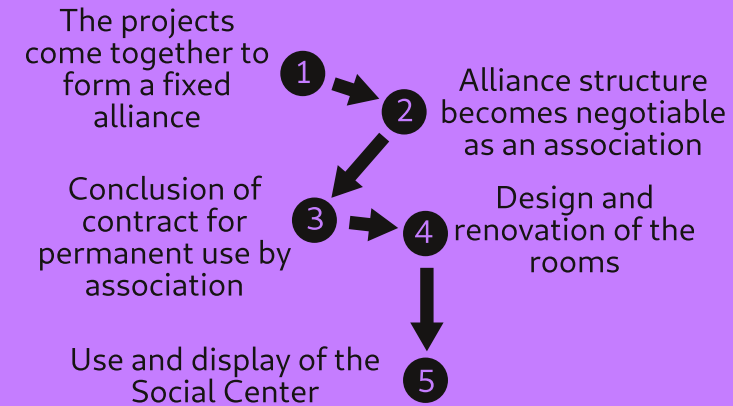
## legal issues

And how does that legally work?

There is an association which will represent the Social Centre. It serves as a contractual partner for negotiations and is intended to ensure contactability. The members of the association are people from different projects. The board of the association consists of delegated persons of the councils. After the negotiation phase, the building, including the plot of land, is to become self-managed. Therefore there should be a contractual agreement for the permanent and free use.

## timetable

for a basic democratic design of this space



## dates

5.10. 17:00

Open meeting "What does the neighbourhood need?" in the squatted house

## projects

that we would like to request in order to participate

- Schlafplatzorga
- Berliner Obdachlosenhilfe
- ReachOut
- Basta
- Zwangsräumung verhindern
- Betroffenenrat Lehrter Straße
- Besetzen Sprechstunde
- ABC Berlin
- ...

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