

OPEN CALL: INVISIBLE SITE



Berlin's inclusive lesbian* housing project and queer cultural centre under construction calls for artistic engagement with invisible community and care work.

A unique project is taking shape in Berlin-Mitte, in the vicinity of Alexanderplatz and yet off the tourist track. Built by and for the lesbian* community, the large communal apartment building will be self-organised, solidary, social, affordable and barrier-free. A true L* campus with communal rooms, shared care, numerous counselling and educational services, a neighbourhood café and an event hall.

It is to become a safe home and a place of belonging and participation for people suffering multiple discrimination - like lesbians* in old age, lesbians* with disabilities, BIPoC lesbians*.

The project has been underway for over 10 years of persistent, invisible feminist work. A long, combative path of active and self-determined co-creation of the city.

Now the plans have been finalised and approved. In 2023, the excavation pit will be dug and the project will begin to materialize. Before that happens, we want to propose the invisible building site as a topic for an artistic research that can accompany the process. Possible themes:

- Invisible communities and/or invisible neighbours
- Invisible community and care work
- Invisible history and realms of experience
- Marginality as a self-chosen space of radical openness (loosely based on bell hooks)

The call is open to all art disciplines and formats. We would like to see a reference to the Berlin Lesbian* Housing Project and a participatory approach involving the future residents and the neighbourhood in the process. We value intersectionality, inclusion and accessibility. We explicitly welcome applications from emerging artists, especially artists from queer and/or BIPoC communities.

The selected project will be funded with a total of 2,000 € (fees and materials).

Submissions deadline: **May 21st 2022**. Realisation period: June - October 2022.

10 June - Announcement of the selected project.

24 June - Presentation of the project at the RuT festival.

16 September - Project presentation.

More information and application form: rut-wohnen.de/open-call-unsichtbare-baustelle

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