

**OPEN CALL for artistic residencies within the framework of the Week of Urban Practice "OWN YOUR CITY!" organised by Urbane Praxis e.V.**

- Application deadline: 23.06.2023
- Fee: Up to 4000€ fee and up to 1000€ for materials
- Duration: Residency runs from 15.07. to 04.09.2023

This year's Week of Urban Practice: Own your city! shows in late summer at various locations in Berlin how citizens transform un(der)used urban spaces and buildings into self-organised, non-commercial meeting places for neighbourhood, art, culture and social issues.

Week of Urban Practice: Own your city! aims to demonstrate the importance of civic society initiatives in the sustainable and just development of our city.

Week of Urban Practice: Own your city! focuses on collective empowerment. Collective empowerment is based on the belief that collective action and cooperation give people greater chances of influence than each individual alone. It is basically about groups of people joining forces and skills to achieve common goals and create positive change in their environment.

We would like to explore the following questions:

- How do civil society initiatives contribute to environmental and social justice in the development of the city?
- How can more people and initiatives actively shape the urban space in this process?

Urbane Praxis e.V. would like to give space to so far underrepresented perspectives and practices in the co-creation of urban space in the programme of the Week of Urban Practice. With this in mind, we are promoting 3 artistic residencies that deal thematically with the above-mentioned questions.

We are looking for initiatives, collectives, communities of interest or individuals who, for example, act from an anti-ableist, decolonial, class-critical, migrant and/or queer-feminist perspective and

who work at the intersection of art, culture, urban development and social issues in their artistic and urban practice.

This open call is aimed exclusively at marginalised initiatives, collectives, communities of interest or individuals. For the residencies, not all areas in the association are barrier-free yet. We would like to change this and are in the process of further breaking down existing barriers. If you have any suggestions, criticisms or ideas, please feel free to write to us at [office@urbanepaxis.berlin](mailto:office@urbanepaxis.berlin).

The residencies start on 15.07.2023. The residents are invited to develop positions around the above-mentioned questions from mid-July to early September and to develop a contribution to the programme of the Week of Urban Practice from 04.09. to 10.09.2023. The contribution, i.e. the format and artistic method, can be freely chosen (for example: exhibition, screening, workshop, installation, etc.)

Depending on the size of the group and the project idea, each residency receives a fee of up to 4000€ and up to 1000€ for materials. In addition, we can support with spaces and advice on permit procedures, with technical equipment and materials. Furthermore, we are happy to put you in touch with members of the association for an exchange or for specific questions.

#### **Application:**

You can apply for one of the three residencies until 23.06.2023 by presenting yourself and your idea (max. 3 DIN A4 pages). Urbane Praxis e.V. will appoint a team to organise the programme of the Week of Urban Practice and select the residencies. The team will pay attention to a diverse and balanced ratio of perspectives of Urban Practice. We will get back to you with the results of the residencies' selection by 02.07.2023.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: <mailto:office@urbanepaxis.berlin>.

The Week of Urban Practice: Own your city! is organised by Urbane Praxis e.V. - a growing network of Berlin actors from civic society, art, culture, environment, education, youth and social affairs. Last year, Urbane Praxis e.V. organised the Week of Urban Practice for the first time as a contemporary conference festival in urban space.

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