

LAUSE RESIDENCY FOR ART AND ACTIVISM

Lause Bleibt in Berlin presents an *art and activism residency program* for artists of all practices residing in the Central Denmark Region. The residency program is supported by several neighborhood initiatives. It provides shared housing, studio space and contacts to art institutions throughout the city.

Lause Bleibt is a household collective located in Lausitzerstraße 10+11 that has grown over decades. It consists of political and artistic initiatives, NGOs, craftspeople and creatives, families and shared homes.

In December 2016 the tenants of Lause became aware that plans were in place to sell the buildings which are owned by the Tækker Group. The conversion of the space into privately owned apartments – and the explosive rise in rents that would follow – would mean the end of the existing life and work structures at the Lause. Since the tenants learned about this threat they have been fighting to stay.

Owner Jørn Tækker is known in Denmark to be a sponsor of the arts and has long run a residency program in the neighborhood of Lause - Kreuzberg. In Berlin, he is known as “the worst Landlord in town.” In February 2019 the Tækker group and their partners announced the end of the Tækker AirBerlin Art Residency. To fill this void and to tighten the bonds between artists in Denmark and Berlin, Lause is now offering artists residing in Denmark a new way to experience Berlin and its political art scene: *The Lause Art and Activism Residency*.

Among others the following institutions and initiatives will support the residency: Andromeda Aarhus, District Berlin, Nachbarschaftsakademie Prinzessinnengarten, Regenbogenfabrik Kreuzberg, TTT Werkstatttraum e.V., Flutgraben e.V., HAU (Hebbel am Ufer), nGbK- neue Gesellschaft Bildende Kunst Oranienstraße, Interflugs, Raum-erweiterungshalle, Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien and of course **Lause Bleibt**.

“Being an artist is rarely a golden rain”, says Jørn Tækker.

“However, it is international solidarity that keeps us moving”, adds **Lause Bleibt**.

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OPEN CALL

All artists (performers, writers and visual artists) from Central Denmark Region can apply for a residence in Berlin and make use of the program provided by **Lause Bleibt** and its partners. The initiatives will evaluate the applications in collaboration.

Applicants must be affiliated with Region Midtjylland (domicile, education or other), but may seek to stay together with a partner from another city or another country.

The residency program offers

- a one month stay in Berlin in shared housing free of charge
- create contacts for the residents throughout the neighborhood and city based on the ideas and research they might want to follow
- provide the residents with a conversation about art and urban struggles at the moment in Berlin with associated people from artistic and activist communities
- encourage / support / facilitate artists to make critical research in relation to our own context of real estate development and arts funding
- provide space for exhibition / performance
- host a public conversation with people from Lause and anti-gentrification residency alliance and the residents
- support in public communication

The chosen artists must travel at their own cost and be willing and open to get involved in a partly self-organized DIY residency.

Please send some information about you and your art practice and let us know your preferred time frame. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Send your applications at any time to
bewerbung@lausebleibt.de

