

LiTE-HAUS

LiTE-HAUS is a non-profit art and cultural space in Neukölln, dedicated to engage with the neighborhood. Our mission is to provide exhibition space for artists who connect with the local community, while also combating all forms of racism and discrimination in the art world. We offer a platform for newcomers looking to integrate into the Berlin art scene. Through this, we aim to foster cross-cultural communication within the Berlin community through collaborative art and open discussion, providing a public space for interdisciplinary dialogue between art, society, and politics. Many of our exhibitions, events, projects, and workshops address environmental issues, with our understanding of "environment" extending beyond natural-ecological concerns to include the diverse cultural-ecological environment of modern cities like Berlin.

Berlin is a city known for its rich cultural diversity, and LiTE-HAUS uses art and culture as tools for bridging these communities together. The space is not just an exhibition venue but a hub for creativity, research, and social/political discourse. Its exhibitions and projects often highlight marginalized and underrepresented artists, and workshops blend various art disciplines to encourage collaboration. Through pushing the boundaries of art's definition, LiTE-HAUS brings people together, fostering conversation and understanding—a vital contribution to a cosmopolitan city like Berlin. The choice of this location reflects the core values of LiTE-HAUS: equality, diversity, fairness, and democracy. Since its inception in 2016, the space has welcomed hundreds of artists who have exhibited or participated in projects, attracting visitors from across Germany, Europe and beyond.

LiTE-HAUS is divided into two main areas: the *Projektraum* and the *Ausstellungsort*. Each of our three bright, white rooms typically hosts a different exhibition, event, or project simultaneously. This setup allows for flexibility and more opportunities for artists and visitors to engage with a variety of topics. The *Projektraum* serves as a process-based space for experimentation, workshops, residencies, and research, while the *Ausstellungsort* focuses on the outcomes of projectroom projects, as well group and solo shows. LiTE-HAUS has hosted numerous exhibitions and projects by artists, with many curators completing their projects and showcasing their work here.

LiTE-HAUS also encourages artists from Ukraine, to share Ukrainian culture and contemporary Ukrainian art. We have a strong relationship with cultural organizations in Ukraine, giving us access to a wide range of Ukrainian creative professionals and artists. Owner Debbie Davies has been an international liaison for the Congress of Cultural Activists, based in Kyiv, Ukraine since 2014. This group promotes Ukrainian culture through the arts.

LiTE-HAUS is funded through a combination of personal income, donations from artists and the public, space rental, and occasional grants. Despite the challenges in securing funding, LiTE-HAUS remains committed to providing a welcoming, professional environment for artists and visitors alike. The space operates with a lean, dedicated team on a voluntary basis. All program development, advertising, graphic design, web design, finance, and administration are managed by the two owners.

LiTE-HAUS takes pride in the community it has built, playing a role in establishing Neukölln as one of the world's top creative neighborhoods.