

LiTE-HAUS Galerie + Projektraum

Information for Artists about our Mission

If you are an artist or curator interested in exhibiting at LiTE-HAUS, it is important that you understand our mission to decide if your artwork fits our purpose. Also, because we encourage provocative art and consider our work to be art-activism, you must be prepared to engage your art in a way that might feel different from your experience with *commercial* galleries.

LiTE-HAUS is a *non-profit organization*. Our mission of is to encourage cross cultural communication by connecting people through collaborative art. The goal of the exhibition we present address various environmental issues. The definition of "environmental" goes beyond ecological concerns and involves the diverse cultural environment of modern cities.

Berlin is a mosaic of ethnicities, religions, and economic classes. Like many large metropolitan cities it's diversity is both energizing, yet sometimes polarizing. LiTE-HAUS will explore current and historical problems using art and culture as a tool for building bridges.

Artists who create political or social work are prioritized. But we also welcome artists who create abstract works that reflect their perception of "environment". Landscapes, sculptures, video, installations, and photography are all acceptable. If you review the work we've exhibited so far, you will see the wide range of artists we have represented. Read the descriptions of the exhibitions and you will better understand why we selected those artists.

Through collaborations and pushing the boundaries of art's definition we hope to bring people together and encourage *conversation*; something we feel is much needed. By forming a network with global partners, we will present the work of international artists and offer our community an opportunity to expand their knowledge of art. Further, the exploration of culture is encouraged through these collaborations between artists and residents. We want LiTE-HAUS to be a beacon for the diverse Neukölln community we call home.

We feel it is important for artists whose work is a reflection of problems they want to expose - from any part of the world - to be *heard*. We encourage artists to be bold in their attempt to solve problems through art. It is not possible to make change in the world if you communicate *only* with the people who *agree* with you. You must reach out to your opposition and engage *them* in conversation.

LiTE-HAUS invites organizations, institutions, and government officials to our exhibitions. Artists are given the opportunity to discuss their work, and their views about problems of their home country, or Germany. We think opening communication between artists and people in powerful positions is one way to make change happen.

If you feel uncomfortable with the idea of someone from the government of any country visiting your exhibition, then we ask that you contact us first before completing an artist application, to further discuss the situation. This does not mean your application will be rejected. We only want you to fully understand what we are trying to do through art.