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A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOABIT

GREAT NEED FOR SOCIAL SPACE, A DILAPIDATED GARAGE AND PLENTY OF ENGAGEMENT have created fertile ground in Berlin-Moabit for a project worthy of funding. With support from the **European Fund for Regional Development (ERDF)**, registered society *35services e.V.* has turned a one-time truck garage belonging to the former Berlin Granite & Marble Factory on Lehrter Straße into a meeting place for neighbours and a place for self-help.

AN OPEN NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKSHOP OFFERING EVERYTHING REQUIRED FOR ONE TO BE CREATIVE HAS COME INTO BEING: Wood, electronics and metal workshops plus an open multipurpose area. Children, youths and adults with a love for handicrafts can use the attractive building housing the self-help workshop with its striking wooden facade to screw, hammer away, saw, solder, weld and craft things at will. Ever since the workshop was opened in May 2016 the club has been organising trial courses for various handicrafts, for instance. It also offers, among other things, the opportunity to repair motorcycles and bicycles by themselves but with technical guidance.

THE RECONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION OF THE OLD BUILDING WAS DONE USING FINANCIAL resources from the Soziale Stadt program financed by the ERDF, the Future Initiative Stadtteil II and personal funds of *35services e.V.* Through lots of engagement and the innumerable volunteer hours rendered by club members, a room that brings the local people together, was created.

»WE TEACH PEOPLE TO HAVE FUN IN HANDICRAFT AND OFFER THEM A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN MEET AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AS NEIGHBOURS.«

Sybille Casper, *35services e.V.*



SHAPING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TOGETHER

The **self-help workshop is a real joint venture** of the people from the neighbourhood for people in the neighbourhood. Be it initiatives and projects like the *Moabeet* community garden, residential area management and the neighbourhood – they all are and were active in the organisation of the self-help workshop. Together they have created a place of opportunities.

A place where **having fun in handicrafts** and trend-setting topics like **resource conservation, re-cycling and up-cycling** are taught practically. Even children and adolescents can once in a while practice using a saw or a battery-powered screwdriver. Parents and neighbours receive support for smaller handicraft jobs, while clubs and action groups can carry out projects in the premises. The self-help workshop offers **room for shaping the neighbourhood together**. Each and everyone can take up a role here and initiate projects hand in hand with others. As a result, there are already other exciting projects planned: a regular repair café, for instance, or historical handicraft courses meant to impart basic knowledge and techniques of traditional handicraft.

THANKS TO THE ERDF, THE CLUB WAS ABLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SELF-HELP WORKSHOP

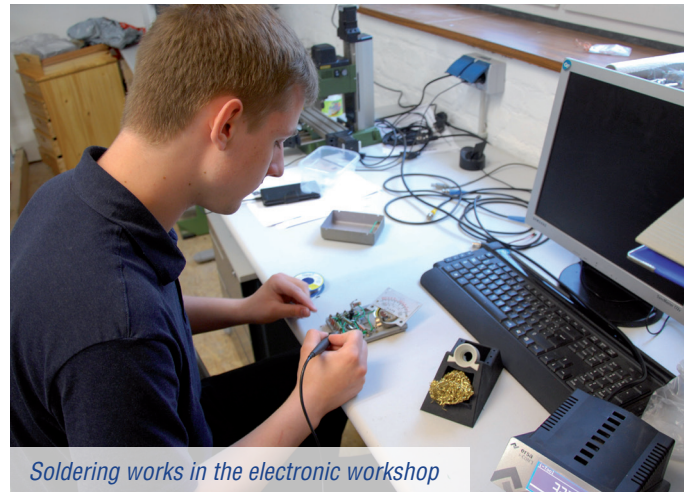
For more than three decades the craftswomen and craftsmen from the *Kulturfabrik on Lehrter Straße 35 e.V.* have dedicated themselves to the **people in the neighbourhood**. When the club was forced to vacate its premises in the cellar of the *Kulturfabrik* due to planned restructuring, its members first thought of renovating the adjacent dilapidated garage by themselves. However, they quickly realized that they could not do it on their own, neither financially nor in terms of time. With support from the residential management they incorporated their plan into an application for financial support by the **Soziale Stadt (part of ZIS II)** program **which is financed by the ERDF**. This financial support then enabled the club to finance the reconstruction.

THE ERDF IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN BERLIN

The ERDF is promoting **a city worth living in** and **participation** of all citizens in community life in Berlin. Using resources provided by the ERDF, support and expansion opportunities are extended to educational, integration, leisure and counselling programmes like the self-help workshop. In that way, life in the respective city districts becomes more attractive and the living conditions of the populace are improved.

In concrete terms this is how the ERDF ensures that

- people dedicate themselves to working in and for their neighbourhood.
- cohesion among the residents is strengthened.
- disadvantaged urban districts become stable and develop in the medium term.



FUNDING GUIDELINES:

FUNDING PRIORITY 4

Sustainable urban development,
Campaign
4.1. Zukunftsinitiative Stadtteil

GRANT AMOUNT

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