



# TAG DER CLUBKULTUR

GROWING ROOTS  
SHAPING SPACES

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## CALL FOR ENTRIES TAG DER CLUBKULTUR 2022

For the third time, the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR (Day of Club Culture) honors the diversity of Berlin's clubs and collectives and their outstanding commitment to the city's cultural life. A total of 40 Berlin clubs and collectives will be honored in this context with prizes of 10,000 euros each, initiated by the Clubcommission Berlin, the Senate Department for Culture and Europe and the Musicboard Berlin.

In order to make progressive spaces of club culture still possible in the future, we need to look back. That's why this year's TAG DER CLUBKULTUR's theme is GROWING ROOTS - SHAPING SPACES, focused on the origins of club culture and the importance of (free) spaces. For many, Berlin is synonymous with freedom, openness and progressiveness - especially in its club culture. It is part of the city's DNA, but must still assert itself over and over again against social and political resistance and the economic pressures under the capitalist system. Breaking with conventions, social norms, and constantly negotiating contradictions, club culture reinvents itself again and again. Now more than ever, the question is how we create and defend present and future spaces of club culture which serve the community over commercial ends. How this new orientation can and must look after Corona-lockdowns-this is what we want to explore with you this year.

All Berlin clubs and collectives can apply for the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR award, taking the thematic focus into account. This year, the event will run a full week from October 3 to 9 in order to do justice to the extensive program: at least 40 events, organized by the awarded clubs and collectives, will represent the range and diversity of Berlin's club culture.

Criteria for awarding includes applicants' orientation to this year's theme of GROWING ROOTS - SHAPING SPACES, alongside the corresponding focuses of „origins of club culture in Berlin and worldwide“ (Roots) as well as „importance of (free) spaces for Berlin club culture“ (Spaces).

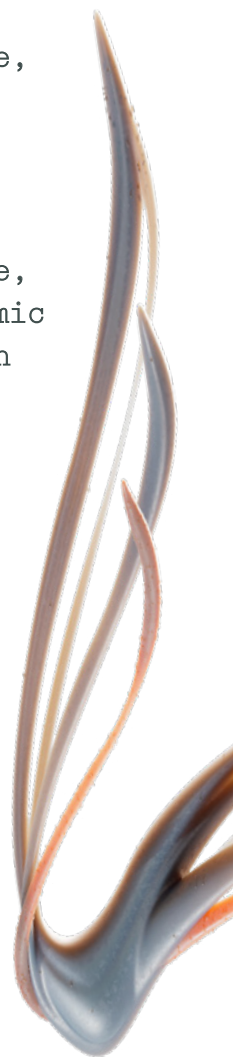
Parts of Berlin's club culture can be traced back to the time of the Berlin Wall and even further - it has always been shaped by international and socio-political developments as well as cultural flows. But it has also spawned its own movements and new impulses that in turn influence scenes around the world to this day. These impulses constantly give rise to new emerging collectives, initiatives, projects, and spaces. And the physical space of the club also represents a social, ideal, and even utopian space. Many of these spaces are anchor points of various communities and serve as safe(r) spaces, places of personal and community development, exchange, and mobilization. Social and cultural spaces also play an essential role for collectives, who, through their programming, constantly reinvent temporary spaces in new and creative ways.

Berlin's clubs have finally reopened, but free spaces are still scarce, and club spaces face increasing restrictions, expectations, and economic pressure. Against the backdrop of rising rents, the filling-in of open spaces, and the displacement of club cultural spaces to the outskirts of the city, utopias and concrete ideas are needed for club culture to assert the place it deserves in Berlin's cultural landscape.

As in previous years, overarching criteria will be taken into account when evaluating submissions. These include applicants' artistic and programmatic profile, the significance of the club or collective for Berlin club culture, awareness, diversity and anti-discrimination, ecological sustainability, promotion of young talent, contributions to international dialogue, and solidarity with workers and other cultural actors.

The prizes awarded at the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR are decided by an independent, five-member board of trustees that reflects the different perspectives, backgrounds and realities of the scene.

Clubs and collectives apply independently for the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR award. The requested application materials include a short introduction of the club or collective, a reflection on the above-mentioned main topics, as



well as an event concept that can be carried out on one or more days within the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR week from October 3-9, 2022.

There are no creative limits to the form of the submission. Further information can be found in the → [Conditions of Participation](#). Application documents can be submitted via the → [official website](#) from August 1 to August 15.

The Clubcommission team is happy to answer any questions about the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR and the application process at [info@tagderclubkultur.berlin](mailto:info@tagderclubkultur.berlin).

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## KEY DATES

July 28, 18h	1st Info Call for applicants
August 3, 18h	2nd Info Call for applicants
August 1	Applications open
August 15	Applications close
mid September	Award ceremony
October 3 - 9	TAG DER CLUBKULTUR

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