



We are Open - Residency at Torhaus Berlin

A Gate becomes a House: A place to think freely, invite others and experiment. A place where we are celebrating the liminal, the only place where genuine newness can begin. With fresh minds and playful ideas we're trying to set a compass for the future of the Tempelhof Airport Building.

- → 3500€ for artist fee
- → Up to 1000€ for materials

The Torhaus is a former gatekeepers house. There used to be a person in a uniform, opening and closing a gate, someone who was deciding if the documents you showed were sufficient to get access to the huge area of the Tempelhof Airport Building. Now we, as the People of the Torhaus, are sitting in that house, not wearing a uniform but still somehow functioning as an information point where people instinctively stop by, to ask for the way to any place within the 500.000m2 area of the Airport.

We don't hold the keys to any of the rooms in the Airport Building and we can't provide access to it. But still, we are somehow in charge: The first commonly organized gateopening association.

Who holds the keys to the city? It is a question of power and accessibility that we want to engage with, not by grabbing a hold of it, but rather by using this threshold to experiment.

After 4 years of using the space in a provisional way, we are renovating the Torhaus this summer. We want to celebrate this by inviting three groups/collectives/individuals to explore how a gate can turn into a house.

"We are open!"Not for business, but to all kinds of artistic practice. From performance to mixed media art, painting, sculpting and urban practice. We are looking for inspiring contemplations about how gates can become houses, how lines can become spaces, or any topics that you would like to research which are relevant to Torhaus' story and mission.

Participants will have the possibility to work in Torhaus for two weeks. The space is small but sufficient and will have very basic infrastructure: heating, electricity, toilets, running water, and an internet connection

Please send us your application form until 6th of august to: residency@torhausberlin.de



FAQ

What is the Time Frame?

Open Call: 16.07. - 06.08.

Announcement of Winners: 11.08.

Opening event: 01.09.

Group #1 01.09 - 15.09 Group #2 16.09 - 30.09 Group #3 01.10. - 15.10

Final exhibition: 28.10.

What is the Financial Support?

Each of the 3 groups gets:

- → 3500€ for artist fee
- → Up to 1000€ for materials

What is Torhaus?

Torhaus is a self-organized and self-managed community space. A platform for projects and ideas that try out creative forms of urban participation and co-design. The project started in 2019 with a festival: various formats and activities were organized in and around the gatehouse, with which the future of the former airport was envisioned from the perspective of civil society. This resulted in the community radio "THF Radio" and the Torhaus Kochkollektiv and the non-profit association Torhaus Berlin e.V. was founded. For more information about Torhaus visit our website:

Where is the Torhaus?

Torhaus is the former gate keeper's house of the Tempelhof Airport Building. It is situated right at Columbiadamm 10, in front of the Tempelhof Airport Building. On the other side of the street there are the venues "Columbia Theater" and the "Columbiahalle".

Is Torhaus on the Tempelhofer Feld?

No. Torhaus is located on a big street (Columbiadamm). You can see the airport building but there is no direct access to the field.

What resources are in torhaus and can they be used by the residents?

After the renovation Torhaus (55m2) will be almost empty. There will be two rooms, a toilet and a small kitchen, all unfurnished. The residents are invited to experiment with the space and transform it and its surroundings within the two weeks.

Unfortunately we can't provide tools and ask all the groups to bring their own.

Is the work of the residents going to stay in torhaus?

We kindly ask all the groups to take everything they installed down after their two week residency has ended, so the next group can use the space. If the Group/Person has created something that torhaus might need, we are happy to discuss the following whereabouts of the work.

Can the residents also work in or around the airport building for their research and or work?

The residents are invited to use the airport building as a matter of inspiration and for research. Unfortunately we cant give access to the building itself. Installations of any kind, close to- or in the building complex could become complicated, as we have to discuss everything with the facility management of the airport building. However, the team of Torhaus will support the residents to make as much happen as possible.

Do the residents have to be in Torhaus everyday during their two weeks residency?

The residents can choose how much time they want to spend in torhaus. We do recommend that your proposed project will include using the space and spend time in it as we think it might enrich your work.

Is it possible to sleep in torhaus and if not is there an option to get accommodation?

Unfortunately it is not possible to sleep in torhaus and we can't offer accommodation.

Is the final exhibition on 28th of october mandatory for all residents?

We kindly ask all residents to take part in the exhibition. Please think about a way to display your work/research. As the final exhibition will also be in torhaus (and the space there is limited) we ask all residents to coordinate the final exhibition with one another.

Can I apply for the residency as a single person?

Yes you can also apply as a single person.

Can we also apply as a group of more than 3 people?

We would like to ensure that every person gets paid fairly, therefore we recommend doing the residency in a group of up to three people. But as we know how collectives work, we want to keep the final number of people involved up to you.

How to apply?

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