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ABOUT LITE-HAUS

The mission of LiTE-HAUS is to encourage cross cultural dialog by connecting people through art. Founded in 2016 by Trinidadian-American artist Debbie Davies from New York, this project space hosts exhibitions, events, and workshops focusing on 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 its diversity is energizing, yet sometimes polarizing. LiTE-HAUS focuses on provocative issues using art and culture as a tool for building bridges. Pushing the boundaries of art's definition, Davies hopes to bring people together and encourage dialog; something she feels is much needed in modern Germany.

LiTE-HAUS supports emerging artists in a variety of mediums, and enhances a sense of community between artists and the public. The group exhibitions we feature - often selecting artists through open calls - give artists a platform they might not have in other art spaces. The curatorial process is very democratic. We feature artists of all ethnicities, ages, sexual and gender orientation, and level of education; with a particular focus on promoting underrepresented and marginalized artists. We aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space for all visitors. While we focus mostly on Berlin-based artists, we sometimes show art by international artists. Unlike commercial galleries, LiTE-HAUS gives more artists opportunities they might not have when approaching other spaces, straddling the line between white-cube glossy art galleries in Mitte versus smaller, rougher spaces you find in Kreuzberg or Wedding.

This space is a beacon in the diverse Neukölln community. Local residents of all ages participate in group projects including art, crafts, dance, and digital media, often led by our artists. In addition to the exhibition program, LiTE-HAUS also offers artist residencies and educational programs, and has a strong online presence with an active social media presence and a virtual gallery platform

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 is 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 a non-profit organization - Ad Finem gGmbH. Donations and grants are needed to fund the space. Many artists co-finance the exhibitions. Owner Davies personally funds remaining operating expenses. Obviously, this is not ideal. Please donate what you can and sign-up for email announcements for the next exhibition.

