

The Financing

The basic building block of the house financing of alternative housing projects like Sch8, are direct loans. These are fixed deposits from friends, relatives, friends of acquaintances, relatives, friends and supporters of the project. In this case, a private person lends the project a fixed amount at a certain interest rate over a fixed term.

Direct loans are accepted by our bank, GLS Gemeinschaftsbank e.G.(www.gemeinschaftsbank.de), as a substitute for equity capital. The minimum loan amount is 500 €. These loans can be granted to us with a with a minimum interest rate of 0.5%, or with a maximum interest rate of 1,5%..

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HOUSEPROJECT SCHERER 8

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We...

are the Schererstr. 8, a self-organized housing project. We are a diverse bunch of creative and politically interested individuals between 2 and 77 years of age. Our goals are to live and work collectively, undogmatically, and free of hierarchies. We purchased our building in 2010 to rescue it from the speculation of the property market. Our street is located in the district of Berlin- Wedding, a district increasingly marked by gentrification.

As a socio-cultural free space we give place to local political groups which try to actively interfere in urban politics and to counteract the prevailing conditions and urban political practices. Our open rooms are used for a social and legal advice, and by solidarity groups, antifascist sport group, plenaries and (info)event space.

Other parts of our project include a community kitchen and a Free shop, which offer an alternative to current consumerist practices. We also organize screen printing facility, music practice room, and sport room as well as a climbing wall. Film screenings, concerts and parties are organized in our event spaces. Alongside the work involved in these smaller projects a lot of our time and energy is taken up with the administration of the house. We meet every two week for a house plenary, where discussions take place and decisions are made. Certain tasks are delegated to special workgroups. For example, the Finances group organizes all the financial issues, while the Renovation group looks after specific building tasks, in particular those that deal with preparations for renovating the house. A different working group organizes the activities in the bar and event spaces...



Our house

Behind the old walls of our almost 100-year old building exists a four-levels residential house with two entrance hallways and a total space of 2460 square meters. Of this, about 400 m² belong to the communal areas and 2000 m² to the living areas. The remaining 60 m² is used commercially by a newsagent/kiosk. The building plot is about 763 m²; this includes a full cellar. The house has never been renovated, although some necessary repairs were made over the years.



The Renovation

Unfortunately, the passage of time has not left our house untouched. Therefore our primary goal for the renovation is to preserve and where necessary replace the building substance itself. Our other goal is to restructure the layout of the house to better suit our collective needs.

Roof, facade, basement and ground floor renovation are most necessary. Sustainability and ecological requirements mean that the heating system and insulation need to be addressed and a Green roof will be put in place. In future we plan renewal of the electrical and water systems. Sound insulation is another important topic, in order to carry out future events while considering the need of residents and neighbors for rest and quiet. Accessibility for wheelchair users should also be enabled.