

# The Collective City

## Artists as actors of urban change

### 06-08<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Conference and workshop  
within the scope of Folkstheater  
and MIT-Ost Festival

Venue: Große Scharnstraße  
Frankfurt (Oder)

In the workshop and conference 'The collective city – Artists as Actors of urban change' we would like to discuss the role of artists and art in collaborative urban development. Our own experiences within our collaborative theatre and performance practice Folkstheater | Teatr Ludowy in Frankfurt | Oder/Słubice and the knowledge and experiences of artists, initiatives and researchers working in comparable contexts and projects will form the background for the workshop. What changes can be made by the collaborative dedication and commitment of residents, users and artists in shrinking or peripheral cities and regions? What can we learn from collaborative art practice in cities like Berlin, Danzig, Linz and Havanna? Can they provide inspiring input for cities like Frankfurt | Oder/Słubice? The workshop will be a part of the MitOst-Festival.



#### Friday 06th October

18:00

#### Welcome

Introduction lectures of workshop-participants

19:30

#### Dinner

#### Saturday 07th October

10:00

#### Questions & Answers

Short statements of workshop-participants related to 6 questions about collaborative art practice, projects and initiatives:

- How to begin?
- What is it good for?
- How long and how often?
- Which places and spaces?
- Who and with whom?
- What modes of action?

11:30

#### Coffee break

12:00

#### Analysis of Q & A

Generalization of tools, strategies and constellations

13:00

#### Lunch

14:30

### Rotating worktables

At two worktables we will discuss the following questions:

- **What changes can we initiate, what are the local consequences of our work, what remains when we leave?**
- **What is artistic in this kind of practice, what is the difference to social or community work?**

Participants change the table after 30 minutes to discuss the next questions. Additional to the two worktables there will be a „Choir table“ were we will transform the key statements and results of the discussions into a song.

16:30

### Summary of discussions

17:00

### Rehearsal and performance of the Urban Change Choir

18:00

Dinner

21:30

### Screening of short films of workshop participants

at SMOK, Słubice and MitOst Party

**The participants are kindly asked to hand in DVDs documenting their work (approx. 15 min each) for a screening.**



### Sunday 08th October

10:00

### Performance of the Urban Change Choir

at Plac Bohaterow in Słubice and the Lichtspielhaus der Jugend in Frankfurt (Oder)

11:30

end of conference and workshop



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