

# User's guide

## Welcome to the autonomous space!

This autonomous space is what we make out of it. It is open for everyone, who is up to coming together in an emancipatory context, to get to know each other and to get active him/herself. If we take care of ourselves and others, this is the place to fulfil our needs for self-determination, solidarity and a better life.

Everyone can independently organise activities by him/herself and bring the squat/centre to life that way. The autonomous space is a meeting place for organised and non-organised people of diverse social, political and cultural relations. It provides a non-commercial area for exhibitions, information meetings, group meetings, concerts, parties, bar, cinema and much more. As far as this is possible the offered activities are free or at least low priced. However the autonomous space is not the cheaper alternative to the other cultural offerings. In the autonomous space non-party politics and culture are pursued along emancipatory contents. Here collective forms of cohabitation and coworking can be tried out, reflected and enhanced. To give everybody the opportunity to participate, there are no formal hierarchies as well as there is an intention to externalise and abolish informal hierarchies. Decisions are made together by consensus. Hereby discussions are initiated and controversies are carried out. A majority does not have the opportunity to enforce their interests against the interest of others. This can only be realised, if everyone trusts him/herself to contribute in planning and procedure of the activities. The success of the activities and the continuity of the autonomous space always rests in the responsibility of the visitors, who always consider themselves as an acting subject and not as passive consumers.

A society in which every person can live in dignity, demands for respectful interaction. Sexist, racist, anti-semitic, homophobic and any other oppressive or segregating behaviours are not tolerated.

The autonomous space is a sanctuary, where nobody is discriminated according to imputed or chosen attributes and where everybody has the certainty to be supported in any case of violation.

Social conditions are reflected in personal behaviour and are reproduced by it. Everyone who wants to affect those conditions has to reflect his/her behaviour towards others. Here the opportunity is given to develop structures, conducts and practices for a free society. Because power relations can not be resolved individually, the autonomous space creates a collective prospect that outreaches states, capital and patriarchy.

The squat/centre offers secure place to meet from where one can and must intervene in society. It is the starting point for the attack on confining and oppressing social conditions.

This means a lot of work – and a lot of fun. Are you with us?

**If you like to participate: Contact us via email or come to the plenary meeting, every first sunday each month! You can address the persons at the infocounter at any time, in case of problems or if you have any questions or need help.**