

# TAG DER CLUBKULTUR

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*Remaining Hopeful in Chaos*

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TAG DER CLUBKULTUR 2024

**APPLICATIONS ARE POSSIBLE FROM 26th OF JUNE TO 21TH OF JULY 2024.**

For the fifth time, the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR will honor 40 Berlin clubs and collectives for their exceptional cultural work and commitment to the capital's club culture, with cultural awards of 10,000 euros each.

**For the first time this year, three additional prizes of 5,000 euros each will be awarded to young emerging players on the Berlin club scene.**

Guided by this year's motto „Beyond Tomorrow - Remaining Hopeful In Chaos,“ Berlin clubs and club culture collectives of all genres and disciplines have the opportunity to apply for the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR awards and to develop event concepts. During the week of October 3–10, 2024, the awardees and all interested clubs and collectives will present their own events throughout Berlin, showcasing the creative and artistic diversity of Berlin's club culture.

The TAG DER CLUBKULTUR is organized by the Berlin Clubcommission, and is sponsored and supported by the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion as well as Music-board Berlin.

**This year, under the motto „Beyond Tomorrow: Remaining Hopeful in Chaos,“ TAG DER CLUBKULTUR focuses the applicants' attention on club cultural spaces as places of strength, for the overcoming of boundaries and imagining a better future.**

In light of the challenges posed by the pandemic, inflation, gentrification, climate change, global crises, wars, and the rise of right-wing forces and movements, free spaces are dwindling and club culture faces down increasingly difficult conditions to survive. What was once a state of emergency has become everyday reality. Existential fears and challenges are eclipsing sustainable approaches for exchange, collaboration and a shared vision for Berlin's club culture of the future, and pushing them into the background. Club culture stands for genuine contact and encounter between people and communities, genres and disciplines.

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In the often ambiguous and diverse spaces of club culture, things are allowed to be fluid and imperfect, creative experiments, cultural spaces, formats and aesthetics are constantly emerging that question norms, overcome boundaries and create new worlds. In a present characterized by chaos, polarization and isolation, club culture remains one of the few opportunities for an immersive community experience and a refuge for many people who seek or want to create community.

**Under the motto „Beyond Tomorrow: Remaining Hopeful in Chaos,“ TAG DER CLUBKULTUR asks: How do clubs and collectives create spaces that enable communal values and creative exchange? Which bold and vibrant concepts set change into motion and overcome genres, boundaries and norms? Which places provide strength and calm in a reality shaped by multiple crises? Which practices allow us to look at what connects, rather than what divides? How can club culture offer hope in challenging times?**

With these questions in mind, TAG DER CLUBKULTUR invites applicants to reflect deeply on their cultural work.

Berlin clubs and collectives will be honored for their cultural work to date, particularly when that work has created programs, spaces or communities for the city's club culture in a notable way.

**The awards are presented on the basis of the artistic and programmatic profile of the clubs and collectives, as well as their significance for Berlin's club culture and the quality of their work to date. Another factor of consideration: a clear, recognizable vision of how applicants contribute to the social, economic and environmentally-sustainable transformation of Berlin's club culture.**

**In addition to applicants' artistic and programmatic profile and caliber of artistic work, certain overarching criteria are also taken into account when evaluating the applications. These include, for example, how clubs and collectives support the promotion of young talent, diversity and awareness, innovation, collaboration, sustainability and more. Further details can be found in the [Conditions of Participation \(Teilnahmebedingungen\)](#).**

Clubs and collectives apply independently for the CLUB CULTURE DAY award. Application documents include a brief introduction of the club or collective, an examination of and reflection on their own cultural work, and an event concept based on this year's thematic focus.

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Events can be held on one or more days during the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR week from October 3–10, 2024.

All award decisions are made by a five-member independent Board of Trustees (Kuratorium), whose members change each year. Based on their unique work in Berlin and in their respective communities, these individuals bring a special expertise and perspective on Berlin's club culture.

This year, the Board of Trustees consists of Chinwe Nnajiuba aka Juba, Gizem Adiyaman aka Meg10, Mark Reeder, Tal Se, und Haidar Darvish aka The Darvish.

## KEY DATES

26 June	Applications Open
02 July, 6pm	First Info Call for Applicants
16 July, 6pm	Second Info Call for Applicants
21 July	Applications Close
05 September	Award Ceremony
03. – 10. October	TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival week

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