

TAG DER CLUBKULTUR

2025

OPEN CALL

FESTIVAL WEEK



Call for Participation

TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival Week: October 3–12, 2025

Theme: Bridging Realities – 35 Years of Movement

Submissions of events are possible from July 23 – September 3 2025

Every year starting on October 3, the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR project turns all of Berlin into a stage for the city's club scene for one full week.

All clubs, collectives and promoters are invited to submit event formats for participation in the sixth TAG DER CLUBKULTUR showcase festival week of Berlin's club scene. Submissions are open until September 3, 2025

The application form and FAQs can be found at <https://tagderclubkultur.berlin/en/application/>

Festival Theme 2025: Bridging Realities – 35 Years of Movement

On October 3, 2025, we commemorate the 35th anniversary of German reunification – a historic moment that shifted not only political borders but also opened new cultural spaces. Berlin's contemporary club culture emerged from this moment of upheaval: in improvised clubs, squatted buildings and temporary spaces, new forms of community, expression and togetherness were born. Dance floors became places of encounter where difference was embraced, walls were broken down and bridges between realities were built.

With this year's theme *Bridging Realities – 35 Years of Movement*, the festival week asks: How does this spirit live on today? How can club culture remain a space for exchange, resistance and collective imagination in times of crisis, division and gentrification? What spaces for collective action – also from international and migrant perspectives – can be opened today for remembering and rethinking together?

We invite all actors of Berlin's club culture to explore these questions - through formats that connect past, present and future: as collective memory, as a social laboratory, as a vision for movements yet to come. From October 3 to 12, 2025, Berlin will become a resonance chamber for artistic, activist and curatorial contributions that understand club culture as a bridge between experiences, scenes, subcultures, generations and realities.

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How can you participate?

All actors of Berlin's club culture – clubs, collectives, promoters, artists and more – are invited to participate in the festival week with their events. Simply choose one or more dates between October 3-12, 2025 and develop a concept that you can realize during the festival week. Submit your concept by September 3 using our online form.

The scope, format and setup of your event, as well as how you engage with the festival theme, is entirely up to you and your club cultural practice. We welcome new formats, approaches and collaborations.

Once your submission has been reviewed for completeness, we will include it in the official TAG DER CLUBKULTUR festival week program and communication campaign. This is not a competition, but a collective platform created by and for the community.

What does the festival week offer you?

Then as now, Berlin's club culture sets cultural, artistic and social impulses. It is the capital's resistant glue and radiates its ideas, aesthetics and values far beyond the city limits. The cultural relevance of the scene and its progressive, interdisciplinary work will become visible and tangible during the festival week. Diverse, creative and from the community for the community – take part and show us your vision of tomorrow's club culture!

The TAG DER CLUBKULTUR festival week sees itself as a stage for the diversity and cultural relevance of Berlin's club scene. Our goal is to create visibility for actors, collectives and spaces, and to collectively work toward a progressive, diverse and sustainable club culture of the future.

In 2025, we will place particular focus on public visibility - and on the people behind the scenes. All participating organizers will be promoted and featured with their program highlights across our wide-reaching channels and media partners. Upon request, our photo and video teams will document your events and support your communication efforts. In addition, if necessary, the Clubcommission team will be happy to support you in finding a suitable venue for your event concept.

On October 3, 2025, the festival week will be officially launched by the Berlin Clubcommission with a public opening and press conference. Last year, we managed to collectively send a powerful message about the cultural significance of Berlin's club culture with over 80 events in just eight days – and we want to build on that momentum.

The festival week is organized and supported by Clubcommission Berlin e.V. as part of the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR project. The TAG DER CLUBKULTUR is funded by Musicboard Berlin and the Senatsverwaltung für Kultur und Gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt.

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What's possible?

The full spectrum of Berlin club culture across the entire city: Whether club night, concert, performance, installation, open air, exhibition, discussion or workshop; whether day or night; whether in clubs, bars, concert venues, studios, community spaces, theatres, radio stations, cabarets, temporary spaces or cinemas: bring your ideas and let us show together how diverse, bold and vibrant Berlin's club culture is.

Costs and Support

All participants cover the costs of their events themselves. Clubcommission will support you with communication and promotion of your events as well as networking and guidance for implementation.

KEY DATES 2025

July 23	Open Call Festival Week begins
September 3	Submission deadline for Festival Week events
October 3	TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Opening
October 3–12	Festival Week

Submit your event until September 3, 2025 at:
www.tagderclubkultur.berlin

For questions, reach out to: info@tagderclubkultur.berlin