



# **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR**

**2026**

**OPEN CALL**

**CULTURE AWARD**

# **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR 2026 – Cultural Award for Outstanding Berlin Clubs & Collectives**

**Applications are open from 15 June to 12 July  
2026 for Berlin clubs and collectives.**

The online application and terms of participation are available at  
[www.tagderclubkultur.berlin/en/](http://www.tagderclubkultur.berlin/en/)

For the seventh time, TAG DER CLUBKULTUR honours the diversity and special significance of Berlin's club culture with a cultural award. Berlin clubs and collectives are honoured for their outstanding cultural work in three categories with prize money between €5.000 and €20.000.

Applicants are furthermore invited to participate with their own format in the citywide TAG DER CLUBKULTUR festival week from 3-11 October 2026 – this year under the motto *STAY CORE*. All clubs, collectives and promoters can participate in the festival week, regardless of whether they apply for the award.

TAG DER CLUBKULTUR has been implemented since 2020 by Clubcommission Berlin e.V. and is funded and supported by the Berlin State Office for Culture and Social Cohesion and Musicboard Berlin.

## **What is honoured?**

Club culture creates places of unlikely encounter – raw, unconventional, contradictory and self-made. Democratic spaces where bodies meet, conflicts are negotiated and futures are reimagined. In a time of political backlash and growing pressure on cultural spaces, this is far from a given. It is a choice. Subculture as attitude, not aesthetic.

For the seventh consecutive year, TAG DER CLUBKULTUR makes this cultural relevance visible – as an award for outstanding practitioners from all genres and disciplines of Berlin's diverse club scene. The cultural award honours clubs and collectives that shape the cultural life of the city, create practice, design spaces with conviction and integrity, and continuously reinvent what club culture can be.

## Prize Money & Categories

In 2026, a total of 32 awards will be presented to outstanding clubs and collectives across three prize categories:

- Space & Aesthetics
- Programme
- Community

Awards for clubs are €20.000 each, for collectives €10.000 each, and for newcomers between €5.000 (collectives) and €10.000 (clubs).

## Juries for Clubs & Collective

Two independent juries made up of experts from Berlin's club culture make the selection – one for clubs, one for collectives. Info [here](#)

## Who can apply?

All active Berlin clubs and collectives that have been active for at least one year and run their own publicly accessible programme can apply, whether established or new to the scene, regardless of genre or discipline.

## How does the application process work?

As part of the application, applicants must choose one of the three categories, „Space & Aesthetics“, „Programme“ or „Community“, and present their work in this context. The expert jury assesses the artistic and content quality of the previous cultural work and its significance for Berlin's club culture based on the submitted materials. Cross-cutting themes such as diversity, sustainability and social engagement are considered in the evaluation across all categories.

The application includes a brief introduction, a reflection of previous work in relation to the selected award category, an overview of activities over the past twelve months, as well as an event idea as a creative work sample and ideally part of the festival week from 3-11 October 2026.

Applications are submitted exclusively via the online form at [www.tagderclubkultur.berlin](http://www.tagderclubkultur.berlin). Applications can be submitted in German or English.

## **Festival Week TAG DER CLUBKULTUR 2026: STAY CORE**

As part of the application for the cultural award, all applicants develop an initial event idea for the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR festival week as a creative work sample, aligned with this year's motto. Participation in the festival week is independent of an application and explicitly welcomed – the more clubs, collectives and communities participate, the stronger the collective visibility.

Under *STAY CORE*, TAG DER CLUBKULTUR invites Berlin's clubs and collectives to the festival week from 3-11 October 2026 to develop formats that return to what club culture has always been: safe space, practice of plurality, act of not disappearing.

Back to what club culture has always been. A counter-narrative. A response to voids, a space for difference, a lab for other futures. Today, in times of displacement, political pressure and the threat to cultural spaces, this year's festival week poses urgent questions: *What does it mean to still be here? To claim space without conforming? To stand up for each other without resolving contradictions? To be visible without having to explain yourself?*



## **DATES 2026**

<b>15 June</b>	<b>Opening of application period</b>
<b>23 June, 6:00 PM</b>	<b>1st Info Call for applicants</b>
<b>07 July, 6:00 PM</b>	<b>2nd Info Call for applicants</b>
<b>12 July, 11:59 PM</b>	<b>End of application period</b>
<b>3rd of October</b>	<b>TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Grand Opening of the Festival Week</b>
<b>03-11 October</b>	<b>TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival Week</b>

**Further information, terms of participation and the application form are available on the website:**  
<https://tagderclubkultur.berlin/en/>

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