

TAG DER CLUBKULTUR

2026

OPEN CALL

FESTIVALWEEK



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION – TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival Week 2026

Festival Week: 3-11 October 2026
Theme: STAY CORE

Event submissions are open from 13 July to 9 August 2026.

Every year from 3 October, the whole of Berlin becomes a stage for the city's club culture as part of the **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR (TDC)** project.

From now on, all clubs, collectives and practitioners of the Berlin club scene are invited to submit event formats for participation in the showcase festival week of Berlin's club culture, as part of the seventh **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR**, by **9 August 2026**.

Last year saw more events than ever before as part of the **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR** festival week. In total, more than 100 events from over 80 clubs, collectives and artists took place within TDC 2025. This shows us: Berlin's club culture scene prioritises connection and community over competition. The 2026 festival week aims to build on these successes.

You can find the application form and additional information about participating at www.tagderclubkultur.berlin

Festival Theme 2026: STAY CORE

Club culture emerges wherever people come together to create free spaces. It thrives on self-initiative, solidarity and the courage to do things differently. Social developments often become visible in club culture earlier than anywhere else. With this year's motto „Stay Core“, we want to collectively explore and celebrate this progressive force of club culture.

Club culture spaces are increasingly under pressure: rising costs, shrinking free spaces, political polarisation and growing commercialisation are posing new challenges for Berlin's club culture. This makes the question all the more urgent: **What is the core?**

With the festival theme **STAY CORE**, **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR** invites us to make exactly this core visible. Not as a nostalgic look back, but as a starting point for the future. What values carry our scene? How do we remain open, solidary and experimental? How do we create spaces where cultural diversity, artistic risk and solidary action remain possible? We are looking for events that show what club culture is at its heart, and formats that strengthen and reimagine the core of Berlin's club culture. We look forward to diverse interpretations of the theme „Stay Core“.

How can you get involved?

All practitioners of Berlin's club culture, clubs, collectives, promoters, artists and other initiatives, can participate in the festival week with their own events. Choose one or more dates within the festival period from **3-11 October 2026** and develop an event concept in the context of „Stay Core“ that you would like to realise during the festival week.

Participation in the festival week is possible **independently of an application for the cultural award** and is explicitly encouraged. At the same time, all cultural award applicants develop an event idea as a creative work sample as part of their application, which ideally becomes part of the festival week.

The scope, format and conditions of your event, as well as how you relate to the festival theme, are entirely up to you and should be rooted in your individual club culture practice. We welcome new formats, unconventional approaches and collaborations.

After reviewing and assessing submissions, events will be included in the official programme of the **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR festival week** and become part of the shared communications campaign. TAG DER CLUBKULTUR is a collective platform, a showcase shaped by the community for the community.

To participate in the festival week, your event should be related to club culture, align with the [Clubcommission's mission statement](#), and take place during the festival period from October 3 to 11, 2026. Events that begin on the evening of October 2, 2026, will also be considered.

Following the review and evaluation of all submissions by the programme team, we will get back to you no later than **17 August 2026** with information regarding your event's inclusion in the official **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival Week** programme and the joint communication campaign.

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What does the festival week offer you?

Berlin's club culture sets cultural, artistic and social impulses far beyond the city's borders. The festival week makes this diversity visible and creates space for exchange, networking and shared public presence, as well as for political communication around club culture.

In 2026, a particular focus will again be placed on the visibility of participating practitioners. All participating promoters will be promoted and editorially accompanied with their programme highlights across TAG DER CLUBKULTUR's communications channels and through media partners. Where possible, photo and video teams will document selected events. In addition, Clubcommission Berlin will support networking and, where possible, with finding suitable venues.

On **3 October 2026**, the festival week will be opened with a public opening event. Together we want to once again send a strong signal for the cultural significance of Berlin's club culture.

The festival week is organised by **Clubcommission Berlin e.V.** as part of the **TAG DER CLUBKULTUR** project. The project is funded and supported by the **Berlin State Office for Culture and Social Cohesion** and **Musicboard Berlin**.

What is possible?

The full spectrum of Berlin's club culture should be part of TAG DER CLUBKULTUR: whether club night, concert, performance, installation, open air, exhibition, discussion or workshop; whether daytime or night-time; whether in clubs, bars, concert venues, studios, community spaces, theatres, radio stations, cabarets, temporary-use spaces or cinemas.

Costs and Funding

Event costs are covered by all participants themselves. Clubcommission will support you with communication and promotion of your events, as well as with networking and organisational questions.

TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Cultural Award 2026

Alongside the festival week, the TAG DER CLUBKULTUR cultural award will be presented for the seventh time in 2026. 32 Berlin clubs and collectives will be recognised. The application period for the 2026 award has closed.

KEY DATES 2026

13 July	Start of festival week open call
9 August	End of festival week open call
17 August	Final confirmation of program entries
31 August	Editorial deadline for program entries
3 October	TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Opening
3-11 October	TAG DER CLUBKULTUR Festival Week 2026

Submit your events and applications by 9 August 2026 at www.tagderclubkultur.berlin

For any questions, contact us at: info@tagderclubkultur.berlin