

To whom it may concern,

Herewith, in the light of sudden dramatic situation of DIE WIESENBURG e.V. and its actors being forced to leave their homes and studios by DEGEWO, we would like to express our shock caused by the events and state the support for the beautiful and important community and artistic initiative that has been put recently in an inevitable danger of disappearing.

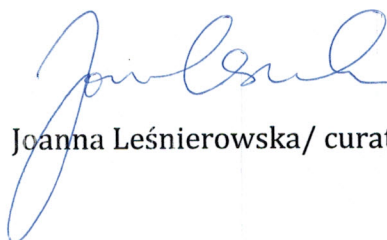
As one of the major non-governmental contemporary art organization in Poland, we had a pleasure to work with several artists gathered around and active in DIE WIESENBURG e.V. Always admiring their artistry and following their artistic projects, we were also privileged almost from the first moments to accompany the establishment of their endeavor in Wiesenburg and further, step by step, we were following their hard work on turning the abandoned historical site into the vivid place of art open for the local community – community of artists and of inhabitants of the area - as well as inspiring place ready to share their objectives and achievements with international community of actors and institutions as ourselves.

An impressive effort and dedication that allowed actors gathered in DIE WIESENBURG e.V. to change former homeless asylum into a home of innovative ideas and social initiatives is to us an invaluable proof of strength of horizontal collaborative work and the best possible example of embodied social awareness and responsibility of nowadays art in creating alternative scenarios for the world around us that obviously goes wrong (what is unfortunately mirrored also with DEGEWO recent undertakings). Coming from the country where initiatives like ones in Wiesenburg are extremely rare and for which experiences developed by DIE WIESENBURG e.V become extremely inspirational, we can hardly believe in the possibility of such sudden and definite demolition of the phenomenon.

Herewith we express our deep hopes for the dialogue between DEGEWO, local authorities and actors and tenants of Wiesenburg and the solutions that has t be find to maintain the extremely important initiative which will allow to sustain the crucial for the local area but also for larger community and society, place on the map of Berlin.

Staying to the disposal in case of need of any further information, believing in the triumph of reason and believing in art representing ideas of solidarity and collectivity

With regards



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