

MEMBERSHIP

Are you already active in promoting democracy, or involved in countering group-focused enmity as an association, initiative, organization or institution?

Become a member of the LND!

You will benefit from the following advantages:

- ▶ *Advertisement of your events on our platform*
- ▶ *Participation in regular network conferences*
- ▶ *Heightened visibility for your work*
- ▶ *Presentation on our website and on social media*
- ▶ *Inclusion of your topics and issues in democracy forums*
- ▶ *Featuring workshops and projects in our catalog*
- ▶ *Mention of your contributions in the final project publication*



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NETWORK SHAPING DEMOCRACY IN LEIPZIG



THE LEIPZIG NETWORK FOR DEMOCRACY (LND)

Under the direction of the Erich-Zeigner-Haus, the Leipzig Network for Democracy aims to establish and promote long-term and sustainable structures of democracy in Leipzig through neighborhood-based initiatives, thus strengthening democratic society as a whole.

The project is directed at both existing democratic initiatives and actors in Leipzig, as well as at all those interested in fostering a culture of democratic community and actively countering ideologies of inequality, group-focused enmity and anti-democratic tendencies. It is particularly in the outlying areas of Leipzig that we seek to establish the structures necessary for self-effective and pro-democratic activities.

Why another Network?

The LND is the first city-wide, non-partisan network operating from within civil society. As such it acts as a voice for engaged citizens, provides support for their concerns and issues, as well as mediating between them and existing actors and authorities.

SHAPING DEMOCRACY TOGETHER

The work rests on three pillars: support, networking, and efficacy.

SUPPORT

► **Advice and counseling for democratic engagement**

We support and accompany the process of founding associations and working groups, help with the establishment of organizational structures as well as providing assistance with the procurement of funding. Counseling takes place in the Erich-Zeigner-Haus, a historic and living venue of Leipzig's democratic history.

► **Advice and assistance for the organization of events**

We help find adequate venues and spaces for events, as well as speakers and moderators, and in securing funding for these events.

► **Advice and support for schools**

We assist with the planning and organization of democracy-related project days, help put together workshops and suggest speakers from within our broader network.

NETWORKING

► For those interested in becoming active for democracy in Leipzig and are looking for the right group of people to join, we offer a detailed map of all the associations and initiatives in Leipzig together with their respective goals and missions.

► In the course of regular meetings of the democracy network we exchange our experiences and prepare our members for neighborhood focused town-hall meetings, citizens forums, and conferences.



The Erich-Zeigner-Haus at Zschochersche Strasse 21 in Leipzig

POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS

Democratic politics and effectiveness is based on dialogue. It is important for us to have conversations and to find a common way forward. This happens through:

► **Citizens' forums**

We invite everyone to participate in articulating the issues that are important to them in neighborhood discussions. What is most pressing or oppressive? What do we want in terms of change? What problems and obstacles do we face? How can democratic living-together be strengthened in our neighborhood?

► **Democracy Conferences**

These city-wide events pull together thought leaders, multipliers, and interested individuals to discuss current challenges and needs in strengthening the fabric of our democracy.

► **Workshop-catalog for democracy education**

If you are looking for further education and training, we offer a catalog of all the workshops offered by Leipzigs associations and initiatives involved in democracy work.

SUPPORT NETWORKING POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS

