



WORK

IMPACT HUB BERLIN

The new design of Berlin's Impact Hub provides a platform for innovation and society in which people work together across cultures and generations.

Like a second skin, the interior design of the new Impact Hub Berlin slots into the existing space of the building designed by Werner Düttmann in the 1960s on Friedrichstrasse in Berlin's Kreuzberg district. The design reflects the corporate philosophy of the Impact Hub Berlin as a co-working space and start-up centre for start-ups in the field of social entrepreneurship. It acts as a catalyst at the intersection of innovation and society, enabling people to work together across cultures and generations.

The concept envisions a blend of open and structured work areas, chill-out areas, independent office space, workshop, event and meeting rooms. The design features interplay between expanse and cohesion, communication and peace, dynamics and concentration. Its simple design forges a warm and open atmosphere that meets the needs of the young and dynamic start-up scene.

The sculptural wooden installation, which envelops the existing walls as a functional element, is transformed from a walk-in kitchen to seating platforms, Skype boxes, shelves and fixed tables. A box, serving as a "house within a house", contains office and meeting rooms. The wide and daylight-flooded area of the entrance area can be divided into zones with translucent sliding walls and can, therefore, react flexibly to different uses without losing its open character.

Following the motto of the Impact Hub Berlin "Together we build the future in which we want to live", an intensive participation process served as the basis for the design. During this time the users of the Impact Hub were involved in the planning process as well as in its direct implementation. This extraordinary cooperative venture rendered the building project something special. It was the impetus for a dynamic process of growth, change, adaptation and confrontation



for all who use, enliven and work with the space - enabling them to create an impact together.



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INFORMATION

TOPIC

Co-Working / Event-Space for Social Entrepreneurs

CATEGORY

Realisation

YEAR

2015

LOCATION

DE – Berlin Kreuzberg

SPACE

600 sq m

AWARDS

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CLIENT

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ABOUT

LXSY ARCHITEKTEN

We are LXSY ARCHITEKTEN - a planning office for inclusive architecture and interior design, founded in Berlin in 2015 by Kim Le Roux and Margit Sichrovsky. As a young architectural firm, we initiate, moderate and implement long-term, functional and sustainable projects that identify and strengthen the potential of places and social spaces. We act as an interface between clients and project partners and engage in a participatory process with all participants. With our work, we want to actively bring people together who appreciate interaction and seek to jointly develop new projects and perspectives. As part of a larger whole, we work in interdisciplinary networks and connect with actors from a variety of disciplines. Our services include our wide-ranging approach to design as well as support through all phases of planning and construction.

With our work, we pursue innovative approaches to working and living. Our interests range from office interiors, product design and architectural spaces, to our own concepts and social initiatives. With each of our projects, we try to influence social coexistence. We are convinced architecture can promote a socially, culturally, ecologically and economically sustainable future. Our approaches are unconventional and by rethinking working processes we create tailor-made solutions. We work for visionary clients to jointly develop concepts for sustainable cooperation.