

Press Release  
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## LOCAL COOPERATIONS IN KASSEL—THE PROGRAM OF KASSEL'S EKOSISTEM AT RURUHAUS



documenta fifteen: ruruHaus, Welcome Center, Kick Start Of The Day on August 8 with Naomi Segal, 2022, Photo: Nicolas Wefers

As Kassel's living room, ruruHaus at documenta fifteen stands for openness, for togetherness, and for the exchange of resources as an artistic practice. As an anchor point of Kassel's ekosistem, ruruHaus already invited groups from diverse communities, artists, collectives, and students to participate in this place and "activate" it together ahead of the opening of documenta fifteen.

Those contributing to ruruHaus are people or groups from Kassel and the surrounding area involved in the creation and activation of ruruHaus with their projects, ideas, and strategies. Together they create a space for encounters and provide mutual support. Since the opening of ruruHaus in 2020, its ekosistem has grown steadily. Members of this network include:

Buchkinder Kassel, Karibu Kassel e.V., Kassel postkolonial, k.format, Gärtnerei Fuldaaue, Hugenottenhaus, Essbare Stadt e.V., Freies Radio Kassel e.V., Galeria Kollektiva, Baunataler Diakonie, KolorCubes, Kopiloten e.V., kmmn\_practice, Kunstgespräche,

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//KOMPOST, Moving School, Kulturfabrik Salzmann e.V., Omas gegen Rechts, Raamwerk e.V., Ohrenkratzer e.V., Radio Rasclat, RHO Kollektiv, Rote Rübe e.V., Rotopol, Shards, Social Science Lab, Stadtteilzentrum Wesertor, Station of Commons, Streetbolzer e.V., Swingin' Kassel, Tanz\*werk Kassel e.V., Terrarista TV, The Pawn Broker, The Rapid Publisher, ZukunftsDorf22, and many more.

### **ruruHaus Program**

During documenta fifteen, **ruruhaus underground** hosts the Kassel ekosistem and friends of documenta fifteen to organize events, workshops, readings, and lectures or to meet to socialize and network. A free program runs here almost every day. The current calendar of events of the ruruHaus is available online at [ruruhaus.de/en/kalender](http://ruruhaus.de/en/kalender) and also in the [calendar](#) of events of documenta fifteen.

The program includes the following regular events:

#### **Daily, 10.30 am**

##### **Kick-Start of the Day**

##### **Venue: Arena**

Every day will see 15-minute introductions to documenta fifteen with, among others, the sobat-sobat art mediators, members of ruangrupa, the Artistic Team, actors from the Kassel ekosistem or employees of the partners.

#### **Every Wednesday, 6 pm**

##### **Kunstgespräche: Conversations on documenta fifteen**

##### **Venue: ruruhaus underground**

The Kunstgespräche or Art Conversations initiative invites you to ask and research together the central concerns of documenta fifteen. This offer provides space and time to sound out your personal attitudes to art and life in exchange with others.

#### **Every Thursday, 3 pm**

##### **Omas gegen Rechts: Review – Experience – Outlook**

##### **Venue: ruruhaus underground**

Omas gegen Rechts (Grandmas against the Right) invites you to open discussions over a cup of tea. Omas gegen Rechts is a civil-society, non-partisan initiative that resists nationalism, racism, and anti-Semitism and draws attention to the shift to the right occurring in society.

## Projects in ruruHaus

In the basement of ruruHaus, not only will a diverse program of events take place—various projects from the lumbung network and the Kassel ekosistem will also be presented here.

**Beeholder – Beecoin – BeeDAO** by lumbung member ZK/U – Center for Art and Urbanistics, a project care of the artist collective KUNSTrePUBLIK (Matthias Einhoff, Philip Horst, Harry Sachs), emerges from a blockchain-based artistic practice. As a *Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO)*, the project works to improve the living conditions of bees. 15 beekeepers from Kassel are participating in this project and visitors can get involved.

**MAP “A Landscape” Local Knowledge Kassel East** is an urban walk care of MAP Markus Ambach Projekte in collaboration with Al Wali, Blüchergarten, Braumanufaktur Steckenpferd, Essbare Stadt, GemüseSelbstErnte am Waldauer Fußweg, KGV Schwanenwiese, Meister Florian, Mike Euler, MiLa Unterneustadt, Renèe Tribble/TU Dortmund, SOLAWI Gärtnerei Fuldaaue, Rene Wagner, and ZK/U. The focus is on the local knowledge of various initiatives in Kassel East which can be discovered on a walk from the Fulda to Bettenhausen.

**KSV Ultra Haus** is a joint project by KSV Hessen Kassel, Fanprojekt Fullestadt, the Ultras from Block 30, and cartoonist Burkhardt Fritsche that takes a critical look at the commercialization of modern soccer.

## Directions and Access:

ruruHaus  
Obere Königsstraße 43  
34117 Kassel, Germany

ruruHaus is open to visitors daily from 9.30 am to 8.30 pm with entrance via Obere Königsstraße and via Treppenstraße. Barrier-free access is also available.

It can be reached on tram lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and RT4. Get off is at the Friedrichsplatz stop. During the 100 days of documenta fifteen, ruruHaus is also home to the Welcome Center offering comprehensive information, tickets, and bookable tours, as well as a café and books and products by lumbung members and lumbung artists at *Books & Goods* and *lumbung Kios*. Admission to ruruHaus is free.

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