



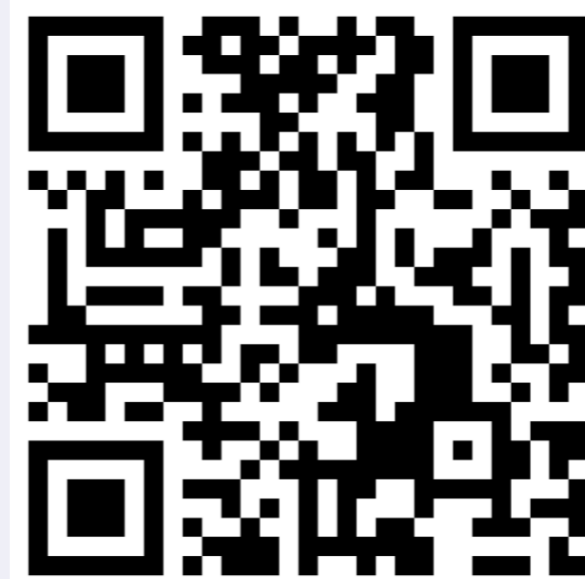
# doing democracy

connecting academia and civil society across borders

## Utopia e.V.

**Civic Education | Anti-Racism/Queer\_Minority Protection  
Political Participation | Community Building**

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### Short (Research) Profile & Mission

We are an association based in Frankfurt (Oder), that has been active since 1998, focusing on emancipatory anti-fascist, anti-racist and queerfeminist youth, cultural and educational work.

We organise concerts, parties, cinema evenings etc., where we aim to create a safer space that is as free from discrimination and as empowering as possible. It is important to us to counter the far-right situation in the city. That is why we organise demonstrations, information events and seminars.

### Current (Research) Project

Aim: We want to reach out to young people and encourage them to get involved in Politics and Culture. We want to create and share knowledge on challenges and visions.

- Regular KüfA (**K**üche für **A**lle / kitchen for everybody)
- Sport courses (Circus, Krav Maga, Boxing)

### Current (Research) Project

- Workshops of Wendo and Graffiti together with Stuck e.V. as part of "Liebe, Sex, Respekt", a month of events in May
- Part of the Crews of the Fusion-Festival
- Reporting Centre for right-wing and racist incidents in Frankfurt (Oder)

### Questions to Academia

Civil society produces knowledge, develops concepts and carries out educational work, yet is still mostly treated as an object of study rather than an equal partner.

- What concrete structures can universities create to recognise civil society as a co-producer of knowledge, align research with its needs and make results accessible and usable in practice?
- How can structures be created, that enable joint research processes and collaboration?

### Questions to Civil Society

- How can we build stronger networks between local and international initiatives?
- How can we bring together local and international knowledge, and build on it?
- How can we support each other, especially with limited financial and human resources?
- How do you deal with burnout and overload in volunteer-based cultural, educational and political work?
- How can we reach young people and encourage them to get involved in politics?

### Questions to (Political) Decision-Makers

Young people are often treated as target groups of policy, rather than as political actors shaping it.

- What mechanisms will you introduce to ensure that self-organised youth structures are structurally involved and have binding influence on political decisions instead of merely reacting to them? What concrete measures are being taken to make them resilient against authoritarian and exclusionary politics?
- How can you ensure accessible political participation?

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