



# doing democracy

connecting academia and civil society across borders

**mitMachen e. V.**

## Project „Democracy Bridgets“

Civic Education | Political Participation | Community Building

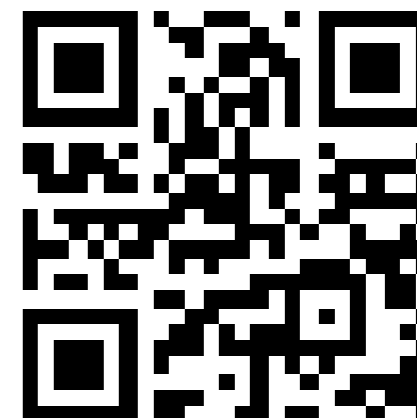
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### Short (Research) Profile & Mission

**‘We want to support people to become more involved in (local) democracy.’**

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The association has around 10 full-time employees. We are active in the areas of  
a) citizen participation, b) neighbourhood work and c) democracy work/civic education.



### Current (Research) Project

**Youth project "Democracy Bridges – Discovering the local community as a place of democracy!"**

We show young people aged 15 and above opportunities for political participation in their local area.

- Development of democracy + simulation games
- Local Comic Labs
- Workshops for schools and professionals

**Funding:** Federal programme ‘Demokratie leben!’

### Current (Research) Project



### Questions to Academia

**Experience:** What experience do you have in working with NGOs? Where do you see challenges, and where do you see opportunities for new insights?

**Interest in cooperation:** We are open to joint international projects between universities and NGOs on topics such as democracy, participation, democratic politics, etc.

### Questions to Civil Society

**Lobbying:** Are you interested in discussions on improving democracy work?

**Educational exchange:** We are open to exchange and joint projects.

**Open Space Conference: 23 Nov. 2026**  
**‘Democracy. That’s what we do in Brandenburg!’**  
(event in German language)

### Questions to (Political) Decision-Makers

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Languages:  
German/English/Polish

1. What experiences have you had with civic education?
2. What do you know about the current situation of educational NGOs?
3. Would you advocate for a state democracy promotion law (Demokratiefördergesetz)?