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“Que[e]rbau Seestadt”

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A short presentation of the project:

First a note on Seestadt, which is a newly developed district on the outskirts of Vienna that provides housing for about 25,000 Viennese and ambitiously wants to enable proximity to nature with good connections (public transport) to the inner city. A special feature of Seestadt are the street names, which all go back to women.

Qe[e]rbau addresses queer lifestyles and alternative family and neighbourhood concepts. Diverse ways of life are actively sought that offer an alternative to single and nuclear family structures. The buildings are open not only for diverse living needs, but also as concrete space offers for the apartment building communities. Not only can people eat and debate together, these rooms are also used for exhibitions, political debates, history and cultural education.

The Qe[e]rbau was occupied in 2017, and the future residents were involved in the planning.



“Yella Yella!” is the shared “living room” of the residents of the house - open to guests, neighbours, etc. - that has been in existence since 2017.



Short presentation of the organization / association:

Qe[e]rbau is organised as an association and obviously goes back to the initiative of individuals.

Aspects that make this practice a good example of safe learning space:

The spatial aspect of Qe[e]rbau is interesting. It is the living space itself that is chosen as the place of learning by collectively considering how the common space is designed and for whom the space is opened. Here the the - controversial - feminist slogan "The Private is Political" has found a concrete spatial "translation".

Protection against discrimination (as an LGBTQ person) is certainly also an important aspect that was decisive for the foundation.

Exploring the cross-border transferability:

Create spaces in which the people living in them can determine the space. As a transfer, it would also be conceivable to create this common space in houses and to promote participatory processes.

Contacts and links for further reading:

<https://queerbaudotat.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.yellayella.at/aktuell/donnerstag-essen/>

