



HomeBase LAB Berlin, in collaboration with Positive Nett-Works e.V. / Open Forum is pleased to invite you to a unique event on the topic of:

'art in service': interrogating social practice

with Todd Lester, our special guest.

February 10th, 18:00 - 21:00 pm
HomeBase LAB, Thulestrasse 54, 13189 Pankow, Berlin

Hosted by Bas Kools, Anat Litwin (HomeBase) and Farah Lenser (Open Forum).

Seats are limited, please RSVP at info@homebaseberlin.com by Feb 6th the event is free, donations are welcome.

While Berlin is filling up with visitors who are in town for the "Radius of Art" conference on social innovation in the arts, we were interested in creating a more "hands on" direct discussion and exchange among artists, activists, scholars, the public, and organizations who are deeply committed to this topic, with an aim to further understand and articulate what is the meaning and value of "art in service".

Todd Lester, renowned activist in the field of social innovation, founder of [FreeDimensional](#) and its Creative Resistance Fund (CRF) and serves as the current Executive Director of [Global Arts Corps](#), adviser for [HomeBase Project](#) and many other non-profits operating at the intersection of art and social innovation, will join HomeBase Project and [Positive Nett-Works e.V. / Open Forum](#) for this evening, to share insights based on his accumulated experience and ongoing research in the field, and to discuss local and international perspectives in an open format setting.

The program of the evening includes:

18:00 - 19:30

Introductions: Todd Lester

HomeBase Project & Service - Anat Litwin and Bas Kools

Positive Nett-Works e.V. / Open Forum - Farah Lenser

19:45 - 21:00

Open Forum Conversations

stay for drinks / homemade soup at the bar

HomeBase LAB, Thulestrasse 54, 13189 Berlin-Pankow, U2-Bahn Vinetastr. for a 20 minutes walk or take from M2, M13, M12 towards Prenzlauer Allee / Osteestrasse.

HomeBase is set in the back yard between building 52-56, a white green house is the indication of our entrance. If possible RSVP at info@homebaseberlin.com

About Global Arts Corps and Todd Lester:

Global Arts Corps' mission is to offer innovative strategies for communities in conflict to process the past in order to thrive in the future. The Corps brings together world-class artists from opposite sides of civil, religious, and racial conflict, who, together, create theatrical productions that tour the world's conflict zones to advance the cause of reconciliation.

Todd Lester founded freeDimensional (fD) which works with residencies in over 80 countries to host culture workers in dire situations. Currently, he serves on the boards of residencies in India, Germany, and Mexico and recently wrote desk studies for FREEMUSE/SIDA and Res Artis/Fonds

BKVB on the residency sectors in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey, West Africa, North Africa, Middle East, Central America and South America. This Winter, he is convening a workshop for the Heinrich Boell Stiftung on 'Conditions that put Artists in Danger' for its February 2012 Radius of Art conference and for TPAM Yokohama giving a keynote talk on residency and new forms of sharing in the wake of the 2011 earthquake in March.

Todd recently assumed the role of Executive Director for Global Arts Corps. Before that, he consulted for the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Fonds BKVB, Lambert Foundation, Arts Collaboratory, and the Astraea Lesbian Justice Foundation. Todd holds a Masters of Public Administration from Rutgers University and is a graduate of the Refugee Studies Centre's Summer School in Forced Migration at Oxford University. Todd received the Peace Corps Fund Award for his work starting freeDimensional; was named 'Architect of the Future' by the Waldzell Institute in 2008; and serves as a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute where he is the focal point on issues of art and policy.

About HomeBase Project

HomeBase is a site-specific, artist run residency and research program, which sees contemporary art as a medium for social dialogue and neighborhood-building. The focus of the project is the artistic interactive discussion and creation around the notion of "Home", transforming vacant urban sites into vital platforms for intercultural exchange, engaging international artists and local residents in community cultivation.

Founded in 2006 in NYC by Israeli-American artist and curator Anat Litwin, the HomeBase Project took place in five different locations in NYC and in Berlin and has been acknowledged in the New York Times and at Volta art fair as 'a new model for public art'. It is currently based in Berlin at Thulestraße 54 in Pankow, at the former site of the Berliner Engelhardt brewery, which has become the HomeBase LAB - an artistic home, research and education center that seats the headquarters of the nonprofit association and functions as a venue for an international artist-in-residence program. Future HomeBase Projects are marked for Jerusalem in fall 2012 in collaboration with schir, connecting NYC, Berlin and Jerusalem artistic communities around the question of home using new media technology.

About Positive Nett-Works e.V.

Positive Nett-Works e.V. (PNW) as a non-profit organisation initiates cultural and educational events and performances. It also works in the field of alternative media to bridge mindsets and connect youth sharing positive examples to save the environment and foster international understanding and cooperation. PNW maintains a flexible structure with variable project teams. One is the Open Forum organizing since more than 15 years Roundtables, Conferences, Gatherings, and Salons.

Beside the Magic Roundtable method developed by the Open-Forum Team special focus is laid on group facilitation and systemic and self-organized structured formats and approaches in meeting and dialogue design, bridging conversations, deliberations and encounters. Another focus is laid on artistic interventions in groups, youth empowerment, peace and mediation in inter-cultural and inter-religious settings. Focus is on peace-making and mediation, co-creation, empowerment and giving voice, in short: re-inventing participation and celebrating unity in diversity. Partners include schools, regional authorities and associations depending on the projects in progress. Main themes are public capacity building in areas such as inter-cultural, inter-religious understanding and mediation, inter-faith dialogues, environmental education and the arts. Support is typically received through clients or public funding, foundations, municipalities, and partners. More recent activities included also some salon events in Berlin and research and implementation of Structured Dialogue Designs in highly complex and dynamic settings. You can find literature and event descriptions at various internet platforms.

Save the date - end exhibition / HomeBase BUILD festival, March 3/4/5th at the HomeBase LAB in Berlin, don't miss this exciting multi-disciplinary event and the brewing of Ignatz Bier. The Open House festival will be followed by a special event at VOLTA ART SHOW in NYC.