



Press statement of Prinzessinnengarten, released December 18th

Dear press representatives,

In the last few months, we started a campaign (“Let it grow!”) to secure a future for Prinzessinnengarten. We are more than happy to inform you that this campaign was successful. Last Friday the ground was laid for the “beautiful and wild” urban green of Prinzessinnengarten to thrive in the coming years.

Wide support for the petition of Prinzessinnengarten: more than 30.000 signatures collected

On hearing the news that closure threatened Prinzessinnengarten, many people spontaneously offered us their support. More than 30.000 people signed our petition regarding the future of the garden. It is the broad support for the cause of the garden that made the difference.

A step towards a sustainable policy in the management of public property in Berlin

On the 14th of December, the board of the Berlin Property Fund agreed to the request of the Borough Kreuzberg-Friedrichshain: to return the land properties located at Moritzplatz and at the former site of Maria on the Spree to the Borough. A new perspective for the future of Prinzessinnengarten and Yaam opens up. According to Mr. Schulz, Mayor of the Borough, these two projects are crucial to Berlin. He considers Prinzessinnengarten as a free space laboratory for a sustainable development of the city. The decision in favor of Yaam and Prinzessinnengarten also indicates a step forward in a sustainable real estate policy, in which social, cultural and ecological criteria are taken into serious consideration; it is a strong signal in the appreciation of free-spaces in this city.

A success, which only a few believed in, and that was only made possible collectively

We thank all the people, partners and initiatives, who supported us and engaged in

our campaign “Wachsen Lassen!” (“Let it grow!”) for the future of Prinzessinnengarten in the last few months.

Crowd funding for Prinzessinengarten

To support Prinzessinnengarten we also started a crowd funding action (www.startnext.de/prinzessinnengarten)

Statements

Robert Shaw:

“The garden has now a future. It is a milestone for us, and hopefully, it will also point at a change of direction in the policy of the Berlin Property Fund”

Marco Clausen:

“Moritzplatz is an enchanted place, where another fairy tale came true. First of all, a garden grew out of a wasted land. And now, with the help of many, many people, a future is made possible for this urban garden. This could be exemplary for a sustainable management of public property in our city.”

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