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Experiment and Utopia

The STATTFINDEN Festival is the kick-off event for the development of the Glasfabrik Leipzig.

From the 1st to the 10th September 2017, D21 Kunstraum Leipzig e.V., in cooperation with OCTAGON e.V. will host the STATTFINDEN Festival, an event on the site of a former glass factory in the Leutzsch district of Leipzig. The festival will signify the start of the long-term development of this industrial monument on Franz-Flemming-Straße. A shared space will emerge on the site that will enable artistic as well as academic activities to take place in a variety of ways. Initiated by a collective of resident cultural workers and the new owners, a laboratory will be set up for the investigation of issues such as urbanism, urban development, art and ecology. For ten days, the Glasfabrik will turn into a festival area, ideas workshop, and testing ground for living utopias.

By focusing on this combination of subjects, the STATTFINDEN Festival will practically and theoretically explore the concept of interdisciplinary, cooperative and experimental work within the controversial field of the growing city. Three workshops which concentrate on regional and international processes of change will provide a platform for discussions with the urban community.

In a LAB, 7 projects will be realised, both before and during the festival, which were selected by a jury from 31 proposals. The "Subjektive Transformationsatlas" (*Atlas of Subjective Transformation*), for example, investigates and visualises the influence of the growing city on the lives of its residents through an interactive online map. The project "Make the City" will occupy the Glasfabrik with improvisational dance and a tent utopia, which will create a moving counter model to the ubiquitous displacement found in the growing city. On the 9th September all projects will be presented to the public.

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Detailed information about the festival programme, projects and the Glasfabrik can be found on our website www.glasfabrik.org and on www.facebook.com/GlasfabrikLeipzig as well as on Instagram under [@glasfabrik_leipzig](https://www.instagram.com/glasfabrik_leipzig).

About D21:

D21 Kunstraum Leipzig e.V. has been organising exhibitions of contemporary art with international artists since 2006. The art association understands itself as a platform and field of experimentation for artists and exhibition makers. The exhibition programme is accompanied by experimental film series, symposiums, workshops, readings and concerts.

About Octagon e.V.:

OCTAGON e.V. – space for architecture and the urban – has been dealing with socially built environments since 2014. Various formats such as exhibitions and publications form the basis of exchange and dialogue in Leipzig.

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