

OPEN CALL

Autonomous cultural projects such as Park Platz serve as a playground for counterculture, bringing together various people and interests. Working within such a project offers the opportunity to establish resistant counterpoints. However, living within counterculture demands energy, perseverance, and financial resources.

Despite numerous wonderful moments and rewarding experiences, the collective involved in Park Platz has frequently encountered its own and external limitations, often exceeding its resources.

For this reason, in the summer of 2023, we have embarked on a process of reorientation, engaging in many discussions regarding the future of Park Platz. We believe that when structures cease to function effectively, they must undergo change. Through this OPEN CALL, we aim to open up space for new individuals and ideas.

Specifically, we aim to establish a new operational collective.

WE ARE SEEKING:

Collectives or individuals willing to assume management, operation, and overall responsibility for the 'Park Platz' project. Concepts and structures may be radically reinvented.

It is possible to apply for a specific section of the area only, but the formation of an overall organising committee is required.

WE OFFER:

Approximately 2000 square meters of space in a central location in Zurich. Situated by the Limmat, the area is highly frequented in the summer. At the heart of the site lies a 'buvette' with approximately 40 indoor seats and around 100 outdoor seats.

There are other spaces apart from the buvette, including an open-air stage, an office space (10m²), a workshop (30m²), a multi-purpose room (42m²), and approximately 45m² of storage space across several shipping containers.

Additionally, certain corners are currently managed by self-organised groups, including a wood-fired sauna, a community garden, a workshop, and three beehives.

Permission has been granted for the architectural expansion of the eastern part of the area, potentially creating additional usable rooms.

Park Platz currently holds a rental contract with the city of Zurich until 2028, with an option for extension.

POSITION OF PARK PLATZ:

We are a small group of individuals who either founded Park Platz and/or have played significant roles in the project in recent years. Ideally, we would like to remain involved on-site periodically according to our personal interests.

We hope that Park Platz will maintain a similar political stance and preserve its values. The area should remain a hub of counterculture, open to the public, non-commercial, and sensitive to issues of discrimination.

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PRINCIPLES:

NON-COMMERCIAL:

PARK PLATZ PRIMARILY SERVES AS A NON-COMMERCIAL MEETING PLACE. THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR PROFIT MAXIMISATION.

NO DISCRIMINATION:

PARK PLATZ SHOULD BE FREE FROM SEXISM, NATIONALISM, RACISM, ABLEISM, AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION. WHILE THIS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE FULLY ACHIEVED, IT REMAINS A FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPACE.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

THE AREA SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, SERVING AS A MEETING PLACE FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, AGES, AND GENDERS.

STEPS OF THE PROCESS:

- **Information event:** May 13th 2024, 18:30h, Park Platz
- **Application deadline:** June 16th 2024
- Initial feedback on applications will be provided by early August 2024.
- Start of the handover process: Autumn 2024

INFORMATION EVENT:

At the information event, we will offer a deeper understanding of the Park Platz project, explaining its previous organisational structures and our envisioned handover process.

Interested parties can ask questions, visit the site, discuss ideas, and network.

We are looking forward to receiving your application. We are available for any enquiries at the information event or via email (info@park-platz.org). Please do not submit applications via email.

You may submit your application using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Rwpf9QNGTrPVMYiw9>

xx, The Parki Team

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