

**EDUCAT**

***ANNUAL REPORT***

**2023**







Dear interested, colleagues, comrades, supporters and friends of emancipatory education!

Another eventful year with exciting projects, workshops, learning experiences and encounters in the midst of politically challenging times and circumstances has come to an end. (Ok, admittedly, it's been a while, but it's never too late for a little reflection) Our feelings are as varied as the year itself, when we think back: grateful, fulfilled, hopeful, excited, happy and motivated, as well as exhausted, annoyed, anxious, depressed and sad.

Above all, however, we are happy that we can do educational work in a collective organisation that we find important and meaningful. In this annual report, we are happy to share with you a little insight into our year 2023, as you will see: The year really was incredibly full...

## Educat in numbers

- 5-6 people at at least 2 places in 2 offices
- 9 monthly supporting members (Thanks! But: a little room for improvement! – Click [here](#) for the application)
- 43 internal organisational conference calls, which are actually video calls (but we still call them telcos :))
- 4 huge projects
- 9 BigX (2-day team meetings in presence) + one week together in Wendland
- 3 big educational trips: 2 x Georgia, 1 x Vienna
- Many hours of bureaucracy and 866 bookings
- 26 external workshops/seminars (weeks) + 2 hiking weekends
- around 50 self organized workshops and events
- 42 Instagram-Posts
- (almost ;) ) every month a newsletter
- 3 publications:
  - Education programme 2023/2024
  - Brochure "How can we dare? On attempts to reduce discrimination in groups"
  - Brochure on the exhibition "Cultures of Remembrance – Exploring different narratives about National Socialism and the Second World War"
- 1 exhibition (our first!)







## Coming and going in the Collective

We are delighted that in the middle of the year – after many months of effort and nerve-racking bureaucracy – Masha finally joined our Dresden team as the 6th Educat. She is an activist from Belarus and works on the topics of informal education, remembrance work and human rights.

She is part of our projects "Cultures / Bridges of Remembrance" and "Anti War Hub" and brings new languages and experiences to our collective.

For you, this means that you can finally expect more non-German-language workshops in the future. At the same time, we are already wistful because Team Berlin will be saying goodbye this year due to other personal plans for the future...



## Educat on Tour

In 2023, for the first time in the history of the collective, we had the opportunity to literally cross national borders together. In April, we visited our project partners from the Anti War Hub in Georgia, rummaged through piles of invoices, exchanged ideas with activists in workshop formats about cultures of remembrance, transnational solidarity in the Ukraine war and self-organisation. We planned upcoming encounters and ate lots of khinkali.

In April, we attended the meeting of the nationwide collective network in Lübeck, stayed in the wonderful schickSAAL\*, the collectively run, queer-feminist and anarchist hostel, and spent 4 days with around 80 other collectivists from all over Germany thinking about a collectively organised future – which resulted in the founding of a collective association that is currently being set up.

In July, we took a whole week – also for the first time – to plenary and went for a walk across the fields in the beautiful Wendland.

In October, we went on another educational trip to Tbilisi, Georgia, as part of the Cultures of Remembrance project, where we gained new perspectives and learnt about exciting debates on transnational remembrance. At the end of the year, the participants shared some of their impressions at the "Cultures of Remembrance Exhibition – diverse narratives about National Socialism and the Second World War" at the Museum of Capitalism in Berlin.







## Educational program 2023/2024

We spent the first half of 2023 working together on our very first education program. We were tired of waiting for someone to ask us about our favourite topics. Instead, we wanted to test whether we could determine the content ourselves in line with our educational goal – and if people would come (which they usually did).

This educational program with workshops, hikes and weekend training courses runs until mid-2024. The events take place in Berlin, Dresden and the surrounding area and range from feminist and class struggle topics to conflict transformation and experimental education to memorial hikes. You can find more information and how to register [here](#).

We can already reveal at this point: There will be a new educational programme afterwards – stay tuned!

## Cultures of Remembrance-Ausstellung

In autumn 2023, Masha, Maria and Juri curated and organised the exhibition "Cultures of Remembrance – Exploring different narratives about National Socialism and the Second World War" with many great artists. On December 1, we were able to celebrate its opening with many visitors on a wonderful evening. A huge thank you goes to everyone who exhibited their work, supported us in various ways or came along to one of the opening days or the numerous accompanying workshops! The exhibition was open for 6 weeks, 9 impressive workshops took place and numerous discussions were held. You find all the information [here](#).

Our expectations in terms of visitor numbers have been far exceeded and we are delighted to have received a lot of positive feedback! It makes us really happy and proud to see how people have received the result of almost five months of exhibition planning and three years of project work and how much they have learnt about the underrepresented perspectives in the narratives about the Second World War and the Nazi era.

We have learnt and taken away so much from the exhibitors and visitors that we will need at least another month to process it all. But we already know one thing: We also want to show this exhibition in other places in Germany – preferably this year in Saxony, where the state elections are due in autumn. If you have any specific ideas (also outside Germany) or would like to find out more, please write to us!







Like you, we're sure, we have been shaken by the terrible events in Israel and Palestine in recent months. We've spent a lot of time dealing with the issue privately, within the collective and in other political contexts, especially with our own culture of remembrance in Germany. Once again, it has shown us how important it is to talk about what the slogan "Learning from history" really means and how important it is to forge transnational relationships based on shared, emancipatory values. We hope to be able to continue and increase our contribution here in the future.

## Caring Arts



Together with other participants from the project, our collectivista Fine organised and attended the Caring Arts Lab in Vienna in September 2023. In this week-long meeting, artists and activists with marginalised gender identities and/or disabilities exchanged experiences, methods and approaches to creating accessible art and spaces of resistance. Many great ideas and contributions emerged during the project, which you will soon be able to view on the project website.

## Categorically consistent! Recognising, understanding and changing discriminatory structures.

In this project, Maja and Lu from Team Dresden accompanied objekt klein a, Palais Palett and Hillersche Villa from Saxony from 2022 to 2023 in order to recognise and reduce discrimination in their structures. The project included numerous workshops with the groups and two public multiplier training sessions that took place in Dresden and Wurzen in November 2023.

We also wanted to make the extensive experiences from the project accessible to other contexts in the long term, which is why we wrote the brochure "How can we dare? On attempts to reduce discrimination in groups", which can be downloaded [here](#).

We are very proud of the result and hope that it will encourage you to tackle the issue of discrimination in your own contexts! And even though there was a super nice closing event at objekt klein a in December 2023, the project will go into a new round in 2024. So please get in touch if you are interested – you can find all the information [here](#).







## Mende. “Volksempfänger”, armaments production and forced labour in the Dresden industrial area

Our collectivist Lu, together with other committed people from a wide range of professions, has been researching forced labour in the Dresden industrial area with the group “Fragments and Frequencies”. You can find the first results on the [website](#).

## Networking

As diverse as our interests are, so are the networks in which we are involved – sometimes more actively, sometimes less actively. In Dresden, we have been actively involved in the development and implementation of the Collective Agreement since 2023, within the framework of which political groups want to find collective ways of dealing with sexualised violence in their own structures. We have also taken part in the meetings and cycle tours organised by the Dresden Collective Network. In Berlin, we are part of the collective network and we are also part of the nationwide educational collective network and the nationwide collective network.



## 5 years of Educat educational collective

A little preview of this year and a reason to look forward to it:  
we will be 5 years old in 2024!

We want to celebrate this together with you, so make a note of the following in your diary: Party on June 14 2024 at AZ Conni in Dresden. Come along and join us in celebrating the struggles of the queer-feminist, anti-fascist and class-struggle movements in the 2024 election year in Saxony!