



# «PaG Karlshof»

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## Once upon a time...

- This cooperative was established in 2005 and is an agricultural project with the aspect of being non-commercial. The garden is situated in a rural area 90 km north of Berlin. The gardeners bring their products (mainly potatoes) especially to Berlin and share them. The project is included in a network of different groups. The main working group consists of 6 persons in Templin, but the network of helpers is very big (appr. 150 persons).
- 2012: the main group dissolved, but the PaG is still in charge for the farm. The aim is to build up a new main group.

## Objectives

- Production of food for subsistence.
- non-commercial agriculture ("NKL" = "nicht kommerzielle Landwirtschaft")
- The aim is not to produce vegetables to sell them on a market. Rather the production is seen as a community project. The sharing is carried out without cash payment. The performance of a person during the cultivation has no influence on the amount of the harvest which this person can obtain.

## Values

- The project is an experiment with a clear political approach. The gardeners try to break with the capitalist mode of production (sharing of the harvest for free instead of the exchange: product - money)
- Close contact between producers and consumers (often urban residents).

## Activities & Events

- Collectively organized production and distribution. During the harvest (3 weeks in the summer) the supporters gather at the farm.

## Ideas for tomorrow

- Non-commercial food sharing

## Partners of the garden

- PaG
- Different networks

## Structure of the garden

- Surface: 50 ha
- Organisation of plots: fields
- Equipments & infrastructures:
  - farmhouse, several machines (e.g. tractor), solar-powered bath, oven

## Management

- Self organised
- managed by the PaG (Projektwerkstatt auf Gegenseitigkeit)
- main group in Templin: 6 persons
- network in whole Germany: 150 supporters

## What do we grow & for whom?

- vegetables (mainly potatoes)
- fruits
- corn

## Our good ideas & practices

- Contact between producers and consumers (help of the consumers during cultivation and harvest).
- Food for free

## Practical information

- Access: by train, bus, car
- Opening hours: 24 hour

## Contact

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Name of the  
managing  
organisation

Lokomotive  
Karlshof  
Templin

Birth of the  
garden

2005

Users of the  
garden

Partner of  
the network