



«Ton Steine Gärten»

**Ton Steine Gärten Berlin
Mariannenplatz
10997 Berlin**

Once upon a time...

- This garden is situated in Berlin-Kreuzberg near the Mariannenplatz and the Georg-von-Rauch-Haus (a very famous former squatted house). The name *Ton Steine Gärten* is dedicated to the well-known music group *Ton Steine Scherben* which was a mouthpiece of the left movement during the 70s and 80s in Germany and used the Georg-von-Rauch-Haus for the rehearsals.
- This garden is the result of an occupation in 2007. After the end of the dispute the garden was opened in August 2009 and is designed to be permanent (no lease payment to the city is needed). Mobile beds are not necessary. The garden is very popular in the neighbourhood (long waiting list for the takeover of beds).

Objectives

- Intercultural gardening in the midst of the densely populated city center.
- Meeting place for the multiethnic neighbourhood
- To gain experiences with subsistence farming.

Values

- Social integration
- Improvement of the communication in the neighbourhood..

Activities & Events

- Intercultural meetings in the garden
- “La Via Campesina” – Action Day
- Spring festival with a seed market
- Campfires in the garden

Ideas for tomorrow

- Construction of an insect hotel
- Experimentation with permaculture

Partners of the garden

- Stiftung Interkultur
- Allmende Kontor
- Projekthaus Potsdam
- Rosa Rose

Structure of the garden

- Surface: 1.000 m²
- Organisation of plots: 60 plots
 - Private single beds
 - collective plots
 - beds for children
 - special beds for e.g. tomatoes for all
- Equipments & infrastructures:
 - Public water supply (for free)

Management

- NGO (incorporated society)
- Decision-making at a monthly meeting

What do we grow & for whom?

- Vegetables, herbs and flowers
- Everything is for the users of the garden as a part of subsistence.

Our good ideas & practices

- Collective plots
- Intercultural events

Practical information

- Access: situated close to different stations (underground, bus)
- Opening hours : at any time (no fence existing)

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Name of the managing organisation

Ton Steine Gärten e.V.

Birth of the garden

- Occupation in 2007

- Opening in 2009

Users of the garden

Neighbours, Migrants ...