

STATEMENT CUDI

Who we are

CUDI was established in an apartment in Vollsmose, Odense, in the summer of 2000. Vollsmose is bounded on the outskirts of the city and has a multicultural climate - 60% of the 10.000 inhabitants have a foreign ethnic background, divided between 78 different nationalities.

The apartment is our private home and the residence of visiting artists but it also houses various exhibitions and art projects. Furthermore the apartment forms a framework for talks, films, evenings of various social activities.

CUDI function as a platform for development of ideas, art projects and exhibitions within sociality, contemporary art and -culture. CUDI deliberately operates in the crossfield between art, architecture and social activities, acknowledging the fact that contemporary art, society, shaping of space and critical reflection today make a coherent field of meaning.

A common denominator for CUDI's multifarious projects is to influence the shaping of public spaces while enthusiastically seeking a dialogue with the community in order to establish a platform for social gathering, for dialogue, analysis, critical thinking and the generation of ideas.

What we want

We want to create a meeting-place for the many ethnic groups who live in this community. CUDI's many varied activities all take their starting point in the social and cultural conditions and premises of the area. It is important that we and the visiting artists carry the projects through in collaboration with the other residents and base the projects on their ideas, needs and wishes. The keyword is dialogue. We want to accentuate the resources of the area. We want to establish a forum where a dialogue can take place, where ideas are generated, projects are created and visions arise.

Why

CUDI is a reaction to the medias representation of a reality that is in opposition to ethnic minorities.

CUDI is a reaction to the authorities marginalisation of social loaded families.

CUDI wants to change or displace existing social norms and structures to obtain more cultural visibility and democratic equality.

Through formation of network CUDI wants to encourage and strengthen the identity of the area.