

# EXCHANGE BERLIN

SLUICE

16–18 NOVEMBER 2018

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## The Event

Sluice Exchange is a peripatetic biennial expo which this November brings approximately 20 visiting galleries and projects to Berlin. Sluice, in partnership with Das Institut für Alles Mögliche – both non-profit arts orgs with a focus on supporting the artist & curator-led sector – will stage a three day event for galleries and projects that share similar foundational ideologies of independence and artistic engagement. Each participating Berlin-based and international gallery will combine to present a weekend of exhibitions, performances, talks & screenings. Whilst the UK is in the throes of disengagement from the EU – 2018 is an opportune time for a joint UK/EU initiative to deliver an internationally focused event. The expo ambitiously represents the independent art world by examining how global political developments impact on artists at a local level. The Sluice expo looks past current nationalistic trends to interrogate possible futures.

One of the questions Sluice asks is how can we advance emergent discourse via increased interaction on a local, national and international level? This question is intended to reflect our concerns and maybe those of some of the galleries and projects we work with. The Berlin edition of EXCHANGE is broadly themed around the local as transnational ideas battle re-emergent nationalistic tendencies. The artist/curator-led scene is often tied to the local (usually influenced by funding parameters or lack of funding altogether). But there is often an awareness that if the local isn't positioned within a broader inter/national context that it risks becoming parochial. EXCHANGE BERLIN focuses on the importance of solidarity, inclusion and collaboration. Is there a way to square internationalism with the destructive nature of globalisation? As nationalism rears its head around the world what response does art have?

## The Organisation

Sluice connects and promotes artist/curator-run and non-profit galleries and projects – globally. These projects are often isolated by lack of financial resources. EXCHANGE BERLIN leverages one asset that we do possess – the network and the will to act collaboratively to stage events beyond the capability of each of us individually.

EXCHANGE BERLIN is officially affiliated to the British council's UK/Germany 2018 season: “This season of events across Germany will build on the existing friendly knowledge and understanding between our countries. Despite the political uncertainties while the UK negotiates its exit from the European Union, we will celebrate established partnerships whilst forging new ones.”

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Dates/Opening Hours	16 November 2018	19:00–22:00
	17 November 2018	11:00–19:00
	18 November 2018	11:00–19:00

Location Kühlhaus, Luckenwalder Straße 3, 10963 Berlin

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