

Gefundenes Fressen

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A donation dinner

The market square is a place of social gathering and exchange but very often this takes place only during the actual market hours. We wanted to extend this event and increase the awareness of the constant social potential of the site. The idea was to lead over the energy from the market into a dinner for the neighbourhood and invite everyone to exchange their news over a meal or get to know each other.

Shortly before the end of the weekly market, we asked the traders to donate some food for our common dinner. We got vegetables, fruits, cheese, eggs or meat. The given food would not be firm or fresh on the next market days and therefore waste, yet it was perfect for the day. The only tools we brought were: a stove, some pots, paper plates and cutlery. The table and the seats were improvised out of empty cardboard boxes also from the market. While the market traders start to remove their booths, we slowly start to build up the donation dinner. We cooked several meals and everybody was invited to join the dining table. We were cooking and eating together until all leavings were gone. In the end the empty table stays as a sculptural installation and an invitation to proceed.



About the team

We are an international collective of architects and focus our work on the forgotten and unused resources of our cities. The name „Guerilla Architects“ evolved through a squatting experience in London in 2012. Questioning the socio-economical structures of the cities and the role and responsibility of architecture connects our group until today. We focus on unconventional subversive transformations of public spaces. We are a collective of makers, theorists and planners who range in between the fields of urban planning, built and temporary architectures, art, cultural history and theater. We come from Germany, Italy and Bulgaria and are based in Berlin, Göttingen, Sofia, and London.



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Space typology Market / Plaza

Intention Enjoying / Exchanging / Gathering / Raising awareness

Action Cooking food / Eating food / Recycling food / Serving food / Sharing food