

Digital Futures Gathering 2025

Thriving Futures For All

Berlin Global Village
October 1-2, 2025

**“Remember to imagine and craft
the worlds you cannot live without,
just as you dismantle the ones you
cannot live within.”**

— Ruha Benjamin

Welcome

The *Digital Futures Gathering – Thriving Futures for All* is taking place on October 1–2, 2025, at Berlin Global Village. It is organised by SUPERR, and co-hosted together with bff (the German Federal Association of Rape Crisis Centres and Women's Counselling Centres), Chayn, International Women Space*, and SHARE Foundation.

Berlin – with all its contradictions – is a place of gathering, resistance, and radical imagination. We are grateful to be convening here, even as we remain aware of the complex and urgent political conditions that shape this moment. You can read more about that in the section *Political Context & the Urgency of Now*.

This gathering invites us to co-create thriving, violence-free digital futures rooted in lived experience, struggle, and deep care.

About this booklet

This booklet was lovingly written and compiled by *Ouassima Laabich*, who also facilitates the Digital Futures Gathering. It reflects the collaborative spirit, deep care, and political clarity that have shaped this process from the beginning, held in dialogue with the co-conveners, community voices, and the visions that guide us.

This booklet is here to support you throughout the Digital Futures Gathering. It holds orientation and inspiration: a glimpse of the vision we're building, a sense of the flow of the days, and some tools for care and facilitation. You'll also find quotes from the field, logistical details, and emergency contacts, to help you feel resourced and connected.

Use it as a map, a reminder, a notebook, or a soft landing. Let it hold you, as you hold space for yourself and others.

Political Context and the Urgency of Now

This gathering unfolds in a charged political moment in Germany: one marked by intensifying surveillance, a sharp rise in anti-Muslim racism, increased repression against Palestine solidarity, and a broader securitization of dissent. As digital technologies are weaponized to silence, profile, and criminalize, our very tools of connection become terrains of control.

The ongoing genocide in Palestine, the criminalization of solidarity, and the entrenchment of hegemonic security discourses are not abstractions. They shape our bodies, our possibilities, and our futures online and offline. In Germany, this is felt acutely through racialized policing, digital repression, and shrinking spaces for migrant and feminist organizing.

To gather in this moment is not neutral. It is a political act of refusal and care. At the same time, we recognize the contradictory landscape in which we meet: while civil society spaces are increasingly shrinking across Germany – through legal restrictions, funding threats, and intensified surveillance – Berlin remains an extraordinary hub for resistance, imagination, and translocal organizing. We hold both. We are here to listen deeply and act collectively. To name the harm and also name the horizon.

This gathering insists on a different mode: one where digital justice cannot be detached from global justice, and where futures are not dictated from above, but shaped from the ground, by those most impacted, most excluded, and most visionary.

Our Shared Vision

The vision that has emerged through our conversations so far is not a final truth, but a distillation of our collective longings and political questions. It is an invitation to shape the gathering not only around what we resist, but around what we are ready to build together: The Digital Futures Gathering is a radical, collaborative space for confronting digital violence and imagining futures rooted in justice, care, and collective power.

We gather across movements, geographies, identities, and generations to ask: Who is digital justice really for? And what becomes possible when survivors, especially those at the margins, are not only centered but co-shaping the field? In a world where digital spaces are often sites of harm, control, surveillance, and exclusion, this convening insists on reclaiming them as spaces of healing, hope and transformation.

We begin not from what is broken, but from what is possible. From feminist encryption to reparation without punishment; from intergenerational learning to human-oriented/life-oriented tech imaginaries – we invite curiosity, conflict, and courage.

This gathering does not promise safety in abstraction. Rather, we are committed to building layered, transparent spaces: where power is acknowledged, where expertise from lived experience is honored, and where participation is not a checkbox but a practice. We are here to unlearn logics of isolation and criminalization, and to reimagine what digital solidarity can mean – not just for ourselves, but for and with those who are most often excluded from the discourse. We come together to listen. To ask hard questions. To hold contradictions. To map possible futures. And to ensure that when we leave, we leave not only with ideas: but with connections, roadmaps, and visions we can act on.

How to Hold Space and Be Held in It

Many of you are offering something into the gathering: a session, a story, a practice, a question. This is a space shaped by those who step into it. Whether you're facilitating or participating, this section offers a few grounding principles to help us move with care, intention, and courage.

If you are facilitating a space:

- Set your intention clearly: What is the invitation you are making? What kind of space are you cultivating?
- Design for presence, not perfection: It's okay to not know everything. Trust the process and let emergence guide you.
- Build consent into your space: Let people know what they're stepping into. Invite, don't demand.
- Hold slowness and silence as part of the rhythm.
- Allow for bodies: Participants may want to move, stand, lie down, or step out. That's part of the work.

If you are participating:

- Enter with openness and care: This space is co-created. Your presence matters.
- Be mindful of voice and space: Notice how much you speak, and how you hold others' contributions.
- Take breaks when needed: Stepping out is welcome.
- Respond with generosity: If something doesn't land right, stay curious.
- Celebrate small moments of connection: They are part of the futures we are already building.

This gathering does not run on expertise alone. It runs on presence, courage, and collective holding. Thank you for showing up.

Gathering Rhythm and Emergent Flow I

To support orientation (without fixing the flow), here are the key anchors:

Day 1: Wednesday, Oct. 1st

- 09:15 Doors open: gentle arrival
- 09:30 Opening practices begin
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:30 Session Cluster I
- 15:40 Open Space
- 17:15 Closing ritual
- 19:30 Optional: Dinner at Fourty Years Kitchen
(Dieffenbachstraße 52, 10967 Berlin)

Day 2: Thursday, Oct. 2nd

- 09:15 Doors open
- 09:30 Morning ritual
- 10:40 Session Cluster II
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:30 Collective sensemaking & closing
- 14:45 Gratitude circle & farewell

Optional: Neighbourhood Walking Tour

Histories of Migration and Urban Transformation in Berlin Neukölln by Palestinian Feminist Archive Berlin, Sept. 30th 17-19:00
(depending on demand additionally Oct. 2nd 17-19:00)

This gathering does not follow a strict schedule, it moves with us. Below is a gentle rhythm that anchors our time together. Rather than fixed slots, think of these as temporal ecosystems: containers of connection, reflection, disruption, and becoming. There will be invitations, surprises, and soft refusals of urgency. You are encouraged to follow your energy, honour your body, and listen to the gathering as it unfolds.

Gathering Rhythm and Emergent Flow II

Arrival & Orientation

Each morning begins with soft landings: music, tea, care team visibility, and embodied rituals.

Opening & Grounding Practices

Welcome Circles, Ancestry Connections, Collective Agreements, and Intentional Listening.

Session Clusters

Parallel offerings in different formats: workshops, circles, mappings, teach-ins, and storytelling spaces. You are invited to join, host, or simply witness. Sessions will be announced onsite.

Open Space & Emergent Conversations

There will be dedicated time for participants to propose and facilitate spontaneous sessions based on what arises in the room.

Disruptions from the Futures

Short interventions, artistic gestures, and poetic interruptions to shake our sense of linear time.

Spacious Breaks & Loitering

Lunches, soft pauses, rest moments, and slow wandering - essential to this gathering.

Rituals & Collective Closings

We close each day with check-outs, gratitude circles, and commitments into the beyond.

Artifacts of the Futures: What will you bring?

You are stepping into a future that is more just, more inclusive, more alive than the world you know today. It is not a utopia, but a world that carries the echoes of struggle, the weight of transformation, and the quiet persistence of care. It is a world touched by your hands, your dreams, your refusals.

We invite you to bring along an Artifact from this Future to the Digital Futures Gathering.

It may be something ordinary, something overlooked, something that today belongs to the background noise of daily life. But in this future, it hums with new meaning. It is charged with possibility, inscribed with histories yet to be written. What will you bring?

The object itself may be familiar, mundane even, but it is the story you will tell that transforms it: how it has been reimagined, repurposed, or reclaimed in the futures we long for. Be ready to tell its story. Who touched it before you? What hands shaped it? Which futures does it carry?

Consider these prompts as you choose your Artifact of the Futures. Understand them as doorways into the possible:

1. A Tool of Liberation

Something that once belonged to a system of control, now repurposed for collective freedom. Or an artifact that was once outlawed, erased, or deemed dangerous, now restored to its rightful place. What does it look like? Who holds it now? How has its purpose shifted?

2. A Fragment of Kinship

An object that carries the scent of belonging and the warmth of interdependence. Who offers it as a gift? Who holds onto it? What stories does it carry? In this world, wealth is measured not by profit but by connection, trust, and reciprocity.

3. A Remnant of Resistance

A fragment of something larger - a torn banner, a reprogrammed device, a map with new borders. It remembers an uprising, a moment when the future could have gone another way. What forces tried to erase it? What truths does it reveal?

4. An Artifact of Joy

This object holds the weight of laughter, the rhythm of movement, the texture of pleasure. It stands in defiance of the bleakness of the present — a testament to joy as radical resistance. What power does it hold? Who carries it forward?

5. A Letter from the Future

Words once impossible to speak, now etched into something tangible. A decree, a love letter, an apology, a demand. Who wrote it, and for whom? What changed because it now exists?

There will be spaces during the gathering to share your artifact (as disruptions in the program, during dinner etc.) through storytelling, quiet presence, or display. You can speak about it, or let it speak for itself.

We ask you to bring something that moves with you.

Something that remembers, and insists.

Something that makes another future feel possible.

Practical Information

Accommodation

Mercure Hotel Berlin Tempelhof
Hermannstrasse 214-216, Entrance Rollbergstrasse,
12049 Berlin

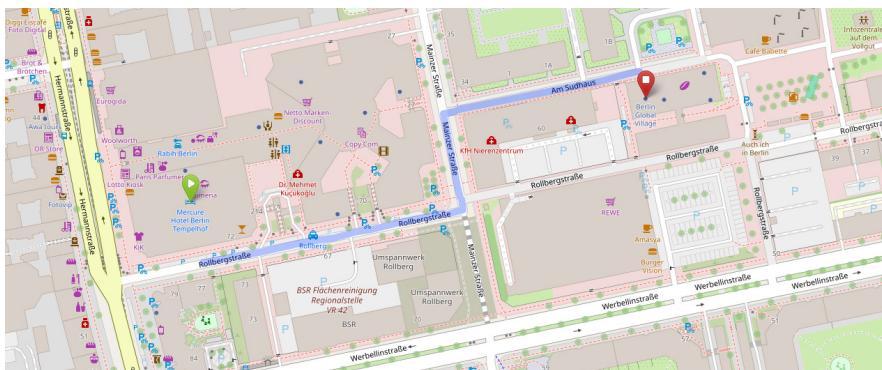
Check-in at the hotel starts at 15.00. Check-out is at 12.00.
Breakfast is included in the booking.

Please make sure to prepare an ID as well as a credit card as the hotel requires a credit card imprint in case you have additional charges (SUPERRR will not be able to cover any additional room charges you incur).

Event Location

Berlin Global Village
Am Sudhaus 2
12053 Berlin-Neukölln

The event location is a 5-minute walk from the hotel.
When you leave the hotel, turn left and go straight on down Rollbergstrasse.



Practical Information

Directions

The closest U-Bahn (underground train) station to the hotel is **Boddinstraße** on the line U8.

From the Airport (around 45 minutes):

Take the S-Bahn (city train) S45 towards Südkreuz. At *Hermannstraße*, change into the U8 towards “S+U Wittenau”. Get off at *Boddinstraße*.

From Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) (around 25-30 minutes):

Use the S-Bahn (either S3, S5, S7 or S9) to *Jannowitzbrücke* and change to U8 to *Boddinstraße*. Alternatively, use the U-Bahn U5 to *Alexanderplatz* and change to U8 to *Boddinstraße*.

From Berlin Südkreuz (around 20 minutes):

Use the S-Bahn (either S42 or S46) to *Hermannstraße* and change to U-Bahn U8 to *Boddinstraße*.



Public Transport

Public Transport is organised by BVG.

Whenever you want to use public transport in Berlin, the QR code on this page might be helpful to find the best connections. It links to bvg.de/en where you can plan your route. For barrier-free access, click on *Extended Search* and switch on *barrier-free access*.

Tickets can be bought in the app “BVG Ticket: Bus + Bahn Berlin” by Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) which is available on the Apple App Store and the Google Playstore, or at ticket machines in most underground and S-Bahn stations, as well as from Bus drivers.

The website brokenlifts.org will help you find out if elevators are working at the stations you want to use. The page is in German, but quite straight-forward. The words “Außer Betrieb” mean out of order.



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Safety & Emergency Info

This gathering is a space of care, and we are committed to collectively holding each other. Especially when things feel tender, overwhelming, or unsafe. Below you'll find important resources and people to turn to:

Awareness & Onsite Support

A dedicated Awareness Team will be available throughout the gathering. You can reach them

- In person: Rafia and Kholoud will be there for you on site. They will announce how to recognize them.
- By phone: You can call Rafia at +49 176 60903325

Visit the Quiet Room: a low-sensory space is available for you to pause, process or retreat.

Picture Policy

For documentation purposes, we'd like to take photos during the event. If you do not wish to be photographed please speak up at the registration and you will be given a color-coded lanyard.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Police: 110

Fire Brigade and Ambulance: 112

SUPERRR Contact

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Awareness (Rafia): +49 176 60903325

Thank you for being here.



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Share Foundation <https://sharefoundation.info>

Find more about the gathering on <https://digitalfutures.space>

