

Press release
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After five years *Sudhaus*: Sudsee GmbH terminates lease

After five intense and formative years, Sudsee GmbH will end its role as operator of the cultural venue *Sudhaus* as of November 30, 2026. Sudsee GmbH regrets this decision but feels compelled to take this step given that no mutually acceptable solution for continuing the lease could be reached with the landlord, the *Werkraum Warteck* pp association.

Cultural value for as many people as possible

At the end of 2021, the *Sudhaus* was taken over by young cultural professionals. What began as a project during the pandemic under uncertain circumstances has grown into a successful cultural organization run with passion, employing around 15 people. From the start, the program offered a wide range of different events. With concerts, parties, cabaret, readings, as well as rentals and other accessible events organized by sociocultural initiatives of various scales, around 170 events took place annually. Over the last five years, the *Sudhaus* has provided a space for a wide variety of people, subcultures and communities of all ages. Sudsee GmbH helped re-establish the *Sudhaus* as a cultural venue in the region and create cultural value for as many people as possible.

Changed Circumstances

Sudsee GmbH would have liked to continue operating the *Sudhaus* under the existing lease terms. However, after four and a half years of hosting and organizing several events a week, which proved to be a consistently high workload, the operators decided to pursue new perspectives, as there was no sufficient time for rest and room for further development in the foreseeable future. According to the lease agreement, a decision on an extension must be made by the end of May. Since the *Warteck* pp association has not agreed to extend the existing contractual terms for another five years, Sudsee GmbH decided against an extension of the contract. Taking these circumstances into consideration, Sudsee GmbH has decided to terminate the *Sudhaus* project.

Statement of the Sudsee GmbH:

Thank you and Goodbye

*«We truly enjoyed creating culture – and doing so for a wide range of people, transcending stereotypes and social boundaries. We'd like to thank everyone who made this possible: the audience who trusted us and filled the *Sudhaus*; the organizers and agencies for their collaboration; our partners, funding organizations, and all our supporters for their trust.*

*The past years have been intense and challenging – but above all, enriching. The *Sudhaus* was a passion project. We have streamlined our operations, established effective systems and demonstrated that sociocultural value and economic responsibility don't have to be mutually exclusive.*

We wish for the Sudhaus to remain an open and curious space – in the spirit of the association and our own – and that a successor will continue to lead the venue with the same dedication and passion.

Anyone who would like to support us in the remaining months is welcome to attend our events. Thank you for five wonderful years.»

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