

DW Fund 2018 open for applications

- **Deutsche Wohnen refills its DW fund in Spandau**
- **Fund is open to applications from local associations and groups**
- **Tour of the Falkenhagener Feld district with Frank Bewig, the borough councillor with responsibility for construction**

Berlin, 6 March 2018. This year, Deutsche Wohnen has once again put EUR 10,000 into its DW fund for the Falkenhagener Feld district. As of now, local initiatives and associations in the neighbourhood can apply for money from the fund to support their projects for children and young people. To gain an impression of the Falkenhagener Feld district, representatives of Deutsche Wohnen, accompanied by the neighbourhood management team Falkenhagener Feld East, went on a walkabout there last week with Frank Bewig, the borough councillor responsible for construction.

Success stories of recent years with the DW Fund

Deutsche Wohnen has filled the DW fund for the Falkenhagener Feld neighbourhood every year since 2014. As one of the largest landlords in Spandau and Falkenhagener Feld, Deutsche Wohnen uses the fund to provide local support to the ongoing development of the neighbourhood. As Nadine Degen of the Deutsche Wohnen Group explains, "It is very important to us to strengthen social cohesion in our neighbourhoods. There is a particularly high number of families in Falkenhagener Feld. And we see here an opportunity to provide support and encouragement to these families through our projects for children and young people. In recent years, the fund has made it possible to run exciting and enriching projects for the benefit of the neighbourhood."

Last year, some widely differing initiatives were supported by the DW fund. For example, in July the DW fund provided substantial support to the financing of the "Deutsche Wohnen Cup", a football tournament organised by the local football club SC Schwarz-Weiß Spandau. The tournament involved several teams in various age groups coming together and playing against each other on the Spektefeld sports fields in Falkenhagener Feld. There was also an accompanying programme with a bouncy castle, skipping and a barbecue. Another project that was very positively received was initiated by the Verein Stadtgeschichten (*a local neighbourhood management association*). The project was called "A sparkling 2017 – 40 lanterns for the Westerwaldplatz" and involved 200 residents ranging from children in their first year of school through to senior citizens working together to build 40 lanterns. Each side of each lantern was individually designed so that the final outcome was a light installation. The fund also provided financial support to a family marathon organised by the nursery school at the Spektensee (*a local lake*). This was a sports event bringing together families and neighbours. Further events were a lamplit procession accompanied by brass band music, the purchase of playground equipment, handicrafts during advent, a summer party organised by the local environmental association B.A.U.M., the purchase of table tennis tables for the local club house, computer gaming afternoons in the local library, a small Christmas market on the Spektefeld sports fields and seating areas in the local primary school [*Grundschule im Beerwinkel*].

What all the projects have in common is that they want to offer activities to children and young people in Falkenhagener Feld. In addition, our tried and tested collaboration with the neighbourhood management team Falkenhagener Feld East will continue this year. The team is taking on the management of the DW fund. In particular, it will receive all the applications and distribute funds in

consultation with Deutsche Wohnen. As Karl-Heinz Fricke from the neighbourhood management team Falkenhagener Feld East says, “We are delighted that Deutsche Wohnen is providing its fund for the Falkenhagener Feld neighbourhood once again this year. We greatly enjoy choosing social projects in consultation with Deutsche Wohnen so that we can make a difference in the neighbourhood and improve things.”

Fund open for applications for 2018

As of now, active initiatives and associations in Falkenhagener Feld can apply for financial support from the fund. A requirement for a successful application is that the projects must benefit children and young people in Falkenhagener Feld.

Applications can be sent throughout the year to the neighbourhood management team Falkenhagener Feld East, by email to ffost.gesopmbh@t-online.de or by letter to: Neighbourhood Management Team Falkenhagener Feld East, Pionierstraße 129, 13589 Berlin.

Walkabout with Frank Bewig, borough councillor responsible for construction

Frank Bewig, the borough councillor responsible for construction found out about the projects supported by the fund on a tour of Falkenhagener Feld. Following the tour, representatives of the neighbourhood management team and of Deutsche Wohnen discussed needs and strategies for the continued positive development of Falkenhagener Feld with the local borough councillor.

Deutsche Wohnen

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