

Newsletter february 2025

LET’S BE CLICHÉD AND BELIEVE IN THE COMMON GOOD

It’s a crazy time to be alive. A crazy time to be running around trying to set meaningful cultural things into motion. It seems like the world is changing more rapidly than ever and is dictated by corporate greed, right-wing populism, and cynical warfare. In many ways we stand at a crossroads, at a time when the state of the world perhaps more than ever calls for community-building, alternative forms of organization, and activist-minded cultural creation; as an antidote to neoliberal, anti-human systems that know only growth, individualism, exploitation, and competitiveness.

In our little world of Danish, underground, DIY culture, these changes beckons the questions: How do we, as underground artists, organizers and activists, engage in this world? On whose platforms do we exhibit our art, where do we publish our music, how do we market ourselves, and at what point are we forgetting the values that encouraged us to start making art in the first place? These questions are difficult, as they emphasize the constant negotiation between wanting to succeed (in a capitalist, growth-oriented consumer society) and maintaining a dedication to the true expression that is maybe the ever-prevalent quality of DIY-culture.

Here in Denmark we are privileged to have systems of social security and of patronage of the arts, ensuring some extent of artistic freedom and financial support. But is this access equal for everyone? Evidently not. Therefore we must also examine how we can widen this access and how we can include people that we usually don’t see in organizing. Is it a question of redistribution? Of giving up one’s position and privileges? Or can we pool our efforts and lift each other up?

In Projekternes Fællespulje we ask ourselves how we as a community (that one day may be able to call itself a movement) build sustainable systems and navigate in a cultural landscape that is just not built for us. Where can we compromise and where can’t we? If we all come together, put our differences and egos aside, is it possible to offer real sustainable alternatives to big labels, to festivals run by American multinational corporations, to white-washed art institutions? Can we accumulate resources and infrastructure for us to collectively share, in a way where the ‘opportunities’ offered by established industries are obsolete?

We know that all these questions and reflections are extensive and that Projekternes Fællespulje surely cannot revolutionize the industry and extinguish competition-culture and gatekeeping (at least not on our own). But we can insist on having continuous conversations about resources, access and how we best support one another. That’s why we’re so happy that many of you joined us at **our first Open Grand Assembly** and participated in opening up the conversation. In extension to that we hope to see you at our [upcoming meetings U&I-DIY at Folkets Hus](#) to continue sharing ideas, dreams, and projects!

For us, DIY-culture is about the ability to collectively put things into motion, without having to accommodate commercial or institutional interests. It’s about finding alternative ways through a landscape that is filled with obstacles and individualistic praise. About exchanging skills, knowledge, sharing privileged access, perspectives, having each other’s backs, and building systems of mutual trust, care and support. In Projekternes Fællespulje our purpose goes way beyond providing gear for concerts and such. We want to change our way of thinking and behavior in the world. Why do-it-yourself when we can all do it together? What a naive cliché to believe in the common good, right :))

Welcome to Projekternes Fællespuljes first ever newsletter and thanks for joining!

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THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR GRAND ASSEMBLY<3

On December 17th, we invited you to our first open meeting and what a wonderful evening it was! We were so happy to see so many good people and that you all wanted to join the conversation about challenges and potentials in the creative and activist-scenes. Thank you very much for that<3

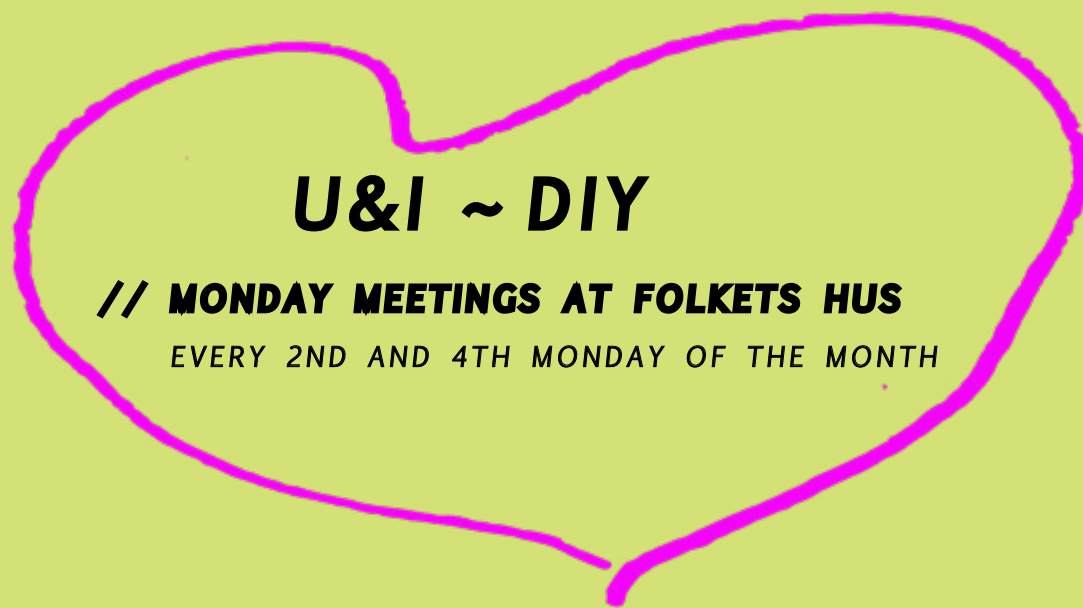
The idea of the meeting was partly to provide insight into our visions and projects, but also to open up the conversation about the networks between us. Many of you expressed how difficult it can be to put together an event on your own, and that there sometimes is a lack of a community, where you can help and lift each other up - and that is exactly the whole idea of Projekternes Fællespulje! It made us so happy to have confirmation that we are a large group that wants the same thing; More community, resource sharing and support between DIY organizers<3 We look forward to talking even more with you and launching a lot of great projects in the near future!



P.S. We have made a short summary of some of the discussions that were raised at the summit. You will find it at the bottom of the newsletter.

NEW FORMAT - SEE YOU AT FOLKETS HUS!

At the Grand Assembly, several people asked for a kind of forum where you can come as an organizer/creative and talk about your project, share experiences, concerns, challenges, potential, get feedback and meet others who have similar challenges - and who might want to collaborate. This created a conversation that we have continued in the organizing group over the past month, and which has led us to start a new initiative for our community:



Every second and last Monday of the month **from 16.00-19.00** you can stop by the café in Folkets Hus, where we will be behind the bar, and different organizers from our community will present their concepts/ideas/projects. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to talk with each other and exchange ideas about your projects.

Everyone is welcome regardless of experience and knowledge. We just hope you want to come, chat, have fun and learn with us!

The dates for the coming months are: March 10th, March 24th, April 14th and April 28th.

You can find more info on [our website](#), [dukop.dk](#) and [Facebook](#).

NB! CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

From the 31st of March membership will be needed to access our resources (gear, workshops, etc). We are asking for a modest yearly fee of 150,- and you can either become member as a private person or an organisation.

Projekternes Fællespulje is growing as a network and in order for this network to be more sustainable, we need everyone to be proactive and supportive of each others' projects. The funds we raise from membership fees will cover costs of our projects and strengthen our work. We hope you all will continue to take part!

Ps If you are financially challenged send us an email and we'll figure something out<3 The last thing we want is to exclude someone over finances.



A BIG THANKS TO...

Nørrebro Lokaludvalg

On the financial side, we also have good news! We have been granted money to host workshops in 2025 by the Nørrebro Puljen. We look forward to presenting to you what we have in the pipeline. Stay tuned!

SOUNDBOKS

Soundsboks has also been kind enough to donate a SOUNDBOKS 4 to our gear bank, which is gradually growing bigger and bigger. Thanks to SOUNDBOKS!

Klein Kbh

the venue in Karens Minde Kulturhus, for donating a lovely PA system to the Common Pool!

RMC

Rhythmic Music Conservatory has been kind enough to give us speakers, a mixer and other things that can be used by all of you!

ALICE Cph

for giving us their old CDJs and mixers.

Ny Lille Klub

for donating a lot of stuff from their storage. Thanks!

WELCOME TO OUR BOARD

Last (but not least!) Projekternes Fællespulje has formed a board! It now consists of chairperson Nanna Ruus, deputy chairperson Alexander Rastén Rydberg, treasurer Daniel Damreyhan, secretary Katrine Greve Holsbo and Melanie Dastmalchi, Thomas Skjølstrup, Rosa Lois Balle Yahiya and Jasmin Oued. We are really looking forward to working together with this competent and talented team of people on the future projects of the Fællespulje!

A SMALL RECAP OF THE OPEN ASSEMBLY

In addition to talking about the importance of community and the need for it, we also talked about some more concrete initiatives at the meeting. Among other things, we touched on the idea of further developing [Den Gyldne Liste](#), so that it provides a clearer overview of who you can address specific needs to. We also discussed adding an overview of venues/culture houses and who to contact if you would like to do an event at/in one of those places. We have made a preliminary overview of Copenhagen venues/culture houses which can be found [here](#) and Den Gyldne Liste is also gradually developing!

The rules for the Facebook group were also aired at the meeting, and it is something we need to have a conversation about on an ongoing basis. In the organization group, we are currently working on drawing up clearer community guidelines for the group, which have been updated in [the forum description](#).

Finally, we also talked about accountability internally in our association. Our work and cohesion are hugely dependent on our mutual trust, commitment and support for each other, so how do we ensure that we can count on each other? It is important that we continue this conversation.



That's it for now!

The next newsletter will be in your inbox by the end of March.

Until then, follow us on [Pixelfed](#), [our website](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

TAKE CARE AND ALL THE BEST!

