



institute for cultural diplomacy

Come to the Berliner Rotes Rathaus on
November 14 at 17:30
and help us brainstorm the

Future of transatlantic cultural diplomacy:

Amerika-Haus Berlin?



The idea of using Amerika-Haus Berlin as a transatlantic center for civil society is the result of a meeting of several transatlantic institutions at Amerika-Haus Berlin in April of 2006. Following this meeting, further discussions followed and eventually evolved into the founding of the *Committee Amerika-Haus Berlin* (CAB). Upon request of the members of CAB, the institute for cultural diplomacy has agreed to serve as the coordinating institution of this initiative. Amerika Haus Berlin offers a new opportunity to reinvest civil society with the tools for viable cultural diplomacy. We propose to use the Amerika Haus Berlin to create a stable infrastructure, in which civil society groups can collaborate. The building would not only be used to create office space for non-governmental organizations, but provide creative space for lectures, roundtables, performances, etc. for the greater community.

In the past few months we have received a vast amount of emails and letters of support from around the world for this initiative from engaged citizens, members of the German and American governments, and civil society leaders from countries ranging from the Americas, Europe and the Middle East! Our external analysis has indicated the need for such a resource and the interest in supporting such an initiative.

If you are interested in learning more about and helping us develop our concept for the future use of Amerika-Haus Berlin, the institutions and individuals involved, as well as the most recent developments, we invite you to join us for an informational event. Thanks to the serious interest expressed by external funders, if we succeed in realizing our current plan and if Berlin agrees, we would be able to offer office space of differing size ranging from approximately 100 Euro/month to rent a desk in an office-share structure, or, depending on size, approximately 200-400 Euro/month per individual office room. This office space is intended to be reserved for small to mid-sized organizations dedicated to transatlantic relations. The Amerika-Haus building also offers seminar, conference, and performance facilities for both small and large-scale events. We plan on discussing with you our offer and proposal to the city of Berlin during this event and we want to include your ideas and your organization in this process.

Please sign up for this event with Stefanie Averwald at averwald@culturaldiplomacy.org by November 13th, 2006.

Amerika-Haus Informational Town Hall Meeting:

November 14 at 17:30-19:30

Rotes Rathaus

Rathausstraße 15

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(S-Bahn Alexanderplatz / U-Bahn Alexanderplatz, Klosterstraße)



We look forward to seeing you there, and if you can not make it, please email us your questions, ideas, or other offers of how you can support this initiative!

Sincerely,

Mark Donfried and Stefanie Averwald