

Voices of Berlin

Voices of Berlin is an anthropological choral project from UK/Berlin-based composer and musician James Banner. Through the connective power of the human voice and spirit of improvisation it tells the stories of Berlin's residents, new and old. Through this we hope to raise an awareness of our common humanity, connect people through stories and music, as well as preserve contemporary thoughts, life experience and ideas for future generations in a unique historical and musical record. This distinctive snapshot of a vibrant and constantly changing city is a representation of timeless experiences that have a relevance not only today but for many years to come.

How to take part

Voices of Berlin are conducting interviews in order to gather these stories. The initial focus is on social enterprises - healthcare, clubs, educational training, community groups, schools, small businesses - between Karl Marx Str. and Hermannstr., discovering the people behind these ventures and especially those who connect with them. Informal questioning will be used as starting points from which participants are encouraged to talk about anything they may wish to express - for example cultural traditions, life experiences, opinions on the current political climate and world events, their careers and work, their passions. The words will be recorded and will then be used to form the basis of music for choir and ensemble, creating an aural representation of these personal experiences.

Interviews can be held at your location or a suitable meeting point, always in a relaxed and open environment where expression is encouraged and participants feel able to voice their experiences and tell their stories.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in Voices of Berlin, please contact us at info@voicesofberlin.de

