# A campaign of the citizens' initiative **KLIMANEUSTART.BERLIN**

Come visit us at our weekly meetup: Mondays, 6.30 pm, at "Bauhütte" next to taz building (Kreuzberg, U Kochstraße)

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#### WHERE DOES CLIMATE POLICY STAND IN BERLIN?

In December 2019, Climate Emergency was declared for Berlin - the government accepts the urgency of the climate crisis! But which action is taken to comply?

Berlin is aiming for **climate neutrality in 2050**. Leading climate scientists agree: that's clearly too late to reach the 1.5° target of the Paris agreement! Even the implementation of existing laws and measures is not progressing.

We want to support politicians and let the citizens participate more in the process. A representative **Climate Citizens' Assembly** could discuss possible solutions and actions towards a carbon neutral transition of Berlin. Berliners might know best themselves, how to reach that goal.

## WHAT IS A CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY?

100 – 150 people are randomly selected. Participation is voluntary. A representative group of people from our diverse city meets – a small Berlin. Experts from politics, administration, science and civil associations provide balanced advice to the participants from different perspectives. There will be sufficient room for exchange & discussion to develop recommendations for action to be taken by politicians. Everyone has their say and is heard!

All drawn citizens of Berlin get the chance to participate by providing expense allowances, childcare, etc. – regardless of income and personal circumstances.

### BUT WE HAVE ELECTED POLITICIANS?

The climate crisis is the most wide-ranging challenge that humanity has ever faced. Elections often reward short-term successes, but climate protection is a tremendous, longterm task. In Berlin we can only tackle the climate crisis together. A representative Assembly of citizens should complement parliamentary democracy in a meaningful way. Such an assembly can submit proposals for action to the responsible politicians with broad popular support.

#### WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

In the so-called "stratified random sample" all registered citizens of Berlin can be drawn by lot. Several thousand people are randomly invited to answer questions about age, gender, place of residence, educational background or migration background via the municipal civil registry. A draw will be held again for all those who have responded. This is how the 100-150 members of the Citizens' assembly come together. The procedure has multiple controls, so that manipulation is almost impossible.