

News from CityLAB Berlin

October 2022

Hi , dear CityLAB community!

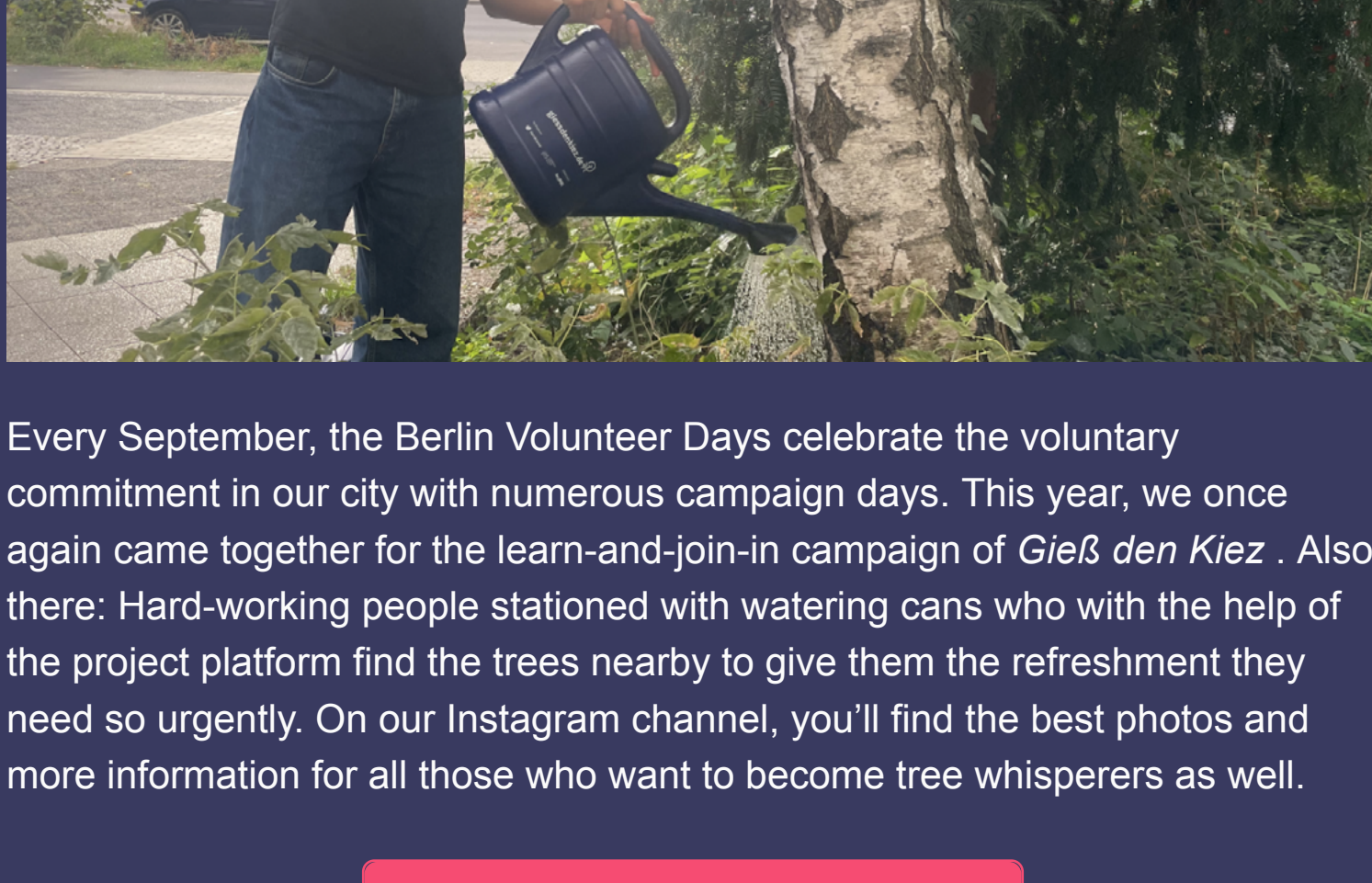
When we left our beautiful Lab a few days ago, not suspecting any evil, the cool September breeze promptly made us realize: Autumn has arrived. So, we made sure to spend the last few summer days in the most sensible way: During the Berlin Volunteer Days, together with you and the *Gieß den Kiez* project, we again supplied thirsty trees in Berlin with the water they need.

And before autumn blues kicks in, our CityLAB colleagues will share with you some anecdotes from their life. Such an avalanche of motivation for the digital future of Berlin knocks even us off our saddles when we're out on the road on our cargo bike Lars – which you can book again starting now.

By the way: If you want to save heating costs as efficiently as possible, you ought to leave the house as often as you can – seems obvious, doesn't it? So come and take a peek at our exhibition or join us for some of our upcoming events. We look forward to welcoming you and promise to remain silent about further "tips" for saving.

Recaps

Berlin Volunteering Days: With *Gieß den Kiez*



Every September, the Berlin Volunteer Days celebrate the voluntary commitment in our city with numerous campaign days. This year, we once again came together for the learn-and-join-in campaign of *Gieß den Kiez* . Also there: Hard-working people stationed with watering cans who with the help of the project platform find the trees nearby to give them the refreshment they need so urgently. On our Instagram channel, you'll find the best photos and more information for all those who want to become free whisperers as well.

[See Post \(GER only\)](#)

Happy in Jakarta: A visit to our partner city



Almost 11,000 kilometers lie between our cities, a fact that was hardly noticeable when we visited the Indonesian capital: So many similarities have become apparent in the implementation of Smart City approaches. We can learn a great deal from Jakarta and were more than happy to spend several days discussing ideas and innovative solutions for more sustainability in growing cities.

Our colleague Jenny took part in the trip and is still raving about it: "*Jakarta has been an incredibly enriching experience. Along with many impressions, ideas and great conversations, the visit mainly showed me how precious a dialog on site is; something a video call could never replace. My personal highlight: to hear that Jakarta takes Berlin as a role model for a citizen-centered approach in the implementation of their own Smart City strategy!*"

More mutual inspiration is impossible – but please watch our video to see for yourself.

[Watch Video](#)

Features

What do things cost in Berlin?



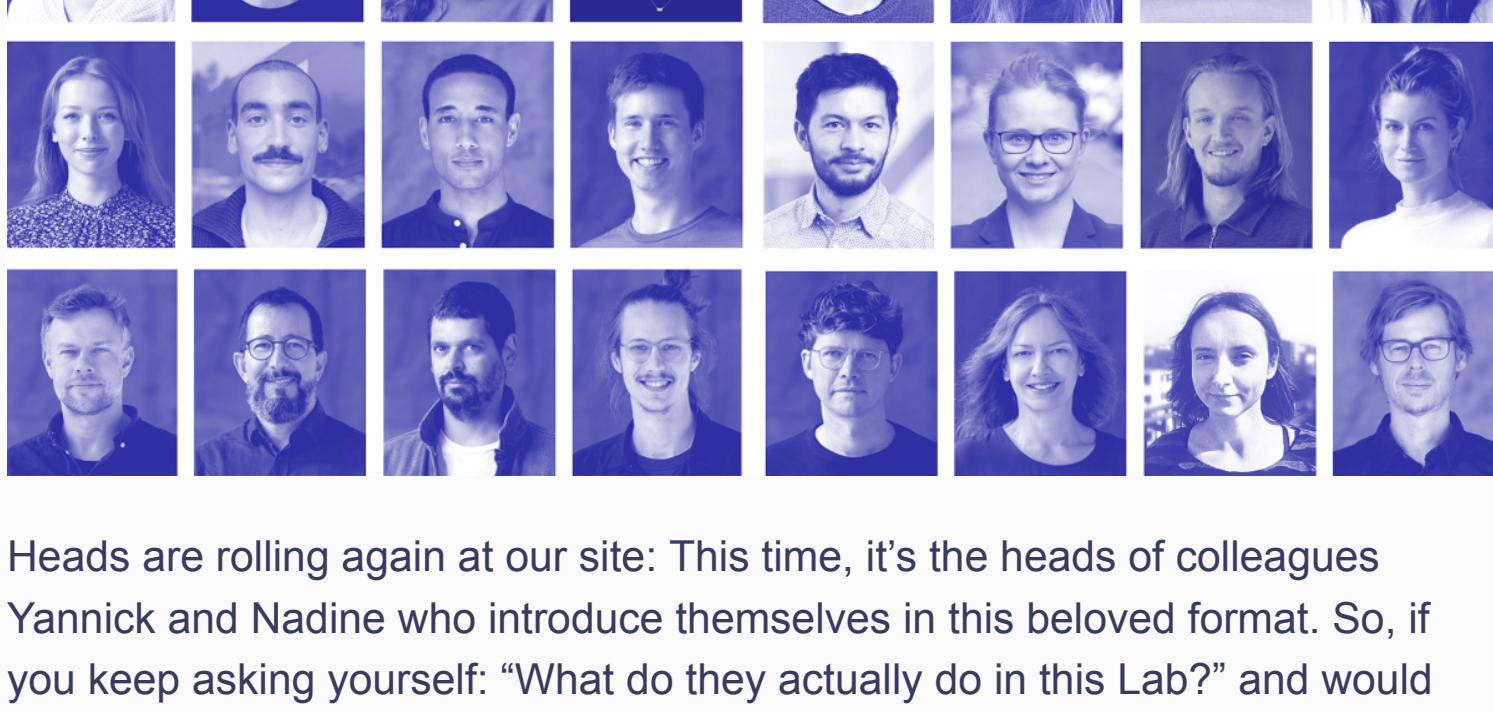
In case you've always wondered how much is actually spent in Berlin on traffic, urban planning and education: We hear you. Together with the Open Data Information Service (ODIS) and the Senate Department for Finance of Berlin, we analyzed the budget for the federal state of Berlin. The result is a platform on which you can click through Berlin's wallet – in a nice and user-friendly way.

[Visit Platform \(GER only\)](#)

Graf Zahl from Sesame Street would be proud of us: So many figures, so many beautiful ways to look at them with pleasure. The result came about in a one-week software sprint – a method that stands out due to its openness in terms of results and its flexibility. Learn more about the method and how we will proceed from there, here.

[Read Blog \(GER only\)](#)

The minds behind CityLAB Berlin



Heads are rolling again at our site: This time, it's the heads of colleagues Yannick and Nadine who introduce themselves in this beloved format. So, if you keep asking yourself: "What do they actually do in this Lab?" and would like to rake in some tips on a few favorite places in Berlin and suggestions for further reading, you're at the right place.

On Nadine's mind: "*I burn for the unexpected moments, for jumping over shadows and opening people up to new things.*"

[On Nadine's Mind \(GER only\)](#)

On Yannick's mind: "*Berlin should become a fair and livable place for everyone. That's why it's important to me to leave no one behind when it comes to digital participation.*"

[On Yannick's Mind \(GER only\)](#)

Survey

Digital Vereint: New range of offers in the fall!



We have good news: The Digital Vereint project, which we are implementing with our partner iRights, will provide you with fresh input. We are expanding the website and offering new workshops – you'll find the first one at the end of our tips. For us to be able to give you what you need on the project page, we'd be delighted for you to take three minutes to do our survey.

[Take Survey \(GER only\)](#)

Take Lars for a spin



May we introduce? This is Lars, your partner in crime when it comes to the sustainable transport of your favorite possessions in Berlin – in our case, watering cans for *Gieß den Kiez*. Just check out the booking page and make a rendez-vous with Lars.

[Meet Lars](#)

Job vacancy

At the earliest possible starting date, we're on the lookout for somebody to work with our prototyping team to manage and guide the development of open source products and web applications from initial concept all the way to launch. Feel free to share it or apply for it yourself!

[Apply Here \(GER only\)](#)

Events

September /
October
all day

30.09 -
02.10.

Bits & Bäume
Conference on Digitization and Sustainability

Bits & Bäume

Die Konferenz für Digitalisierung und Nachhaltigkeit

30.9. - 2.10.2022
Technische Universität Berlin

Mehr unter: bits-und-baeume.org

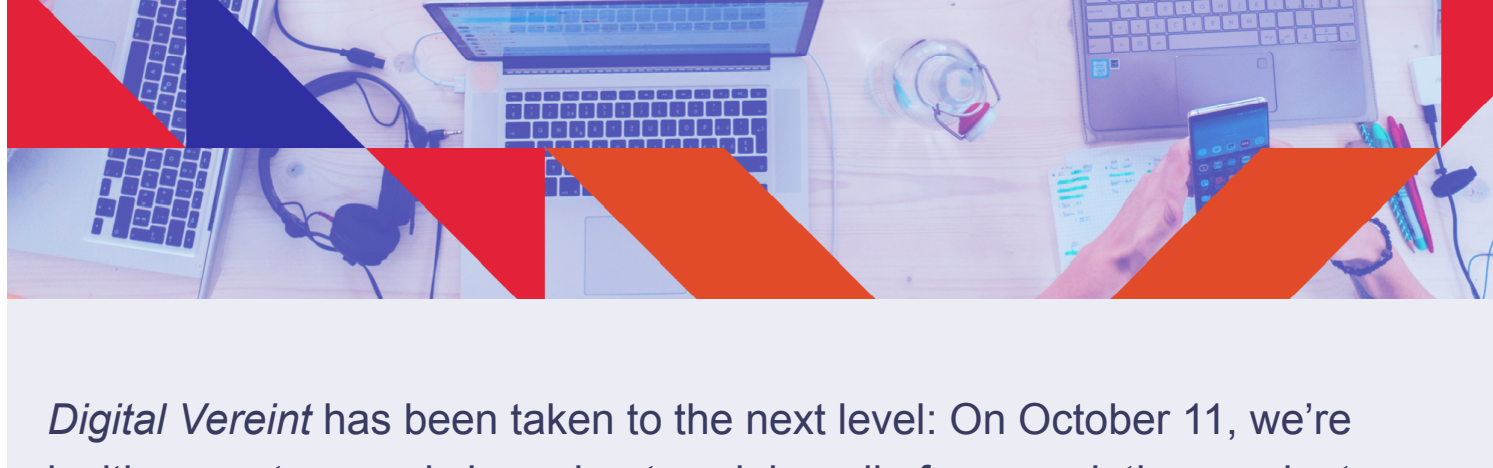
At this year's Bits & Bäume conference on digitization and sustainability, we'll be there with no less than two exciting project lectures. The **freemove project** provides insights into options for work with mobility data and data protection for business and administration. This lecture will be held in German. Our **Q-Trees** project uses the potential of artificial intelligence to care for city trees and protect them. This lecture will be held in English. For more detailed information, click here.

[Sign Up](#)

October
11

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Workshop: Social Media for the common good



Digital Vereint has been taken to the next level: On October 11, we're inviting you to a workshop about social media for associations, voluntary work and non-profit organizations.

The focus will be on the question: How can public relations in social networks be successful even with limited human and financial resources?

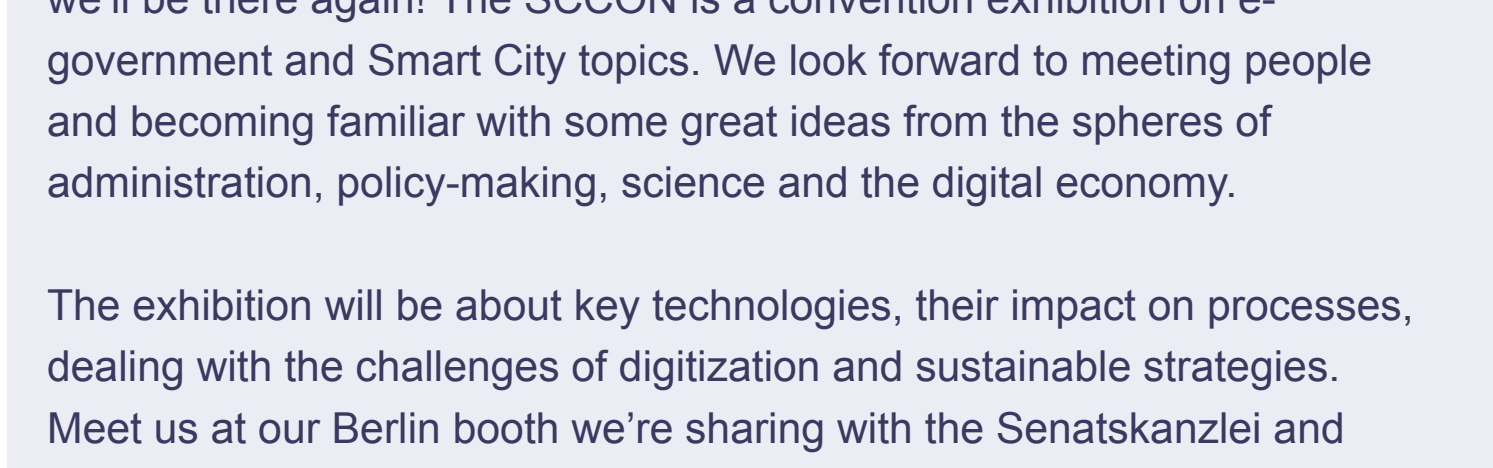
Our speaker Keno Westhoff will provide a survey on the basics of social media editing and content creation. Along with addressing target groups and community building, the specifics of the various platforms will play a major role. Sign up now!

[Sign Up](#)

October
18 - 20

all day

Smart Country Convention (SCCON)



The Smart Country Convention (SCCON) opens its doors in the fall, and we'll be there again! The SCCON is a convention exhibition on e-government and Smart City topics. We look forward to meeting people and becoming familiar with some great ideas from the spheres of administration, policy-making, science and the digital economy.

The exhibition will be about key technologies, their impact on processes, dealing with the challenges of digitization and sustainable strategies. Meet us at our Berlin booth we're sharing with the Senatskanzlei and many other Berlin organizers, true to the motto of "One Digital Berlin!"

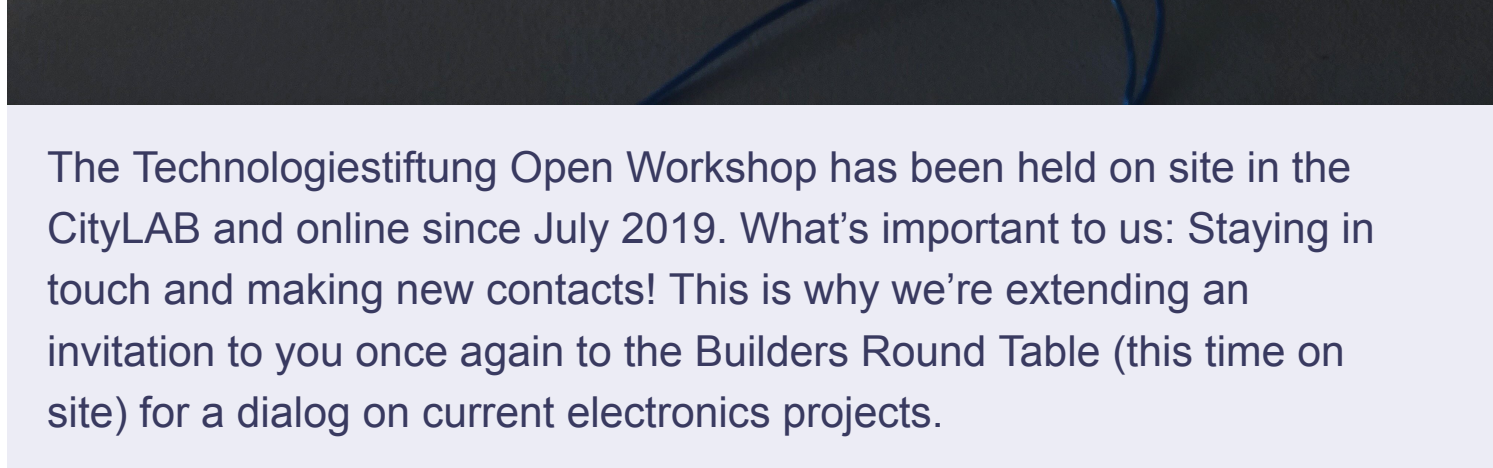
The SCCON is a public event. Free tickets are available up to September 30, 2022. So register now: We look forward to seeing you!

[Sign Up](#)

October
28

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Open Workshop



The Technologiestiftung Open Workshop has been held on site in the CityLAB and online since July 2019. What's important to us: Staying in touch and making new contacts! This is why we're extending an invitation to you once again to the Builders Round Table (this time on site) for a dialog on current electronics projects.

Whether you're an engineer, artist, inventor, teacher or student – everybody from a wide range of contexts (hobby, academic, professional) who has an interest are cordially invited to showcase their project. In addition to awesome building projects that are being presented, providing you with an opportunity to try them out, we offer a space for dialog and discussion. English speakers are welcome as well.

[Sign Up](#)

In this sense: Let's toast each other with hot drinks, it's time for autumn!

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