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Perspectives

Communicating knowledge, expanding horizons,
fostering integration

This year, **C/O Berlin** will extend its **non-profit commitment** and provide **children and youths in socially disadvantaged living situations** with the new programme **Perspectives**.

Communicating artistic knowledge, playfully developing creativity, heightening awareness. In **workshops** lasting several days, the young participants will become familiar with visual media, ranging from photography to film, in teams with professional guidance.

In workshops specially conceived for the respective living environments of the young participants, C/O Berlin will provide diverse scope for development and inspiration for new experiences – on location in children’ s and youth’ s homes, in so-called “welcome classes” for immigrant children ([sollten wir evtl. mehr erklären?](#)) and in the Education Unit at C/O Berlin. At **Perspectives** artists with many years of practical experience from different genres will work together.

In 2015, C/O Berlin facilitated four workshops in collaboration with different partners and creative people. Between February and April youths were supervised in the education assistance network **AWO-Erziehungshilfeverbund Strausberg**. Using the

media of film, they investigated in what situations they feel foreign and made short reportages and interviews about this topic. In march, pupils of the **Heinz-Brandt School** in Weißensee, together with the “welcome class” , explored the complex theme of “home” and the associations and feelings connected with this, recording their thoughts in photographs and collages. In April, children and youths from the **residential facility for refugees Goerzallee** ([gibt es einen Grund warum hier das Wort “Flüchtling” vermieden wurde?](#)) went on a photo safari through Zehlendorf with the question “How on earth did I end up here?” In May, children from the “welcome class” of the **Gemeinschaftsschule Schöneberg** photographically presented their game of new identities with the theme “self-portrait and transformation” .

Acknowledging cultural diversity, developing new ideas together, communicating knowledge – since 2006 C/O Berlin has committed itself to visual education with the programmes Junior and Teens. In 2012 C/O Berlin began an initial pilot project for **Perspectives**, gaining important experience and developing a long-term concept for the years ahead. This year, the Ernst Schering Foundation will support the programme, enabling the facilitation of a total of 8 workshops.

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