

# BERLIN DESIGN WEEK 2019

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**BNDNWK came to a close on the evening of 17 October with 7 exhibitions, 40 different organising locations across Berlin and 90 national and international participants, designers, studios, universities and museums.**

Building on the previous year, BNDNWK 2019 was dedicated to current issues of ecological and societal sustainability and how these problems can be solved through a creative culture centred around innovation. Participants included designers and organisations from different design fields in the areas of digitization, sustainability, urban space, mobility and artificial intelligence who critically examined the continually evolving areas of activity.

At the heart of the formats that make up BNDNWK 2019 is conceptual work such as the **#RESOLUTION!** exhibition at Berlin's Kulturforum. The exhibition, which runs until 3 November 2019, presents innovative works and fields of experimentation by young designers today, while at the same time asking: How do today's pioneers work? Which issues matter to them?

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Which materials and processes do they use? The first **German Design Graduates Show** at the Museum of Decorative Arts (Kunstgewerbemuseum) presents the current approaches of graduates from the German design schools in the areas of product and industrial design – works from 12 of the best German design schools in focussing on eight themes will be on display until 10 November. The **HTW Berlin - University of Applied Sciences** showed the work of students studying communication design – experiments and interactive pieces, interfaces to digital spheres, and the latest projects from the areas of design as intervention, editorial design, film, photography, graphic design, illustration and interaction design. **Berlin University of the Arts** showed final thesis projects from the product design department, including research carried out in the context of the Design Master's theme DESIGN AND INTERCULTURALITY.

The complexity of the themes covered in this year's BNDNWK opened up a field of discourse in which questions of democratic **participation** and **inclusion** were discussed alongside issues such as **big data**



in the service of a human-centred urban and societal future. Some of the most important contributions came from the **talks** and **projects**, which presented **grass-roots movements** within the field of contemporary design that are firmly anchored both in the workshop and in the lives of people, or design approaches that have been designed to overcome societal stigmas and inequality. At the **iF Design Forum**, experts and designers discussed the challenges that the city of the future poses for designers, architects and city planners, and how technological, economic and societal innovations can be used to master these challenges sustainably, both ecologically and societally. The diverse schedule of this year's BNDNWK was rounded out by **workshops**, **guided tours** and the **DESIGN POOL** design market at Bikini Berlin.

## **BNDNWK 2020**

The next **BNDNWK** will take place in **May 2020** as part of a strategic partnership with **iF Design**. In 2020, for the first time ever, the iF Design Award Night and iF Design Exhibition will be held in Berlin concurrently with BNDNWK.

BERLIN DESIGN WEEK 2020: 30.4. to 10.5.

iF Award Night 2020: 4.5., at Friedrichstadtpalast



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