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A trans is *On Tour* presenting The Community Lover's Guide to Berlin. It is a book showcasing community initiatives in the city, which has just been completed! The book is a manifesto for the power of Do It Together (DIT), by showing the breadth of initiatives already active and 'doing' community in Berlin. It is one element of an international series: The Community Lover's Guide to the Universe – A collection of stories from 50+ cities across the world highlighting the many ways in which active residents and social entrepreneurs form thriving communities which enhance the quality of life in their cities. The book is a collection of 17 chapters, each written by the initiatives themselves, sharing their experiences and successes with the reader. To name just a few: Trial & Error, Rütli-wear, Ula Umsonstladen, ufaFabrik, Gartenstudio, Prinzessinnengärten and Schokoladenfabrik. The initiatives promote ideas of recycling, up-cycling, growing and making. There are weird and wonderful ideas to be shared: a kids circus, tomatoes growing in movable sacs, school children running a fashion label and communal housing projects. In each chapter the idea of the Berliner 'Kiez' (neighbourhood/community) and its inherent value is present. The aim of the book is to show that Berlin is a diverse city, where all sorts of people share knowledge, time and space to create a better environment for everyone.

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