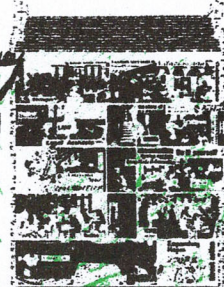


# the house of annetta monthly newsletter

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editor's note: we write this as we emerge from our winter hibernation. We are looking forward to cleaning the windows together, sharing food, learning and solidarity, and whatever this open season will bring! texts by AW. Layout by AC + AW

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## Winter Hibernation Repairs Carpenters in the House Languages of Solidarity

Over winter Fran and Aska worked on the fundraising plans for House of Annetta. Anna made amazing diagrams and booklets so we can communicate our ideas. We developed a financial plan for 2030, plus a curriculum for the repair works to make the house warmer and training programme for heritage craft and DIY skills. In March, we visited Basel, where the **Stiftung Edith Maryon** (organisation which holds the house out of market speculation) is based to present project updates and discuss a plan for 2025 and beyond!

Over winter we carried out some essential maintenance to ensure the ongoing safety of the building. We installed some acrowprops so that the joists and beams are better supported to carry the load of the building. Ash installed a new gate so that the top floor is protected. Emma carefully mended the treads of the staircase so they are much less wobbly! In the coming months we will fix some furniture, floorboards, move the bricks which are behind the toilet... And we are currently fundraising for the holistic repairs to take place in 2027!



**Babel's Blessing** will be meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays, with Latin American Spanish, Yiddish Beginners and Theatre, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and Arabic classes. They are a grassroots language school, offering free English classes for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Sunday 25th May: come and celebrate the launch of **Jargon**, a new non-profit cultural programming initiative dedicated to exploring past, present, and future visions of Jewish diasporic life. Open house and secondhand book sale from 2.30pm, performances in Yiddish, Kurdish, and more from 6pm.

## monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday

book your workshop/ meeting here! email: <a href="mailto:info@houseofannetta.org">info@houseofannetta.org</a>			1 Ash and Emma in the House <3	2 HFBK Queer Commons students making cushions & tidying up	3 HFBK Queer Commons zine-making	4 House of Annetta Reopens for 2025
5 Clitbait Feminist Reading Group 1-5pm	Yiddish Theatre class 5-7pm ESOL - 5-7pm * SOCE 6.30-9.30pm School of Cyrtological Enquiry	7 Hackney London Renters' Union political education SAW-Unite Workplace Organising Drop-in	8 INCUBATOR WELCOME DINNER: 7-9pm	9 Parkour, Intersectionally 6.30-7.30pm meet@HoA then go + explore!	10 FALA - Oficina de Risografia Feministas 3-5pm	1 Brave New Brain exhibition opens! quiet hour 3-4pm. Talks + performances from 4!
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## Exhibitions! Thank you to leaky vessel, HFBK students of Hamburg! Barbara Jones visits HoA offers & requests

We have two shows at House of Annetta this May: **Brave New Brain** - curated by Lotje Sodderland, "tracing experiences of isolation, the search for meaning beyond convention, and what emerges when familiar patterns dissolve - giving form to the neurodivergent experience". Opening event Sunday 11th May, then 11am-4pm 12-17th May.

**burn the sheets (an exhibition of trans domesticities)** - with work by Sam Godfrey, Rudy Loewe, Pear Nuallak, Lou Lou Sainsbury, Rose Schmits, Marf Summers, Chole Swords & Jory Cherry. "we invite you into the slippery world of the domestic, to poke around in the messy and unpredictable desire for home, in the minutiae of the mundane and the ways in which we, as trans people, make home through everyday objects stories and rituals". Open 11am-5pm 24th May-15th June (closed on Mondays).

Doro brought their students who are researching / reflecting / learning about **Queer Commons** to come and visit House of Annetta. They helped with waking the House up from hibernation: cooking lunch (special thanks Vilma), checking in, making a zine (house-map), sewing cushions from recycled clothes, repotting and rescuing house plants, cleaning the toilet (special thanks Vilma), singing karaoke, flipping pancakes (special thanks Doro!).

Thank you Aimilia, Doro, Emmylou, Lara, Omid, Lio, Magdalena, Marie, Milo, Peppa, Vilma, and Xen.

\* and taking the rotten scaffolding board in the garden

We were lucky to have the incredible builder Barbara from the School of Natural Building come and visit before going to teach a straw bale class to local teenagers in Hackney at the London School of Architecture. She shared her many experiences with us... living in London in the 80s, running all women construction sites, using natural materials which are better for the planet and our bodies, cement-free foundations (reused tyres have a 30,000 year life span). Daisy and Ash shared their experiences of working in carpentry and the problems with education and labour systems. We looked at photos of Annetta building the garden room and marvelled at all the wood.

THANK

**We're looking for:**

Contributors: are you working on something at House of Annetta? do you have something to say about borders/ policing/ food systems/ housing/ land? Are you interested in how we communicate and learn together?

**We can offer:**

desk space for reading groups, writing circles, imagining the future, writing down what's terrible, toolkits for designing pamphlets and zines.

space to practice, meet with others, rest, read, build...

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for a home!

John has been a part of House of Annetta for the past few years - last year working to bring people together around his vision for using empty buildings in London as community-led homeless social shelters. John has been incredibly generous with healing support for other community members health issues this past year and is always a gentle presence and joyful ingredient in the kitchen! John is always thinking of ways to help his community and now it's our turn to help him.

My name is John and I been a rough-sleeper for about 8 years. I was homeless after my mum died and because of an injury to my foot and a dropped lower disk in my spine I now suffer sciatica and shooting pains in both my legs with lock ups in my feet. I can no longer walk far or carry a heavy pack, or survive the cold in my back and joints as the pain is much worse sleeping on hard cold surfaces or damp places. It's not helping me especially with more unpredictable weather and climate change and it's also getting pretty narly out there sleeping outside these days.

It would be good to stay on a boat so I could still be able to see my friends in London, some I've known for many years, homeless friends on the streets but because I can no longer easily live with other people with mental health issues as it's affecting my own peace of mind...  
I like the idea of having my own space! With the housing shortage I see no other options that will work for me right now and having somewhere I can call my home is really important.  
Thank you for helping me and giving me a chance.... John

What we're aiming for: £3500 as a dream amount, with goals starting at £600 to cover basic admin costs.  
This breaks down as:  
£2500 as a funding level to acquire a boat of reasonable condition with a working engine. In addition to £400 to cover 1 years insurance and £200 for an inspection by the Canal & River Trust boat safety certificate, the first month's transit boating license is roughly £120.  
£330 for any essential interior repairs. The money will spent on a 27 foot plus cruiser.

