

Finale of *Q Berlin Questions* with a great talk festival

- **Participants from over 60 nations travelled to the German capital for the new conference *Q Berlin Question***
- **Talk Festival *Q Marathon* with more than 500 international guests and Berliners**

Berlin, 24 October 2017 Successful premiere for the new conference *Q Berlin Questions*: On 19 and 20 October, 400 participants from more than 60 nations as well as 25 speakers discussed issues in the areas of work, governance, social justice, cultural identity and urbanisation. About 500 international guests as well as Berliners came to the Schiller Theatre for the *Q Marathon*, the grand finale of the conference on Friday evening, .

"*Q Berlin Questions* has used Berlin for what it is. An ideal platform for a tolerant discourse about relevant topics. The conference should provide orientation to the guests," says **Burkhard Kieker**, Managing Director of *visitBerlin*. "Strategic thinkers, policy-makers, scientists and artists have inspired with their contributions and discussed central issues of the present day."

As a supplement to the conference program, the participants had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life of Berlin: on Thursday evening, the participants met over dinner at 22 private locations Berlin personalities from society, business and science. On eleven excursions to the neighbourhood of the city, participants were connected thematically to *Q Berlin Questions* on Friday afternoon. The gallery scene at Potsdamer Straße, Berlin's new centre around the Humboldt Forum as well as the former Lichtenberg industrial and commercial area, which today houses the largest Asian market in Europe, the Dong Xuan Centre, were all visited among other locations. The recycling of the future was presented at Berliner Stadtreinigung BSR - Berlin City Cleaning.

Voices of guests

"In our work people are always at the forefront," say **Jeroen Koolhaas** and **Dre Urhahn** from the Dutch **artistic duo, Haas & Hahn** , who became famous worldwide with the 'Favela-Painting' project. "The personal experiences we had during the dinner with Berliners and the tour had closely touched the emotions and *Q Berlin Questions* made it very special. "

Lara Stein, Founder of **TEDx** from New York: "Berlin is the world capital for innovation and *Q Berlin Questions* the fitting platform on which all the great voices are heard. "

"I got to know Berlin during the two days more intensively than other city during a conference ever," says **Innovations Manager Prince Boadu** from Ghana. "That distinguishes *Q Berlin Questions* from other events. "

An Indian participant, the **social entrepreneur Hilmi Quraishi**, summed up the conference as inspiring: "The conference *Q Berlin Questions* was new and innovative. I will be a speaker next time."

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Great talk festival as a launch

The conference ended on Friday evening with a large, public talk festival, opened by "BÄM - Berliner Äcademy for Marching Drums", a music project by German hip-hop musician, Peter Fox. In addition to international speakers this *Q Marathon* was presented by Berliners. Also spontaneous speakers presented their topics and ideas in four minutes.

Q Berlin Questions - an initiative of the City of Berlin at *Q Berlin Questions* in the conference program around 400 participants from many continents were in discussion. In addition to Germany and Europe, the participants came from the USA, Canada, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Middle East. *Q Berlin Questions* has been held for the first time and is an event on behalf of the City of Berlin. *Q Berlin Questions* is intended to sharpen Berlin's profile as the venue for innovative conferences.

All contents of the conference are available at q.berlin.

Impressions of the conference are also on Twitter #qBerlin.

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