

Welcome to the **Get-Home-Safe** network.

We're so glad you've decided to become part of this important project. As our network expands, we want it to be easy for venues/events to set up their own pot. This document will provide you with important details for setting up such a pot for your own community.

Many folks in our community are at risk moving around the city late at night. The Get-Home-Safe (GHS) Fund are donation pots in various Berlin venues to help people take private transport home or travel safer on public transport.

A short history of the project:

[Trans-Feminism International](#) (TFI) launched the GHS project as a pilot in July 2019 with partners [Boar](#), [Éclat Crew](#), [Hydra Cafe](#), and [Other Nature](#). The pilot project received funding from Photocircle to cover a starter fund for the first pots and to support TFI with set-up and coordination. After a review in autumn 2019, the project expanded to include six new venues and events. The GHS project was extensively featured in the [October issue of Siegessäule](#) which will hopefully bring more awareness and participation.



Joining the network:

Strength is in numbers. By joining the GHS network, your event/venue gets promotion of Get-Home-Safe supported events, access to the online resources, email newsletter, network support and meetings.

New events/venues joining the GHS network are encouraged to give a one-time donation to the project and/or consider other possibilities to raise funds in other ways to support TFI's work. We ask for a suggested donation ranging from 20€ for less funded, independent spaces up to 200€ for commercial venues, clubs, etc. Other forms of contributions and support to TFI are warmly welcome such as work exchanges, fundraisers, soli-events, and so on.

Our meetings are held once every four months. They serve as a space to share our experiences with managing the pots and evaluate what is and what is not working. Meetings are optional but provide a vital opportunity for sharing insights and feedback to continually improve. Together we collectively build safety for those most at risk in our communities.

Participating in the project also means continued support from Trans Feminism International and the Get-Home-Safe network through our online resources (promotional material, online booking forms, etc.), an email list and a potential network Telegram group.

TFI will provide each event/venue with a cute spar-Frosch/Schwein (frog/piggy bank) to be used as a potential pot for the GHS donations. We will also list participating events and venues on TFI's social media and website.

Setting up an independent fund:

If you'd like to set up an independent fund but not join the network, that's also great, this pdf should give you all the info you need to get started!

Funding and Support:

TFI currently has no other financial support. To ensure the GHS project is sustainable, we are in the process of applying for external funding, connecting with Berlin venues about potential fund-raising events, and encouraging internal donations from participating events and venues.

Who the pot is for:

In short, anyone at risk on public transport for whatever reason. For marginalised people, community participation is an essential part of survival. Attending events can play an important role. Unfortunately, many people who attend events, parties and workshops by public transport are at risk – particularly trans women/trans-feminine people, people with disabilities and QTPOC (queer and trans people of colour), among others.

The actual pots:

Each venue or event has their very own Frosch (frog), Schwein (pig), or Einhorn (unicorn).

The funds:

As of now, most venues are collecting and distributing cash via the pots. We suggest a 50€ start up fund for the Frösche so at least a few people can get taxis even before donations start coming in. Some venues have an overflow pot/safe/something for the extra money when there's too many donations to be safe in the Frosch.

What's covered:

For now, we've focused on giving people cash to choose their preferred mode of transport. Some of the venues also give out printed BVG tickets (a group of 4 AB tickets cost 9€) because travelling with a ticket is at least a bit safer than travelling without. It's also less intimidating for some people to take a 2,80€ ticket than a whole taxi ride. Every form of transport has its advantages and risks. We encourage people to consider what feels safest for them.

How people access the fund:

- Pre-registering via the online sign-up – In the drive you'll see we have a template for an online sign up system for people to feel more secure that they'll definitely get their journey home covered. It also makes it less intimidating than asking someone directly for the money. Each venue can set this up independently using the template (or your own). [Here's the sign up for Other Nature](#) to give you an idea.
- Printed ticket – In the drive you'll see we have a template for a printable ticket. Having some of these printed tickets on hand, to be easily picked up by event attendees in the event they didn't pre-register and/or don't feel comfortable speaking to someone directly might facilitate the process. An attendee usually gives the door person the printed ticket.
- Speaking to an event staff member directly - Make it a point to communicate with your event staff in advance who will be the designated person/people for the GHS fund.



What you need to get started:

- A Frosch/frog or some other donation pot

Extra things to consider:

- A lot of the transport apps – taxis, ubers, BVG only take PayPal so your venue could consider this as an additional option.
- It's called Get-Home-Safe, but some venues are offering to cover costs *to* events as well.
- There are many forms of risk and safety and GHS is just one small step that TFI could create with the resources available to us. We hope that the network and having the pots themselves at venues and events can open up wider conversations around risk and safety in our communities. There are many other potential solutions and we'd love to hear your ideas and support them within our capacity.

Get in touch by email anytime – transfeminternational@gmail.com

Donations can be made via:

- Cash
- PayPal: aequa.team@paypal.com (EUR)
- Bank transfer to:
 - Sarah Joy Lynch / Deutsche Kreditbank
 - IBAN: DE77 1203 0000 1057 9431 18 / BIC: BYLADEM1001

Additional Resources available to network members:

- Welcome / Read me first! doc
- Template - Get-Home-Safe Pot Sign for Venue
- Template - Get-Home-Safe Tickets
- Get-Home-Safe Example Texts

Trans Feminism International Links:

- [Website](#)
- [Facebook page](#)
- [Newsletter Sign-Up](#)
- [Instagram](#)

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in our communities.

Thank you for joining this important project.

