

# MAKVÄRKET NEWS

September 2019



Welcome to the second Makvärdet newsletter this year. Much have been going on lately at the factory and in the Makvärdet association. Many volunteers have been passing by the factory during the summer, bringing lots of life, energy and creativity to the factory. Also the Makvärdet association have gone through some interesting processes, figuring out how to bring more activity and money to the project while strengthening the Makvärdet community. In this newsletter we will try our best to inform on some of these changes and the reflections behind. Also we are excited to invite for a number of events the coming months. Have a wonderful read.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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### **Membership of the Makvärdet association**

For the last half year the plenum group have discussed how to develop a model for membership to create a stronger community around Makvärdet, have more people active in different projects and hopefully get more money to run the place. This included many long talks about engagement, ownership, democracy and inclusion just to name a few. Now we have landed it somewhere, and are happy to share it with all of you.

We want Makvärdet to be a place full of life, a experimentarium for new ways of living and doing sustainable projects together and for non-hierarchical democratic structures. We want more people to feel ownership over the project, and we want it to be easy to engage in, with what capacities and skills we each have. Many different people have crossed paths with Makvärdet and there is not one model that fit all of us when it come to our relationship to the place. Therefor we want to create a structure where it is both possible to just receive news from Makvärdet and support the project financially, but where it's also easier to be active at Makvärdet in some way or another for those interested.

An important aspect in our membership model is to make power structures more transparent and to make it easier for new people to engage. As it is today much decision power lay with the Makvärdet collective, who are meeting once a month and taking responsibility for running the project, the association and the factory. We would like to divide the tasks more by making more active working groups for all members to join. So far we have these groups: booking group, economy group, music studio group, factory group, building group, Peoples Kitchen Group that are active.

It is possible to also create new working groups, if you have ideas and energy to put into it. We will invite every working group and each person active in Makvärdet to join every third monthly meeting in a Plenary, where we will then have time for more broad coordination and talk between groups. In this way we will hopefully divide task and responsibility more, and also make it easier for more people to put energy into different parts of the project without having to join the monthly meetings necessarily.

Once a year we will invite for a grand members meeting for everyone who are members of the Makvärdet association, and people who would like to become members. These meetings are there for all of us to meet and talk, to get updated, to dream and be visionary, make space for working groups to present them selves and new working groups to form. The meeting is also there to create space for informal talks and social hang out and general community care, which is an

equally important part of the project. To keep the project visionary and inspiring we need to also find and refind our own fascination with it.

**This year our meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> of November.** If you are looking to throw more energy into Makværket this is a great place to join. See invitation further down.

It is no secret that Makværket are often struggling with only just having money enough to pay the rent. This mean that people engaged in the project end up spending much of their capacities on getting money for rent, instead of organising projects and events that would create more life and activity and work towards our vision for a better society. In the long run it's a draining situation that limit our ability to look at the project with our long term dreaming glasses on. At the same time it makes it harder to engage new people in the project, as it's not clear what we are inviting them to join. We are hoping that having association members can also help change this situation, by having most of our members pay a monthly membership fee. This would help us pay our bills and make it easier for all of us to organise the events and activities we would like, without always thinking about economy first. At the same time it is important for us that no one is excluded from being a member because they have no money. Therefor we have decided to not make a fixed fee, but make it flexible.

So all in all, being a member of the Makværket association can include many things, just as today people are engaged in Makværket in different ways.

### **We invite everyone in our community to become members**

We off course hope all of you who read this newsletter would like to sign up and become members. You sign up via our new and improved webside at: [makvaerket.org/membership](http://makvaerket.org/membership)

When you sign up you can choose how you would like to be involved. You can choose to "just" receive our quarterly newsletter to stay updated on how the project is doing, or you can choose to also receive invitations by mail if something get organised that we do not manage to include in the newsletter. Thirdly you can choose to be an active member. You will get invitation for ongoing projects at the factory, and you will have the change to join working groups or form new ones. No matter which option you choose you will all get the invitation for the grand member meeting.

### **Help us get more members**

Please also help us get even more members. You can do this by just spreading the word or you can download our membership flyer and help spread it in other spaces and places. The flyer can be found at: [makavaerket.org/print](http://makavaerket.org/print)

## **UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

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### **Exhibition opening Event on October 13th!**

This summer part of the factory group has been working on an exhibition about the old Knabstrup Keramik factory which closed in 1988. The exhibition will take place in the attic and mould-room underneath. The idea behind it was to create non-permanent displays for the information and items, like pottery and machinery. For research we used a book and online sources. We also met with the editor and former workers of the factory. Two of our volunteers painted a beautiful historic mural and sign. It's an incredibly interesting project to work with, and it makes you see the factory with a new view. The exhibition is planned to open on the 13th. of October at 11:00. There will be coffee, cake and a tour through the factory. Meeting point is in the circus hall.

### **Makværket Support Party w/Floating City and Nature Tales 19th October**

Makværket are comming from the countryside to the lovely CPH to celebrate an AMAZING PARTY to cheer up our existence. We will have our most talented musicians and Dj friends playing for us from Downtempo to Techno... WE WILL DANCE NON STOP FROM AFTERNOON TILL NEXT MORNING! Thank you so much to Flydende By and Nature Tales to helping us so kindly. We are really exited to see you all there!

More information in facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/428160258053124/>

### Invitation for Imaginarium 9<sup>th</sup> November

Dear friends from near and far. You are hereby invited to our yearly grand Makvärket meeting for all of us who have a relationship to the factory and the project. We are hoping to turn it into a tradition for all of us to gather every fall at Makvärket. This year it will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November from 11:00 and into the night. More info will follow on mail and via facebook.

### Transition cafes in 2020

Right now we are trying to fundraise for organising some monthly transition cafes in all of 2020. The cafe's will focus on the many different aspects of green transition and at the same time create a space with room for discussion and new local connections. There will both be practical and kids friendly workshops, cheap vegan food and evening talks within themes such as the future of agriculture, sustainable food, green transport, activism and guerilla gardening. More info will follow in our next newsletter in December.

### Building projects this fall

This autumn a number of smaller construction projects are happening at the factory. Work on the wooden staircase and platform in the glass corridor and the metal grid platform just next to it will continue and hopefully get finished. The platforms are connection the different sides of the factory through the glass corridor on 1<sup>st</sup> floor level, and will make it easier to move between different parts of the factory when finished. There will also be more work done on the construction office in the corner of the wood workshop.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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### Our monthly peoples kitchen

The first Friday of the month at 18:00 o'clock Makvärket open its doors for a cozy evening with lots of delicious food, made people's kitchen style. Donation for food: 30-50 dkr. Sometimes there is a small concert, a theatre or a talk after the food, and it is always a great way, to get a feeling of what is happening in the extended community around Makvärket. You are always more than welcome to come early and help making the food or prepare the room. You can stay updated on what is going on at our webpage: <https://makvaerket.org>



### Coming peoples kitchens:

- 4<sup>th</sup> of October
- 1<sup>th</sup> of November
- 6<sup>th</sup> of December



## **Feministic kickboxing every Tuesday in the circus hall**

Last autumn Makværket got its very own feministic kickboxing club, training every Tuesday from 17:00 to 18:30 o'clock. The club is open for everyone, both people who have never done any boxing before and people who have trained long enough to share some tricks with the rest. But why do we call it feministic kick boxing? - Thats because we want to create a safe and fun space where we can challenge ourselves and each other - Because it should be a space for everyone regardless of genders, bodies and sexuality - Because it's not about being the strongest but about having fun together.



You can join their group on facebook to stay updated on training times etc. We might cancel some trainings in the summer period so please check our facebook if you want to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2168118363510910/>

## **Makværket co-working space**

Recently Makværket opened a co-working space. The space is available for all to use on a daily, weekly or monthly basis and includes all the necessary facilities to get work done - and a bit more. A small group of people are already using the space, but we've got plenty space for more users and hope to welcome many new people in the near future! To hear more or arrange to see it, write us at [coworking@makvaerket.org](mailto:coworking@makvaerket.org), call 22555557 or just pop by some day.



# **LOOKING BACK**

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## **- A BEAUTIFUL AND PRODUCTIVE SUMMER IN MAKVAERKET**

Between hard work, a wonderful community life, and an exciting creative vibe, the summer went by and it's almost over. Building wise, the season started with the construction of the pissoir roof. It continued with the rainwater collector, a new rotating compost system and shelves in the laundry room. Just now, we are continuing to build the staircase and platform that connects the buildings of the factory in the glass corridor. We've also been working to improve our home, repairing the roof leaks and cleaning important spaces like the art room; which is ready to host lots of creative people. We've restored the garden, painted a mural on the attic terrace, and are actively working on an exhibition about the history of the old ceramics factory. It will be launched on the Open Day Event on october 13th! You are all invited! This summer we've been cooperating with other communities in our neighborhood as well. Our volunteers participated in the construction of the strawbale tiny house that took place in the Kolonihave forening in Sdr Jernløse. We have also helped a few days at Mosegården farming community learning about organic farming and enjoying

outdoor work. We hosted the Authentic Relating Festival at the end of august. Now we are preparing for winter and beginning some new cool projects that we will tell you about in next newsletter!

*Preparing the exhibition about the history of factory*



*New mural on the terrace*



**That was it for now. Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. Have a great autumn everyone and see you at Makværket**

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