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## Model Housing Milestones

**NOVEMBER 2015**

Building commences

**4 OCTOBER 2016**

Informational event for  
local residents

**DECEMBER 2016**

Facade completed /  
Shell of information and  
exhibition centre complete

**AUGUST 2017**

Work completed /  
Residents move in

**14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Opening ceremony

## Planning and Architecture

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## Living at Home Longer – Housing in Old Age

The aim of the Housing in Old Age – Communal Housing programmes run by the Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) is to enable older people to live independent, self-determined lives. One particular project to evolve from these measures is the Sredzki 44 complex, offering housing that is intergenerational, age-appropriate and inclusive.

Housing is a basic human need. To have housing means to have a home and space to nurture relationships with family members, relatives, neighbours and friends. As people get older, their home plays an increasingly important role in their lives – most would like to remain in their familiar surroundings into old age, even if their mobility becomes impaired as they become reliant on care and support.

This is where the measures offered by the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth come into play. With the aim of leading by example, the idea is to show – in collaboration with various partners – how housing and residential areas can be designed to meet elderly people's needs, and how our ageing society can be seen not as a challenge, but as an opportunity for improvement and change.

Further information:

[www.sredzki44.de](http://www.sredzki44.de)  
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**Aging AT HOME**



## Sredzki 44

Model intergenerational housing  
with information centre on-site

## The Sredzki 44 complex

Die SelbstBau e.G. – a Berlin-based tenants' association – acquired the plot at Sredzkistrasse 44 by signing a 99-year leasehold agreement with the municipal housing company, Gewobag AG.

SelbstBau refurbished and modernised the 100-year-old building using funding from the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and various other sponsors.

With the extensive building works completed, the new housing complex boasts eleven flats, an information and exhibition centre showcasing a best-practice flat design, and shops. The flats in both the main building and the front annex can be reached using a lift, making access to them barrier-free. Three flats were specially designed to accommodate people with disabilities, and these have been occupied by disabled residents since their completion.

## The information centre

The project's core component takes the form of a 90 m<sup>2</sup> information and exhibition centre on the ground floor, which also contains a small flat used for showcasing purposes. This gives interested members of the public, visitor groups and school classes the opportunity to obtain first-hand insights into age-appropriate, community-based, intergenerational building and housing.



A wide range of information is provided on the topic of needs-based, self-determined living. Partnerships with experts in the geriatrics and long-term care sector ensure that the information on offer is always current. In addition, the information and exhibition centre can be used as a communal space for residents, for meetings, lectures and similar gatherings – and will eventually be opened for use by local residents.



## SelbstBau e.G. residents' association

SelbstBau e.G. was founded in 1990 by the residents of the buildings at Rykestraße 13/14 in the Prenzlauer Berg district in Berlin. The adjoining buildings were occupied by a group of activists belonging to a citizens' initiative that had succeeded in preventing the planned demolition of the old buildings in and around Rykestraße in the days of the GDR. Then, in the spring of 1993, and at the initiative of the tenants at that time, SelbstBau bought the building at Oderberger Strasse 50. Unlike those in other single-building and micro cooperatives, the SelbstBau members had decided to extend the cooperative beyond the two buildings at Rykestraße.

Since then, SelbstBau has gone from strength to strength. Its activities are based on a mission statement developed jointly by its members. Their main goal is to promote the notion of solidarity-based cooperatives to tackle the existential question of housing.

SelbstBau actively pursues its aspirations by providing socially-acceptable rents, designing intergenerational housing, complete with inclusive house groups, and creating both communal space and the conditions needed to enable self-determined life and work.

More informationen:  
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