



Von Haus Zu Haus (From Door To Door)

Against the background of the upward trend of worldwide urbanisation (in Germany, more than 85% of the population live in cities, in China more than 50%) and the accumulation of capital and culture in cities, the initial question of this project was, which economic and cultural resources the village - Tosterglope has 650 inhabitants – has.

In cooperation with KUNSTRAUM Tosterglope and with the support of the Ministry of Science and Culture Lower Saxony as well as the local council Tosterglope, R&ST worked from March to October 2013 together with the citizens of all four parts of the village on the question how we want to live.

In the beginning there were tours through the village – from door to door. In personal conversations citizens were asked about their present life in the village, which advantages and disadvantages the living in a village has over living in a city. In these talks wishes, ideas and needs were expressed, which were discussed further in the following meetings with all citizens of the community. In the

further course, interest groups were formed, who developed and pursued independently their own topics.

During summer workshops, a pop-up booth, which served the inhabitants as a stage for various actions, travelled through all parts of the community. Here, concrete wishes, ideas and needs could be put to a test and passed on. At a concluding village festival, findings from these workshops were presented in a barn. Idea-furniture could be used, a slide show was shown in a car, the village band played and jammed together, the village cinema showed documentary film sequences. There was coffee and cake, *Lene and Trine* made fun of everyone in their comedy (just like every year), the fire brigade served beer and sausages, a dj played his records all night long.

The website www.von-haus-zu-haus.net documents the project in numerous details and reports on the current developments of each interest group and the project in general.

